

# Virginia Advocates United Leading Together

## VAULT

If mindsets are to be changed, policymakers have to be educated about the realities of living with a disability in Virginia and who better to do this than self-advocates with a unified voice.

### VAULT HISTORY

Through collaboration between Virginia self-advocates, the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities, and the Partnership for People with Disabilities, a new non-profit has been established run *by* people with disabilities *for* people with disabilities – **Virginia Advocates United Leading Together**, or VAULT.

During 2010, a group of 13 leaders from Virginia disability groups and organizations came together to discuss the need for, and structure of, a statewide, cross-disability non-profit organization that would bring the perspective of networked self-advocates to public policy decision-making at the local state and regional levels.

Groups and organizations that make up the board of directors for VAULT include:

- Autistic Self-Advocacy Network
- Hearing Loss Association
- People First
- Virginia Association of Centers for Independent Living (VACIL)
- Virginia Association of DeafBlind
- Virginia Organization of Consumers Asserting Leadership (VOCAL)
- Youth Leadership Forum Alumni

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*We...*

*are Virginians who come together to give and receive Awareness, Knowledge, Advocacy, and Support for ourselves and others so that those living with disabilities can direct their lives, use their strengths to live fulfilling lives, and be active participating members of their communities.*

*We...*

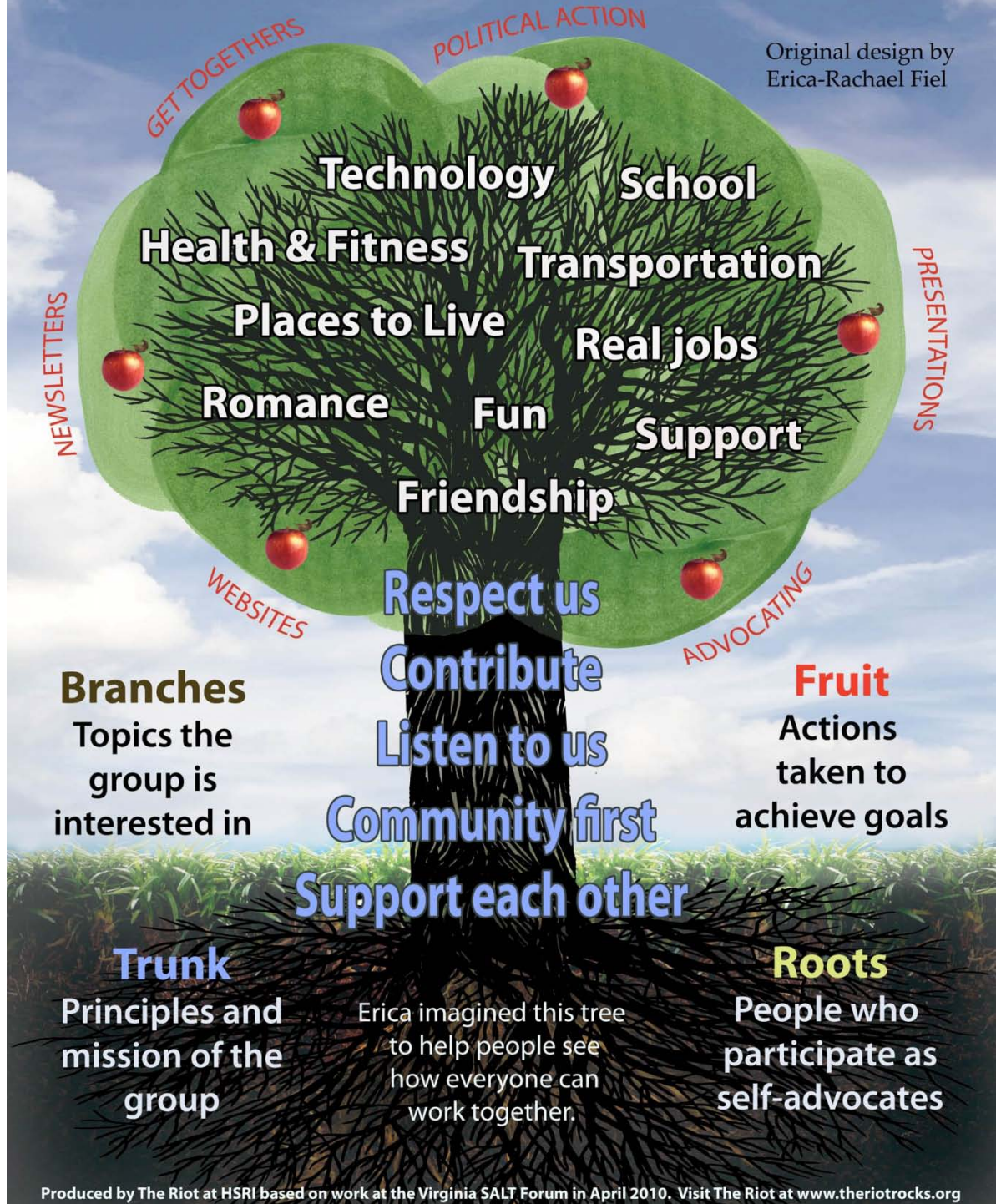
*Want a chance to live in the community with everybody else and get the support we need*

*Want to be in charge of our lives and to be in charge of the policies that have so much to do with our lives*

*Want a community for all...not just for some of us*

# THE SELF-ADVOCACY TREE

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