

Social Spell Schools: Welcome the Isolated to your Dungeons & Dragons Game

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Disabilities and chronic conditions are isolating. For us, any kind of social life is a unicorn. As Briana describes at [The Daily Disability](#),

The more my health problems grew, the harder it was to find a community that I felt like I fit in to. I joined group after group in hopes of finding a few that would help how I was feeling. I ended up not even being able to join discussions in one of the groups, because I didn't have close relationships with anyone in the group. It was very disheartening.

Even when we have a free block of time that could be spent with friends,


- My ADHD and hearing loss make parties, conventions, crowded restaurants, and anywhere else with a lot of noise nearly impossible to navigate, as I can't filter one voice from another.
- Other neurodivergent traits and mental illness in my family lead to disdainful looks and disparaging comments from the public.

- Potential friends ghost us when they get a taste of the chaos that is our life, unable to handle the stress.
- Neighbors avoid us.

You might be experiencing stress just reading this list.

But aside from our church, the one environment I've found welcoming is the tabletop roleplaying game community, at least the ones I've facilitated. Here's how that magic works:

Enchanting Communities

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- Consider diverse mobility needs. Do people have space to move?
- How does your environment affect those with sensory needs, such as sensitivity to noise?
- Do you allow electronic character sheets and other assistive technology?
- Do you meet in a place that's financially prohibitive to people on limited budgets, like a restaurant or a FLGS with a cover charge?
- Do you exclude people like us from your game world? (Check out [Limitless Champions](#) as a way to add that representation.)

Evoking Trust



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- We may ask for less than we need, worried about how willing you are to coexist with us and being used to settling for less.
- We want to be treated like any other member of the party, but don't ignore our traits and degrees of ability, either. That is, we want to be accepted as we are, neither expecting us to be someone else nor treating us as inspirations.
- When things get inconvenient for you, but you roll with it like you would any other friend's needs, then we start to trust, but we all move at a different rate on that scale.

Conjuring Community

So you have a welcoming and inclusive environment, but we're still sitting at home, reluctant to put ourselves out there. We may never know about you, and we're probably not looking, because you're a unicorn.

- Join local online communities, and mention inclusion and representation. Demonstrate that you're an ally.
- If you play at an FLGS, put a copy of [Limitless Heroics](#) on the corner of the table.
- Post flyers on LFG boards at your FLGS. Include a note that you're accessible.

Friendship Necromancy

We may believe that the idea of social connections or even friendships is dead, that it would truly take some magic to change that. But by creating inclusive and welcoming spaces, we can create environments that truly communicate that D&D is for everyone.

