

Lucy Meyer

Lucy Meyer, 24 years old, is an international advocate and spokesperson for young people with disabilities. She has worked closely with Special Olympics both as a global messenger and as an athlete for over a decade. In 2022 she was appointed by President Biden to serve on the Presidential Committee on Persons with Intellectual Disabilities. Lucy was born with cerebral palsy as a result of oxygen deprivation for five minutes at birth. Doctors originally indicated that Lucy might never be able to sit up or swallow. She proudly states that the doctors were wrong! Lucy lives with both physical and intellectual disabilities, but has never let these challenges stop her! Since 2013, she has worked tirelessly to make sure that young people with disabilities, wherever they are around the world, receive quality health and education, and experience the joy of sport and participation in society. Her advocacy for the acceptance and inclusion of young people with disabilities has taken her to the United Nations, U.S. Congress, as well as meetings with ministers and officials throughout the world.