

What the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities says about Participation in Decision Making

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United Nations

- * 194 countries in the world part of the United Nations
- * 153 signatures
- * 105 ratifications
- * Optional prptocol
- * 90 signtures
- * 63 ratifications



Agree Conventions with Governments



* Photo



International Disability Caucus

- * People with all kinds of disabilities form all around the world
- * People with intellectual disability and people with mental health difficulty worked together
- * Advocates supported by Inclusion International made important statements about being heard about closing institutions and about making decisions.

* Robert Martin – II



Participation

- * People with disability spoke through the IDC but also were on the government delegations.
- * photo



Don Mc Kay – chairperson

* Met with
people with
disabilities and
listened

* photo



General Principles

- * All people are treated equally.
- * Accessibility
- * Full and effective participation and inclusion



Choice

- * **Dignity**
- * **Autonomy**
- * **Freedom to make ones own choices,**
- * **Independence of others**
- * **Full and effective participation**



Participation in decision making

- * All countries should involve disabled people in making new laws and policies.



Preamble

- * (o) Persons with disabilities should the opportunity to be actively involved in decision making processes about policies and programmes including those directly concerning them

CRPD Article 4 para 3

- * 3. In the development and implementation of legislation and policies to implement the present Convention, and in other decision-making processes concerning issues relating to persons with disabilities, States Parties shall
- * **closely consult with and actively involve persons with disabilities, including**
- * **children with disabilities, through their representative organizations.**

Making Decisions about ourselves or everyone



Article 12

- * Disabled people are to be respected as people like everyone else.
- * As citizens
- * In contracts
- * Supported decision making
- * Will and preferences



Control money

Equal right to

- *Inherit property**
- *Control financial affairs**
- *Bank loans, mortgages**
- *Not deprived of their property**



Resources

- * Human Rights – Yes www.hrusa.org
- * Harvard Disability project www.hpod.org
- * Disabled Persons International www.dpi.org
- * RatifyNow www.ratifynow.org
- * Easy to read versions
www.fedvol.ie/_fileupload/File/UN%20Convention%20for%20Persons%20with%20Disabilities.pdf
- * Children's version www.unicef.org
- * UN www.un.org/disabilities
- * International Disability Alliance
www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org
- * Office of High Commissioner Human Rights
www.unhchr.org
- * Inclusion international www.inclusion-international.org
- * Inclusion Europe www.inclusion-europe.org

How can the Convention be Effective for me?

