



Centre on Human Rights for People with Disabilities



What is the Centre on Human Rights for People with Disabilities?

Disability Action's Centre on Human Rights for People with Disabilities operates to promote and protect the human rights of people with disabilities.

Why was it set up?

The Centre on Human Rights for People with Disabilities was set up in 2006 to create a centre of expertise which ensures the human rights of people with disabilities are recognised and protected.

Previous human rights treaties did not mention people with disabilities, which resulted in a lack of awareness of the human rights of disabled people and a failure to protect these rights.

A new human rights agreement, the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2006) is now legally binding in the United Kingdom. It confirms that people with disabilities have the same human rights as everyone else.

How can the Centre on Human Rights for People with Disabilities help you?

Training

If you are a person with a disability, a representative organisation or a public authority, it is important that you understand the human rights of disabled people, so you can recognise when human rights are being violated and better ensure that these rights are protected and exercised.

You can avail of two OCN accredited training courses:

- Understanding the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (OCN Level 2)
- Understanding Human Rights (OCN Entry Level 3, Level 1 and Level 2)

A two-day training course is also available on Self-Confidence and Assertiveness Skills.

Outreach

The Centre on Human Rights for People with Disabilities provides an outreach service which engages with disabled people and supports disability organisations in adopting a human rights-based approach.

Advocacy

If you are a person with a disability whose human rights are being abused or overlooked, you can avail of the confidential crisis advocacy service. An independent advocate will support you in effectively addressing and challenging the problems you are facing.

Research

You can access and contribute to research reports conducted by the Centre on Human Rights for People with Disabilities, in areas relating to disability and human rights.

Campaigning

The Centre on Human Rights for People with Disabilities works to ensure effective implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Northern Ireland and its translation into legislation, policy and practice.

The Centre also established and continues to support the REAL (Rights, Empowerment, Action and Lobbying) Network - a group of disabled people who lobby to ensure the human rights of people with disabilities are given full effect.

If you would like to be kept informed about the work of the Centre on Human Rights for People with Disabilities including forthcoming events and training opportunities, please contact us with your details:

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