

OCN (Entry Level 3, Level 1 & Level 2) Human Rights

- Disability Action's Centre on Human Rights for People with Disabilities has approved centre status by the Open College Network (OCN) to deliver accredited training programmes. National Open College Network (NOCN) is the leading credit-based Awarding Body in the UK, offering high quality, flexible, credit-based qualifications and is accredited by the Regulatory Authorities in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- Disability Action's Centre on Human Rights for People with Disabilities is pleased to be offering an **OCN in 'Understanding Human Rights'**, which is new and unique to Northern Ireland. This unit will be available for credit at Entry Level 3, Level 1 and Level 2 so that people with a diverse range of abilities can all still achieve credit for their learning.

Programme Summary

Many situations experienced by people with disabilities involve human rights. However, there is little information available about human rights and how they are related to people with disabilities. Too often a person may not realise that they are able to do something about their situation, or even that there is something wrong with the way they are being treated. It is, therefore, vital that people with disabilities are able to access information about their human rights and challenge unfair treatment.

This programme provides practical information about human rights and their relevance to people with disabilities.

The programme will be useful for people with disabilities or those wanting to learn more about the impact of human rights on people with disabilities.



Centre on Human Rights
for People with Disabilities

This one day introductory programme on human rights aims to provide participants with a good understanding of the key features, principles and standards of human rights and why they are relevant to people with disabilities living in Northern Ireland. It will challenge some of the key myths and misconceptions surrounding human rights and examine how human rights are protected by the Human Rights Act and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. It will demonstrate that human rights have enormous potential to be used in practical ways to create a fairer, more tolerant society in which all human beings have an equal chance to flourish and play a full active part in making decisions and contributing towards their community.

Learning Objectives

By the end of the course, participants will be able to:-

- Understand the key features, principles and standards of human rights – what they are and why we have them.
- Understand the key features of the international and domestic human rights legal system and be able to explain how this is relevant to people with disabilities living in Northern Ireland.
- Challenge some common myths and misconceptions about human rights.
- Explain how human rights are relevant in a practical way to the lives of people with disabilities within Northern Ireland.

Target Group

- People with disabilities, people in the voluntary and community sector or the public sector.

Level

No prior knowledge of human rights is required.

Why take this course?

OCNs have consistently celebrated diversity – of learners, learning programmes and member organisations and have a long standing commitment with progression. The tangible benefits to both individuals and organisations are many:

Learner	Organisation
Nationally recognised qualification	Nationally recognised qualification
Recognition of skills and competence	Rewards competence
Directly related to you and your human rights	Increased motivation in staff
Supportive learning environment	Recognition of skills and knowledge

Course Structure

- One full day training session (10.00am – 3.00pm)
- Tutorial support sessions (if required)

This accredited training programme is interactive and will make use of a wide variety of methods of learning (ie group discussions, group and individual exercises, role plays etc) so that it is truly accessible for people with and without disabilities. There is also a Learner Assessment Workbook for participants to record their thoughts and findings and at the end of the section, there is a reflective activity which asks participants to reflect on the training programme.

How to Apply

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