

## OCN (Level 2) Understanding the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD)


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- Disability Action's Centre on Human Rights for People with Disabilities are pleased to be offering an **OCN Level 2 in 'Understanding the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD)'**, which is new and unique to Northern Ireland. This unit will be available for credit at Level 2.

### Programme Summary

People with disabilities remain amongst the most marginalised in every society. While the international human rights framework has changed lives everywhere, people with disabilities have not reaped the same benefits. Regardless of a country's human rights or economic situation, people with disabilities are generally the last in line to have their human rights respected. Being denied the opportunities that would enable them to be self-sufficient, most people with disabilities resort to the kindness or charity of others. In recent years, there was a growing realisation throughout the world that continuing to deny 650 million individuals their human rights was no longer acceptable. It was time to act.



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The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities is the response of the international community to the long history of discrimination, exclusion and dehumanization of people with disabilities. It is historic and groundbreaking in many ways, being the fastest negotiated human rights treaty ever and the first of the 21st Century. The Convention is the result of three years of negotiations involving civil society, Governments, national human rights institutions and international organisations.

The Convention ensures that the world's largest minority enjoys the same rights and opportunities as everyone else. It covers the many areas where people with disabilities have been discriminated against, including access to justice; participation in political and public life; education; employment; freedom from torture, exploitation and violence, as well as freedom of movement.

This programme provides practical information to assist individuals in promoting and protecting human rights for people with disabilities. The programme aims to assist individuals to understand the Convention so that people with disabilities can achieve the transition from exclusion to equality. The programme also seeks to raise awareness of the Convention and its provisions, promote an appreciation of disability concerns, and help individuals to understand the mechanisms and frameworks needed to translate the Convention into practice. It is hoped that the Convention will serve as a useful tool to promote and protect the rights of people with disabilities all over the world.

## 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.
- Explain how human rights are relevant in a practical way to the lives of people with disabilities within Northern Ireland.
- Understand the focus of the Convention and why a Convention was needed.
- Understand the historical developments leading to a new Convention.
- Understand the purpose of the Convention.
- Understand the rights and principles in the Convention.
- Understand the monitoring mechanism in the Convention and the Optional Protocol and their relevance to Northern Ireland.
- Recognise how the Convention should be interpreted and can be used by individuals within Northern Ireland.

## Target Group

People with disabilities, people working 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:-

<b>Learner</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
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 – 4.00pm)
- 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.

## Cost

This course is offered free of charge to people with disabilities and to the parents and principal carers of a disabled person.

If you are not a person with a disability, a parent or a principal carer of a person with a disability and you would like to attend this training course, the cost is £90 per participant (excluding VAT). A specially discounted rate of £75 per participant (excluding VAT) is available if your organisation is a member of Disability Action.

Discounted group rates are also available for organisations with more than 8 participants on the course.

## How to Apply

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