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Department of Children, Equality,
Disability, Integration and Youth

The Disability Participation and Consultation Network



**This is an Easy to Read Guide on
the Grant-Funded Member.**



What is this information about?



This information is about the Disability Participation and Consultation Network.



This Network is for persons with disabilities and the organisations that support them.



Participation means taking part in something.



Consultation means asking people for their views and ideas.



A network is a group of people that join up and work together.

Why is this happening?



Ireland is putting the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities into action.



The Convention is sometimes called the UNCRPD.



It says that children and adults with disabilities should get a say when laws and policies are written.



Persons with disabilities, and the organisations that support them, should give their views and ideas.



They should take part in checking how the Convention is working in Ireland.

Why is this happening?



The National Disability Inclusion Strategy is a plan to support persons with disabilities to take part in their local communities.



In this strategy, the Government promises to make it easier for persons with disabilities to take part in politics and public life.



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The Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth is working to put the UNCRPD and the National Disability Inclusion Strategy into action.

The Disability Participation and Consultation Network



The Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth has set up a Participation and Consultation Network.



The Disability Participation and Consultation Network started in 2020.



The Network will make sure that persons with disabilities are listened to when laws and policies are put together.



It will support persons with disabilities to give their views on how the UNCRPD is put into action.

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The Network means that persons with disabilities will have a say on the things that are important in their lives.

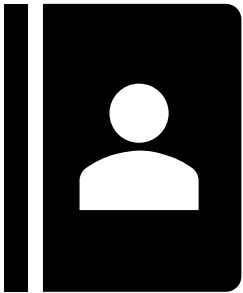


The Network will be independent.



The Government and public organisations can ask the Network to take part in consultations.

Who will be part of this Network?



The Organising Member

This organisation will set up and manage the Network.



Grant-funded members

These are organisations run by persons with disabilities.

They will get money from the Government to be part of the Network.



Non-grant funded members

These are individuals, or organisations run by persons with disabilities.

They could be any individual or group with skills and experience that could help the Network.

They do not get money from the Government to be part of the Network.

The Grant-Funded Member



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The Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth is looking for organisations to be grant-funded members of the Network.



Grant-funded members will be Disabled People's Organisations, sometimes called DPOs.

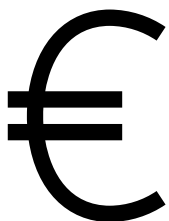


Organisations need to apply to be a grant-funded member.



The Department will give these members money to take part in the Network.

This is called a grant.



There will be one grant for up to €20,000.

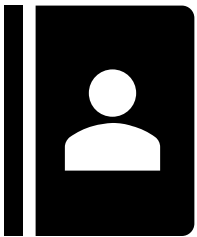
What will a Grant-Funded Member have to do?



- Be part of the Network.



- Share information, skills, and ideas with other members.



- Work with the Organising Member.



- Support the Organising Member with administration, training, and other jobs.

What will a Grant-Funded Member have to do?



- Carry out consultations.



- Help others to learn about the Network.

Who can be a Grant-Funded Member?



Disabled People's Organisations can be a grant-funded member.



Organisations in different areas of disability can apply individually or as part of a group.

For example, Intellectual Disabilities, Physical and Sensory Disabilities, Autism, Mental Health, Brain Injury.



This will make sure that persons with different types of disabilities have a say in laws and policies.



The Department would welcome applications from organisations working with children with disabilities.

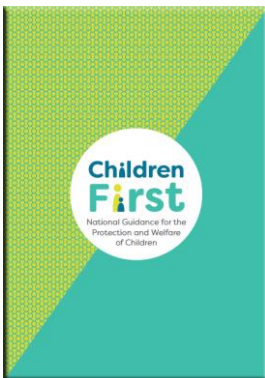
Who can be a Grant-Funded Member?



The Department would welcome applications from organisations for women with disabilities.



The Department want to hear from groups that find it hard to take part in politics and public life.



Grant-funded members must meet the Children First Act 2015.

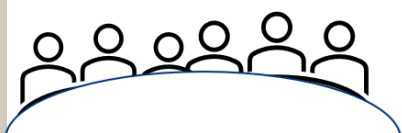
How will the Department choose the Grant-Funded Member?



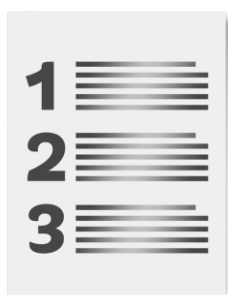
Organisations can ask to be a grant-funded member.



This is called an application.
Organisations will fill out a form with information about themselves.

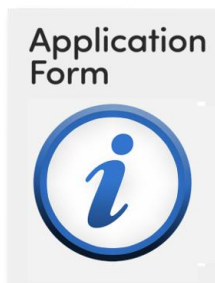


A group, called a committee, will be set up by the Department.



The Department has a list of things that the grant-funded member must be able to do.
These are called criteria and are on page 15.

How will the Department choose the Grant-Funded Member?



The committee will check all applications to see if they meet the criteria.



They will make a decision on which organisation will be a grant-funded member.



They will send their decision to the Minister for Disability Issues.
The Minister will need to agree their decision.

How will the Department choose the Grant-Funded Member?



The Department will write to organisations to let them know if they are chosen to be a grant-funded member.



The Department will tell them how much money they will get in their grant.

The Criteria for the Grant-Funded Member



Organisations must have the right knowledge and skills to be part of the Network.

They should know about disability issues.



They must have experience working with persons with disabilities and their supporters.



Organisations should give a vision of how they will take part in the Network.

A vision is an idea for the future.

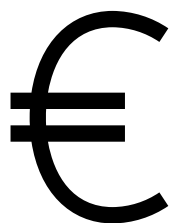


Organisations should say how they will talk to persons with disabilities about the UNCRPD.



They should say how they will work with others in the Network to write reports.

Getting the grant



The most the grant can be is €20,000.



The Department has one grant to give out.



The grant-funded member must keep a record of how all money is spent.

Getting the grant



The grant-funded member will have to sign a grant agreement with the Department.



The grant agreement must be signed and sent back to the Department.



The grant agreement says that the grant-funded member must work for equality and human rights.



The grant-funded member will have to give their bank details to the Department.



The grant will be paid into the organisation's bank account.

It cannot be paid into a person's bank account.

Getting the grant



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The Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth has rules when it gives money to organisations.



If you had a grant before and did not follow the rules, this might stop you from getting this grant.



For example, if you did not finish the work you agreed to do, or if you did not spend the money in the right way.

The Reports



All grant-funded members must do a report on their work in the Network.



The report should have information on their work and on how the money was spent.



Every grant-funded member must also send 3 progress reports to the Department.

The dates for these reports will be in the grant agreement.

How can an organisation apply to be a Grant-Funded Member?



Please see our information leaflet on making an application.



This leaflet explains what you have to do to apply to be a grant-funded member.

The organisation has to fill out a form.



This form should be sent to the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth.



The closing date for applications is 17:00 pm on Friday 28th January 2022.



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If your organisation is not chosen as a grant-funded member, you can apply to be a non-grant funded member.

More information



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