



# Would you like to join the Disability Participation and Consultation Network?



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This is a press release from the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth.



It is information about the new Disability Participation and Consultation Network.



This Network is for persons with disabilities and the organisations that support them.  
A network is a group of people that join up and work together.



Participation means taking part in something.  
Consultation means asking people for their views and ideas.



# Why do we need this Network?



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 persons with disabilities should get a say when laws and policies are written.

The Network is a way to make sure this happens.



Persons with disabilities should take part in checking how the Convention is working in Ireland.



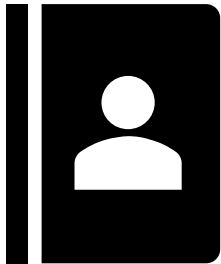
Ireland has to send a report to the United Nations. This should say how we are doing with putting the Convention into action.



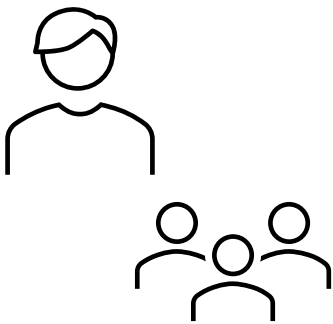
# Becoming a Member of the Network



The Minister of State for Disability is Anne Rabbitte.



To start with, the Department looked for organisations to run the Network.  
These organisations are paid for this work.



Today, the Minister invites persons with a disability and Disabled Persons Organisations to apply to be members of the Network.



We need people and organisations from different places in Ireland and with different experiences.



Members will help to run the Network.



Members will gather the views of persons with disabilities for policies and laws.



One of the first jobs will be to carry out a consultation on the UNCRPD.



There are only a small number of places for members.

However, there will still be chances to work with the Network when it gets started.



You must apply before 11a.m. on Friday 27th November 2020.



# More information



There is more information on the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth website.



The website is  
[www.gov.ie/en/organisation/department-of-children-equality-disability-integration-and-youth/](http://www.gov.ie/en/organisation/department-of-children-equality-disability-integration-and-youth/)



You can find out how to apply on the website.



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