



Scottish Disability Equality Forum

Shaping and Leading Disability Equality in Scotland

Delivering Equality, Human Rights and Independent Living for Disabled People in Scotland

The Scottish Government's objective is to deliver real choice and control for disabled people in all areas of life, and all parts of Scotland, ensuring their dignity and respect at all times as full, and active, equal citizens of Scotland.

Independent living means "disabled people of all ages having the same freedom, choice, dignity and control as other citizens at home, at work, and in the community. It does not mean living by yourself, or fending for yourself. It means rights to practical assistance and support to participate in society and live an ordinary life."

These rights to independent living are enshrined within the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD), the Human Rights Act 1998, and the Equality Act 2010.

The UNCRPD is an international human rights agreement written by and for disabled people.





The principles (main beliefs) of this Convention are:

- Respect for everyone's inherent dignity, freedom to make their own choices and independence
- Non-discrimination (treating everyone fairly)
- Full participation and inclusion in society (being included in your community)
- Respect for differences and accepting people with disabilities as part of human diversity
- Equal opportunity
- Accessibility (having access to transportation, places and information, and not being refused access because you have a disability)
- Equality between men and women (having the same opportunities whether you are a girl or a boy)
- Respect for the evolving capacity of children with disabilities and their rights to preserve their identity (being respected for your abilities and proud of who you are)

How It's Being Delivered

In November 2012, the Independent Living programme partners, along with other public authorities and agencies, disabled people and their Organisations, agreed seven outcomes published in the 'Rights to Reality: A Framework of Action for Independent Living in Scotland 2013 to 2015'.





What you can do to make improvements

This survey is based on the seven outcomes.

Each of the seven outcomes describes what the issues are and what needs to change.

We would like to ask you to tell us what is working well and what barriers are you experiencing as a Disabled Person.

Please can you take 10 minutes to answer our short survey, containing 8 questions.

This is an on-going survey, however, responses will be collated on a regular basis.

The responses will be submitted back to Scottish Government to contribute to the delivery of equality, human rights and independent living in Scotland.

Your voice really matters and will help Scottish Government understand make the improvements you want.

Note Thank you very much for agreeing to participate in this survey.

The information provided by you in this survey will be used for research purposes. It will not be used in a manner which would allow identification of your individual responses.

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Outcome 1 - Principles of Independent Living

'Disabled people are fully involved, participate in communities, leisure, social and public life individually and collectively and live in a Scotland in which politics, society and services embrace and promote independent living'

1. What actions has Scottish Government taken to ensure that Disabled People are fully involved in communities, leisure, social and public life?

- Adopting policies
- Passing legislation
- Allocating financial resources
- Educating the public
- Consulting and cooperating with Disabled People Organisations (DPO)
- Introducing awareness raising into the school curriculum
- Raising awareness among Disabled People about their rights
- Providing accessible information
- None

Other (please specify)





Outcome 2 - Environment, Transport and Housing

'Disabled people have access to public spaces on a safe and equal basis; an equal choice of where and when to travel using a transport system, and suitable pedestrian areas that work for them, and can choose a home which is accessible, adaptable and affordable that meets their needs'

2. What actions has Scottish Government taken to ensure that Disabled People have access to public services?

- Adopting policies
- Passing legislation
- Allocating financial resources
- Making all public Transport accessible to all Disabled People
- Making all buildings, parks and pavements accessible to all Disabled People
- Making all Housing accessible to all Disabled People
- Providing accessible information about Travel
- Providing accessible information about the Built Environment (buildings, pavements, roads etc)
- Providing accessible information about Housing
- Involving Disabled People Organisations
- None

Other (please specify)





Outcome 3 - Health and Support

'Disabled people are supported to live independently through appropriate and comprehensive supported services; have control over the kind of individual support they receive and how resources are used for them and have inclusive and accessible healthcare provision'

3. What actions has Scottish Government taken to ensure the provision of effective Health Care and Support for all Disabled People?

- Adopting policies
- Passing legislation
- Allocating financial resources
- Making Health Care accessible to all Disabled People
- Providing accessible information about all Health Care and Support Services
- Informing Disabled People about the availability of Health Care and Support Services
- Consulting with Disabled People Organisations
- None

Other (please specify)





Outcome 4 - Education and Employment

'Disabled people are supported to participate in lifelong education and training, and to access paid employment; are active and valued at work and have an appropriate income, including within the state benefit system where appropriate'

4. What actions has Scottish Government taken to ensure that Disabled People are supported to participate in education, training and employment?

- Adopting policies
- Passing legislation
- Allocating financial resources
- Modifying and adapting schools to the needs of Disabled Children
- Modifying and adapting the physical and social environment
- Providing accessible schools, classrooms and educational materials
- Raising awareness with teachers and school administrators
- Raising awareness with businesses on disability issues
- Consulting with Disabled People Organisations
- None

Other (please specify)





Outcome 5 – Justice

'Disabled people have full access to the justice system and to report and participate in the legal system as an equal citizen'

5. What actions has Scottish Government taken to ensure Disabled People have full access to the Justice System?

- Adopting policies
- Passing legislation
- Allocating financial resources
- Training personnel
- Providing accessible information about the Justice System
- Consulting and cooperating with Disabled People Organisations
- None

Other (please specify)





Outcome 6 - Inclusive Communication

'Disabled people can easily obtain accessible and readily available information and have the ability to participate in all aspects of life; have access to support to ensure their views are heard; can communicate and exchange ideas in a way which suits their needs'

6. What actions has Scottish Government taken to ensure Disabled People can access information and can participate in all aspects of life?

- Adopting policies
- Passing legislation
- Allocating Financial resources
- Providing information in easy read format
- Providing accessible platforms to contribute to consultations
- None

Other (please specify)





Outcome 7 - Promotion and Awareness

'Disabled people have the same choice, dignity, control and freedom as other citizens of Scotland'

7. What actions has Scottish Government taken to raise awareness about the choice, dignity, control and freedom of Disabled People in Scotland?

- Adopting policies
- Passing legislation
- Educating the public
- Using the media to raise awareness
- Providing promotional materials such as brochures, posters etc
- Consulting and cooperating with Disabled People Organisations
- None

Other (please specify)





A Good Life

8. What does a good life look like to you and what can we do to help you get there?

