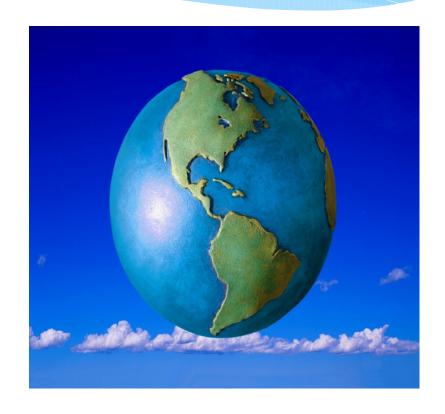
# What the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities says about Participation in Decision Making

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### **United Nations**

- \* 194 countries in the world part of the United Nations
- \* 153 signatures
- \* 105 ratifications
- \* Optional prptocol
- \* 90 signtures
- \* 63 ratifications



# Agree Conventions with Governments



\* Photo



## International Disability Caucus

- People with all kinds of disabilities form all around the world
- \* People with intellectual disability and people with mental health difficulty worked together
- \* Advocates supported by Inclusion International made important statements about being heard about closing institutions and about making decisions.

\* Robert Martin - II



# Participation

\* People with disability spoke through the IDC but also were on the government delegations.

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# Don Mc Kay – chairperson

\*Met with people with disabilities and listened

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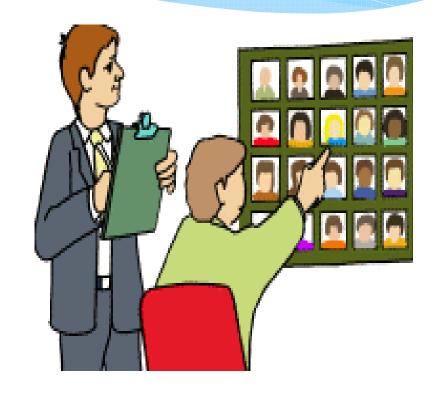
# General Principles

- \* All people are treated equally.
- \* Accessibility
- \* Full and effective partipation and inclusion



## Choice

- \* Dignity
- \* Autonomy
- \* Freedom to make ones own choices,
- \* Independence of others
- \* Full and effective participation



# Participation in decision making

\* All countries should involve disabled people in making new laws and policies.



#### Preamble

\*(o) Persons with disabilities should the opportunity to be actively involved in decision making processes about policies and programmes including those directly concerning them

# CRPD Article 4 para 3

- \* 3. In the development and implementation of legislation and policies to implement the present Convention, and in other decision-making processes concerning issues relating to persons with disabilities, States Parties shall
- \* closely consult with and actively involve persons with disabilities, including
- \* children with disabilities, through their representative organizations.

# Making Decisions about ourselves or everyone





#### Article 12

- \* Disabled people are to be respected as people like everyone else.
- \* As citizens
- \* In contracts
- \* Supported decision making
- \* Will and preferences



# Control money

#### **Equal right to**

- \*Inherit property
- \*Control financial affairs
- \*Bank loans, mortgages
- \*Not deprived of their property



#### Resources

- \* Human Rights Yes <u>www.hrusa.org</u>
  \* Harvard Disability project <u>www.hpod.org</u>
  \* Disabled Persons International <u>www.dpi.org</u>
- \* RatifyNow www.ratifynow.org
- \* Easy to read versions www.fedvol.ie/ fileupload/File/UN%20Convention%20f or%20Persons%20with%20Disabilities.pdf
- \* Children's version www.unicef.org
- \* UN www.un.org/disabilities
- \* International Disability Alliance www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org
- \* Office of High Commissioner Human Rights www.unhchr.org
- \* Inclusion international www.inclusion-international.org
- \* Inclusion Europe www.inclusion-europe.org

#### How can the Convention be Effective for me?

