

How can I get my voice heard above all the noise?

A briefing on disabled person's led human rights campaigning and effective advocacy



Advancing the Rights of d/Deaf and Disabled People

The UNCRPD is a global international human rights treaty setting out the human rights of d/Deaf and disabled people.



The lack of progress to close the gaps in legal protections between equality law in Northern Ireland and Great Britain has positioned the region in the “dark ages” with respect to equality to such an extent that there is a “serious risk of falling way behind, to not being a developed country”.

Geraldine McGahey

Chief Commissioner, ECNI



What is Advocacy?



- Advocacy is the process of strategically managing and sharing knowledge to change and/or influence policies and practices that affect people's lives
- It is a deliberate process
- Aims to inform and influence decision makers
- Seeks to secure change on the basis of evidence
- Advocacy is about motivating and mobilising



Disabled
People Have
Political Power

- Representation
- Campaigning
- Voice

Lobbying

Lobbying is a form of advocacy that involves directly engaging with decision-makers, particularly a politician or public official who has control or significant influence over a policy, piece of legislation or regulation.

Examples

Asking your MLA, MP s or representative to introduce, amend or vote for or against legislation



Priorities for Change?

- Gaps in protection need to be addressed
- Full incorporation of the UNCRPD into law
- Awareness raising of the lived experience of d/Deaf and disabled people
- Participation in decision making
- Accessibility to health, transport, education, employment
- Adequately resourced disability strategy
- Human Rights Model of Social Security
- Inclusive and Integrated Education System
- The list goes on





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