

Annex: Resources and Tools



Building capacity to ensure participation

Effective engagement toolkit

How to ensure meaningful participation of people with disabilities in your work



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Quick guide

Meaningful engagement with OPDs

Organisations and legislation often use the phrase 'meaningful engagement' when referring to involving specific groups. But what does it really mean? The truth is that meaningful will look slightly different depending on the context.

In international law the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) sets the tone on what meaningful engagement means in General Obligations 4.3. This calls on States to 'closely consult with and actively involve persons with disabilities, including children with disabilities, through their representative organizations' in the development and implementation of legislation and policies and in other decision-making processes concerning issues relating to people with disabilities. Article 33 further outlines specifically how people with disabilities and OPDs should be consulted on the CRPD, ensuring that mechanisms are in place for this to happen.

Domestically, the role of the UK Government's Disability Unit, based in the Cabinet Office, is to consult with OPDs and other UK government departments on coordinating the implementation of the CRPD. It also supports the cross-governmental role of the Minister of State for Disabled People, Health and Work in providing guidance on how to meaningfully engage people with disabilities in determining government strategy such as the upcoming National Strategy for Disabled People. In June 2020, the Disability Unit launched a Disabled People's Organisation Forum which aims to bring the views, insights and lived experience of people with disabilities to the centre of policy making.

At community level, local authorities have an obligation under the Equality Act 2010 and the CRPD to ensure participation by people with disabilities in development and decision-making processes, and ensure an inclusive approach to this. To support this, Disability Rights UK issued guidance on how local authorities can work with OPDs which explores how they can facilitate the development of inclusive communities, and includes helpful examples of where this has worked.

At Leonard Cheshire we believe meaningful participation is at the front and centre of our work to ensure that people with disabilities are invited to purposefully participate in our influencing and decision-making processes.



"I know, as a person with a disability, that I am fully capable of bringing about change; I am an expert of my own experience and that is powerful. I have formed incredible partnerships with DPOs, other brilliant disability and inclusion activists, media personalities and high profile people."

Maria Njeri, one of the youth reporters from Leonard Cheshire's 2030 and Counting project, relays her own experience

Influencing knowhow

Global platforms

The global shift towards recognising the rights of people with disabilities enabled many OPDs and their allies to positively influence a broad range of stakeholders and decision makers, not just in the UK but internationally. We know that we cannot achieve genuine inclusion without involving people with disabilities, individually or through OPDs.

Influencing knowhow

Influencing cycle: OPD entry points



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Inclusion Counts: its tool for monitoring UNCRPD Articles 27 & 28

Inclusion Counts: Disability Data Tracker

A data collection and advocacy guideline for Organisations of Persons with Disabilities



Spotlight on adequate standard of living and social protection

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Spotlight on work and employment

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The **Disability Data** Portal

Highlighting gaps in worldwide disability data

Explore the data

<https://www.disabilitydataportal.com/>



- ❖ Adaptations to deliver programme during lockdown
- ❖ Data collection and needs assessment
- ❖ Advocacy and influencing

How did we do it?

1. Collected evidence - quantitative and qualitative – to capture the lived experience of people with disabilities and the economic impact of the pandemic.
2. Documented data and shared learning
 - Policy Recommendations** drawing from the questionnaire responses
 - Resource Toolkit** developed by OPDs through online focus groups in Kenya and Bangladesh
3. Presented data-driven advocacy on global platforms

2. Documented data and shared learning



Survey findings published



Advocacy resource published

3. Presented data and shared learning

OPD participation in global platforms

- identified and present evidence and key policy messages at a side even at the High Level Political Forum in July 2020
- Conference of State Parties
- Various evidence learning events hosted by i2i consortium partners and global and national forums eg IDDC, Bond DDG, FCDO and UK ODA platforms

INCLUSION COUNTS
data-driven advocacy for implementation of the CRPD

COSPI3 SIDE EVENT
Friday, Dec 4, 2020
8.30am NYC time

Inclusion Counts: data in crisis response
An online event exploring data collected by the i2i programme to understand the economic impact of C-19 on persons with disabilities.

HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
Thursday, July 16, 2020
8am New York / 1pm London

Speakers from the UK, Kenya and Bangladesh governments
Representatives of Disabled Peoples' Organisations in Kenya and Bangladesh
Disability sector specialists from I.O. Leonard Cheshire & EDR
Panel discussion
Q & A

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