



Human Rights

# Leave No One Behind



Conference of State Parties to the Convention  
on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

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# United Nations



The United Nations is an organisation made up of governments from 193 countries.

The **United Nations** is called the **UN**.



The UN promotes respect for your human rights and freedom.

The role of the UN is to make the world safe and peaceful.



Big issues the UN works on are

- Stopping war and terror
- Helping in emergencies
- Looking after the environment

# The Convention



The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities is a law that protects and promotes the rights of people with disability.

The Convention is called **CRPD** for short.



The purpose of the Convention is to make sure you have the same rights and opportunities as others.

177 countries have agreed to the convention.



Governments must

- Make sure you know your rights
- Ask you how to make things better
- Report to the UN on how they are doing

# What the Convention says



The Convention says

- You must be respected
- You can make your own choices
- Discrimination is never OK



You have the right to

- Be included in your community
- Speak up and say what you want



There is a Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Their job is to check how countries are doing at protecting your rights.

# Your Rights in the Convention



You have the right to

- Be safe and free from abuse
- Vote and join organisations
- Information you can read and understand



- Human needs like food, clothes and a house
- Help in emergencies
- Get married and have a family



- Services like health, transport and support with the law
- Right to go to school and learn
- Right to have a job

# Conference of State Parties



The Conference of State Parties is the biggest disability meeting in the world.

It is called **COSP** for short.



People from government and non-government attend.

This includes people with disability.



We share ways to make things better for people with disability.

People are elected onto the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities at COSP.



# Civil Society

Civil Society is non-government organisations and people.



## **Disabled People's Organisations**

are run and led by people with disability who do advocacy, information and peer support.

They are called DPOs for short.

**Civil Society** has a big role at COSP.

We must

- Speak up about important things
- Influence government
- Build networks and make friends

The day before COSP is the **Civil Society Forum**.

This meeting helps us prepare for COSP.

# COSP 2018



This year the theme for COSP is **Leave no one behind.**

It is about

- Making sure countries know what they promised to do when they signed the Convention
- How we can work on the Sustainable Development Goals and end poverty



Areas the conference will focus on are

1. Fiscal space and partnership
2. Women and girls with disability
3. Political participation

This year 9 people will be elected onto the Committee at COSP.

# Fiscal space and partnership

**Fiscal space** means how governments choose to spend money on

- Pensions
- Disability support services
- Access to buildings and places
- Inclusive education and jobs
- Community housing



**Partnership** is how governments work with other countries and businesses.

## We want

Governments to spend more money to give you your rights

Governments and businesses to work together on programs which include you

Governments to work together so people with disability in poor countries get the support they need

# Women and girls with disability

Women and girls with disability are left out of

- Work and school
- Healthcare including sexual health
- Community events
- Voting and legal services



Women and girls with disability are often

- Abused and neglected
- Forced to have medical treatment
- Homeless or poor



## **We want**

To talk about rights for women and girls with disability at COSP

To stop abuse and discrimination

Laws to protect women and girls with disability

Support for women and girls to be leaders and speak up more

# Political participation

**Political participation** is taking part in politics and community.

**Equal recognition** means you are treated equal in the law.

It is about

- Having the right to vote
- Being a member of a political party
- Standing for election into government
- How governments include you in making laws
- Going to conferences like COSP



Many people with intellectual disability are not given these rights.

## **We want**

Guardianship laws to change to supported decision making

Voting to be easier to understand

Governments to support people with disability to join political parties, run for election and hold positions in organisations

# Include people with intellectual disability

## Nothing about us without us!

Article 4.3 of the Convention says you must be included in decisions governments make about people with disability.



For people with intellectual disability to be included they need

- Self-advocacy skills to speak up and make choices
- Information that is easy to read and understand
- Support to participate in meetings and events like this conference

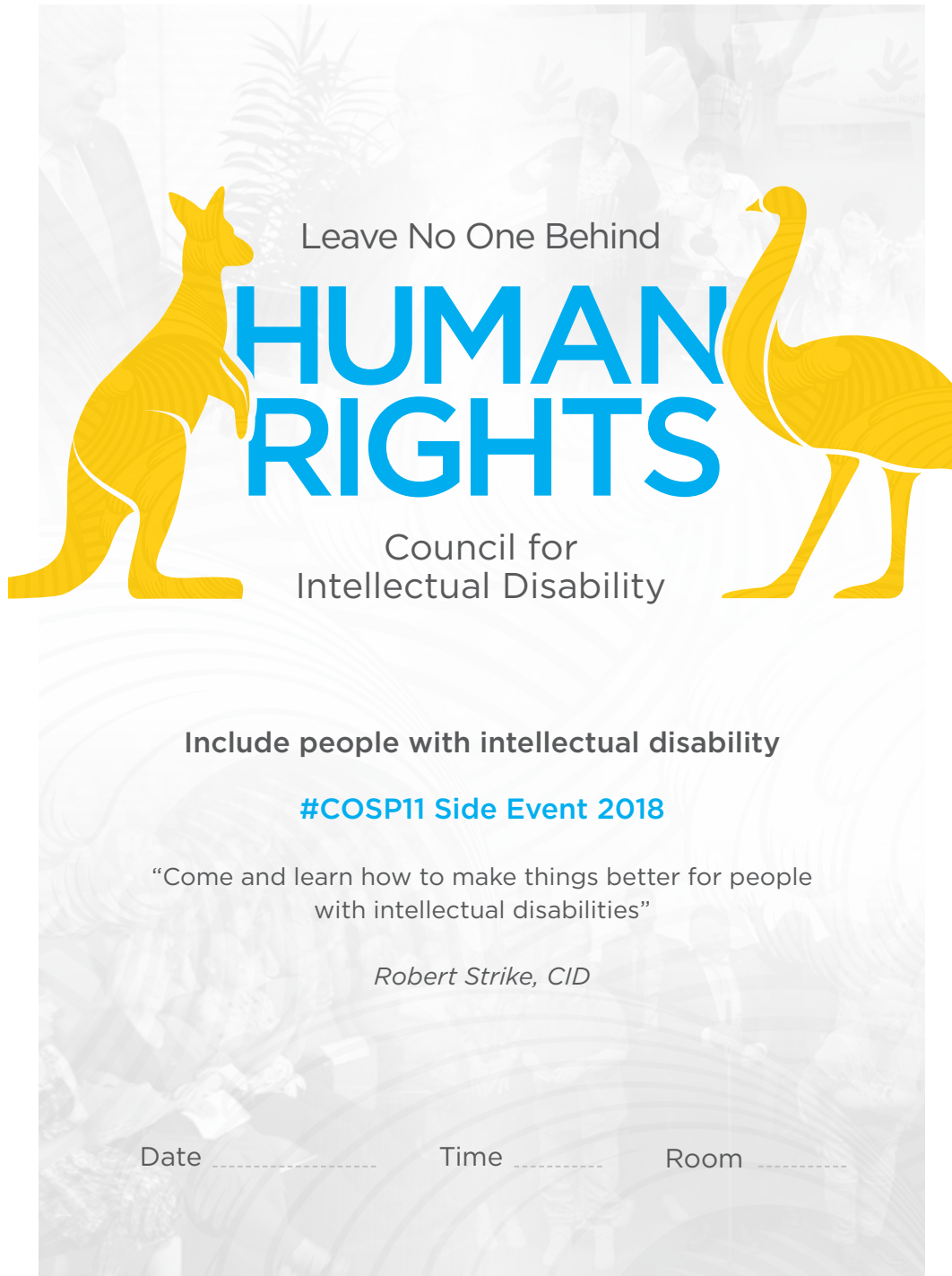


Robert Martin from the Committee, Robert Strike from CID and other self advocates are doing a side event at COSP.

Come and learn how to include people with intellectual disability. See back page.

# Word List

<b>Civil Society</b>	People and organisations that are not from government.
<b>Civil Society Forum</b>	A meeting for people and organisations attending COSP. It is held the day before COSP.
<b>COSP</b>	Conference of State Parties.
<b>CRPD</b>	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
<b>Disaggregation of data</b>	Organising information by disability type instead of having general information about all disabilities.
<b>DPOs</b>	Disabled People's Organisations like CID.
<b>Fiscal space</b>	How governments spend their money.
<b>GANHRI</b>	Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions.
<b>GLAD</b>	Global Action on Disability
<b>IDA</b>	International Disability Alliance
<b>NHRI</b>	National Human Rights Institutions.
<b>Political participation</b>	Being involved in politics such as voting and community, being a member of a political party.
<b>SDGs</b>	UN Sustainable Development Goals aim to end poverty and protect the planet.
<b>Side events</b>	Presentations and workshops separate to the main conference.



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**Include people with intellectual disability**

**#COSP11 Side Event 2018**

“Come and learn how to make things better for people with intellectual disabilities”

*Robert Strike, CID*

Date .....

Time .....

Room .....

