



National Development Team **for inclusion**

Making Rights The Starting Point

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What Are Rights?

Human rights are a set of basic rights and freedoms that everyone is entitled to, no matter who they are. They are about how the State must treat you. They recognise that everyone is of equal value, has the right to make their own decisions and should be treated with fairness, dignity and respect.

(Source: Equality and Human Rights Commission)



Why Should We Make Rights the Starting Points

- Not giving people equal rights is the starting point for treating people as less than human
- At its best, that means people don't get a fair chance in life
- At its worst, it means abuse



The United Nations Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities

- An international Agreement about promoting the rights of disabled people
- UK Government signed up to it
- It means they are supposed to do what it says
- Soon, there will be a report saying whether they have done those things
- I will call this the UNCRPD



Article 16 – Freedom from Exploitation, Violence and Abuse

Government must protect disabled people from exploitation, violence and abuse at home and in the community

Government must support the recovery of disabled people who have been victims of violence and abuse.



Article 19 – Living Independently and being included in the community

Disabled people have an equal right to live in and take part in the community with the same choice and control as non-disabled people.

This means Governments should do everything they can to ensure disabled people enjoy these rights.



Article 19 – Independent Living continued

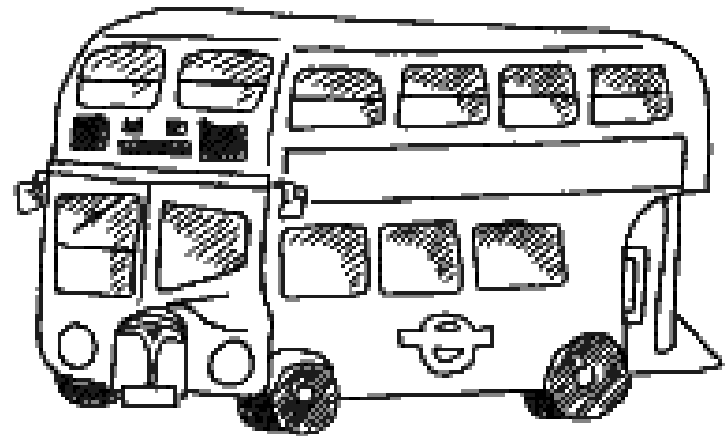
This means:

- the right to choose where you live and who you live with
- access to support services (at home and in the community) including personal assistance to prevent isolation and support inclusion
- disabled people accessing the same community services as everyone else.



Article 20 - Personal Mobility

Government should do everything possible to ensure disabled people can get around as independently as possible,



Article 21 – Freedom of Expression and Opinion and Access to Information

Governments should take steps to ensure that disabled people can express their views freely and access information

For example, by providing information in accessible format at no extra cost



Article 23 – Respect for Home and Family

Disabled people have the same right as anyone else to marry and start a family.

Disabled people must have access to information and support to make sure these rights are respected and upheld, including any support they need as parents.



Article 24 - Education

Governments must ensure the education system is inclusive and works to support disabled people to achieve their full potential and be an equal part of society.

Disabled people should be able to access free, inclusive school education in the communities in which they live. (UK Government did not accept this)



Article 25 - Health

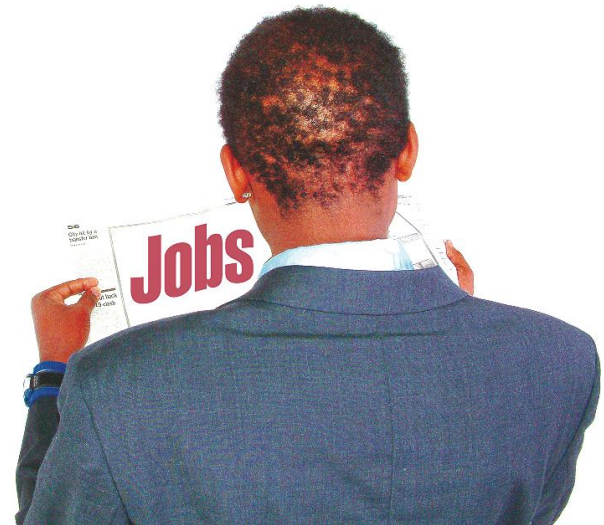
Disabled people have the right to enjoy the best possible health and the same range, quality and standard of free and affordable healthcare as everyone else

Governments should ensure healthcare professionals are trained to provide an equal service, on a human rights basis.



Article 27 – Work and Employment

Disabled people have the right to earn a living through work that they freely choose and in workplaces that are accessible and inclusive
Government should support disabled people to stay in or get back to work



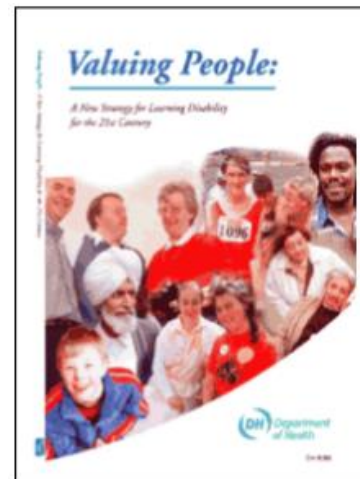
What Does Government Say?

All the right things ...

- The UNCRPD has been signed

- Valuing People has Rights as a core principle

It's what Government and Services are doing (or not doing) that is the problem



So What Is The Reality?

- Services being cut so support for community inclusion is disappearing and support for paid work being reduced
- Housing rights largely denied
- Health professionals not being trained
- Winterbourne View
- And so on.....

Rights are no longer at the centre of what is done



So What Do We Do?

- ① Norman Lamb has promised a rights based Green Paper. Let's make sure it is good
- ② Hold the Government to account on the UNCRPD
- ③ Look at and check every action we and others do for whether it promotes rights

