

Empower U: Learn to Access Your Disability Rights

COUNCIL OF CANADIANS WITH DISABILITIES

Training on Canadian Human Rights, Convention on the Rights of
Person with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol

Overview of the CRPD and the Optional Protocol (OP) Project

Project Description

The Project objectives are to raise awareness of Canadians with disabilities, particularly youth with disabilities and persons with disabilities from ethno-cultural communities, about available human rights remedies to discrimination and how to access those remedies. We will develop and deliver accessible training opportunities on CRPD and the OP in the context of the Canadian Human Rights System.

Partners

The project is funded by Employment and Social Development Canada and implemented by the Council of Canadians with Disabilities (CCD) in collaboration with Canadian Multicultural Disability Centre Inc. (CMDCI), Citizens With Disabilities - Ontario (CWDO), Manitoba League of Persons with Disabilities (MLPD) and National Educational Association of Disabled Students (NEADS).

CRPD OP Training

Purpose

The purpose of this training is to increase awareness of how to remedy discrimination using more familiar Canadian human rights laws such as Human Rights Codes and the newer international Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). Our aim is to reach people with disabilities who are willing to make a commitment to share their knowledge with peers in their communities and organizations, primarily

focusing on youth with disabilities and people with disabilities from ethno-cultural communities.

“All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights.”

Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Learning Objectives

- To increase the number of Canadians with disabilities, particularly youth with disabilities and people with disabilities from ethno-cultural communities, who are knowledgeable about available human rights remedies to discrimination and how to access these remedies
- To increase capacity of Canadians with disabilities to share that knowledge with their peers so that more people across Canada (particularly youth with disabilities and multi-ethnic communities) will have information necessary to navigate the systems where Canadians can seek redress for discrimination

Learning Outcomes

At the end of the training participants will have:

- Knowledge of on how to use the United Nations CRPD and the Optional Protocol, as well as Human Rights Codes and the Accessible Canada Act
- Understanding the systems where Canadians with disabilities can seek redress for discrimination
- Ability to access and navigate the system to redress for discrimination

Program

9:00 – 9:30	Land acknowledgement, welcome and introductions
9:30 – 10:15	Introduction to CRPD and OP
10:15 – 10:30	Break
10:30 – 12:00	Local Panel on Human Rights and Disability (domestic human rights processes, Human Rights Commission in each province/federal)
12:00 -1:00	Lunch provided
1:00 – 1:45	CRPD Optional Protocol
1:45 – 3:15	Group Work
3:15 – 3:30	Break
3:30 – 4:15	CRPD Shadow Report
4:15 – 4:45	Accessible Canada Act
4:45 – 5:00	Evaluation and Closing

Facilitator

Steven Estey, MA, is the CCD Interim National Coordinator, educator and disability advocate. He was an advisor to the Government of Canada Delegation to the UN which drafted the CRPD. His work has focused on teaching, writing and strategic implementation of the CRPD in Canada and around the world.

Locations

Training will be implemented October 2019 to January 2020 in Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Vancouver, Edmonton, St. John's, Montreal, Charlottetown, Fredericton, Halifax and Toronto.

Nothing about us without us!

What is next?

After these on-site training sessions in the first quarter of 2020, CCD and its partners will offer online learning opportunities for interested participants. If you would like to learn more about Canadian and international human rights instruments to remedy discrimination and if you are willing to share your knowledge with peers in your communities or organizations, do not miss this opportunity!

Interested in learning more?

If you are interested in learning more about the CRPD and the Optional Protocol (OP) and human rights instruments available to Canadians with disabilities to remedy discrimination, let us know:

- Inform the facilitator after the workshop;
- E-mail us at ccd@ccdonline.com; or
- Call us at +204-947-0303

Project Partners

Canadian Multicultural Disability Centre Inc

CMDCI's mission is to improve the quality of lives of Canadians with disabilities particularly those from ethnocultural communities.

Citizens With Disabilities – Ontario

CWDO actively promotes the rights, freedoms and responsibilities of persons with disabilities through community development, social action, member support and referral.

Manitoba League of Persons with Disabilities

The MLPD is a united voice of people with disabilities, and their supporters, that promotes equal rights, full participation in society, and facilitates positive change through advocacy and public education.

National Educational Association of Disabled Students

NEADS is a consumer-controlled, cross-disability organization with the mandate to support full access to education and employment for post-secondary students and graduates with disabilities across Canada.

Who we are

The Council of Canadians with Disabilities (CCD) is a national human rights organization of people with disabilities working for an inclusive and accessible Canada. CCD is a social justice organization of people with all disabilities that champions the voices of people with disabilities, advocating an inclusive and accessible Canada, where people with disabilities have full realization of their human rights, as described in the United Nations (UN) Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

Our mandate is to unite advocacy organizations of people with disabilities to defend and extend human rights for persons with disabilities through public education, advocacy, intervention in litigation, research, consultation and partnerships. CCD amplifies the expertise of our partners by acting as a convening body and consensus builder.

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