



In 2006, the United Nations passed a very important Treaty. A Treaty is an agreement between countries.

And they called this agreement, the **United Nations Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities.**

It's also known as the UNCRPD or the CRPD. The CRPD is an international agreement that protects human rights for persons with disabilities.





People with a disability from around the world were involved in the discussions when the United Nations created the CRPD.

And this included people with an intellectual disability.

This is important because of Nothing About us Without Us. We have the right to be included in decisions that affect us.





The CRPD is there to support people with an intellectual and/or developmental disability.

According to this agreement, every person with a disability has the right to be treated equally, just like everyone else.

When Canada signed this treaty in 2010, they agreed to follow this as well.





In total, the CRPD has 50 parts to it called Articles. These Articles are also like promises.

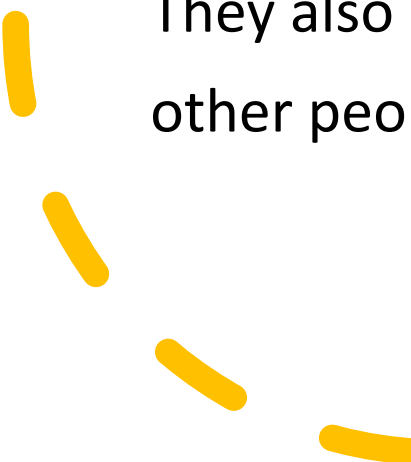
These different Articles talk about the human rights that should be protected for people with a disability





Article 19 is about living independently and being included in the community.

This article in the CRPD says that countries should make sure people with disabilities have the same choices as everyone else about how they live and being part of their communities.




They also have the right to choose from the same range of services that other people can choose from and still get a good service.




The People First of Canada/Inclusion Canada National Task Force on
Deinstitutionalization.

We support the need for inclusive and accessible housing.

When we see that people with an intellectual or developmental disability
are not given the same opportunities for housing as other Canadians, we can
point to the CRPD and remind the Government of Canada to do the right
thing.





The Task Force defines an institution not by the size of the building, but about having control over your own life.

Choosing where you live and with whom you live and having the proper supports to do that.

It's important that people with a disability have a choice about where they want to live.

