

## International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2023

Today is all about celebrating disability; learning from those with lived experience; promoting disabled human rights; and making change.

The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities was ratified by the UK in 2009, and aims to protect and promote disabled people's human rights.

In 2015 the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities launched an investigation into the UK Government's alleged violation of disabled people's human rights.

The Committee found that "grave or systematic violations" had occurred, as a result of welfare reforms since 2010.

The UK Government refused to attend a UN review in 2023. In its Autumn 2023 budget, it announced plans for further reform to welfare for disabled people.

The Equality and Human Rights Commission is now under review by the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions, and at risk of losing its 'A' status.

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The disabled community is being continually failed and punished for society's inaccessibility, exclusivity, and systematic ableism.

This year's theme is "United by action to rescue and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals for, with, and by disabled people."

Key SDGs include: 3 Good health and well-being; 4 Quality education; 10 reduced inequalities; sustainable cities and communities; 17 partnerships for the goals.

Source:

<https://social.desa.un.org/issues/disability/sustainable-development-goals-sdgs-and-disability>