The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 13, 2006, and entered into force on May 3, 2008. WNUSP was very happy with the resulting text. We will be updating these materials as soon as possible.

News update

Two important documents have come out from the United Nations that support WNUSP's advocacy.

The UN Special Rapporteur on Torture Manfred Nowak says, "The acceptance of involuntary confinement and involuntary treatment runs counter to the provisions of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities" and that these practices may constitute torture or ill-treatment.

Read the report and materials from an expert seminar on torture and persons with disabilities, including a presentation by WNUSP co-chair Tina Minkowitz

http://www2.ohchr.org/english/issues/disability/torture.htm

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights says, "Deprivation of liberty based on disability is contrary to international human rights law, is intrinsically discriminatory, and is therefore unlawful. Such unlawfulness also extends to situations where additional grounds - such as the need for care, treatment and the safety of the person or the community - are used to justify deprivation of liberty." OHCHR interviewed WNUSP members Myra Kovary and Karl Bach Jensen about their personal experiences of detention, in connection with Dignity and Justice for Detainees Week, Oct. 6 - 12, 2008.

Read the Information Note on Persons with Disabilities in Detention and other materials

http://www.ohchr.org/EN/UDHR/Pages/DetaineesWeekInitiative.aspx
Links

UN Enable website

OHCHR disability website

IDA CRPD Forum

Convention text

The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, United Nations

WNUSP Implementation Manual

Position papers

Position paper on the principles for the protection of persons with mental illness
The World Network of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry (WNUSP) voted at its July 2001 General Assembly in Vancouver to call for the United Nations General Assembly to revoke the Principles.
Read the paper here.

Additional Resources
Submission by the European Network of (Ex-)Users and Survivors of Psychiatry, International Disability Alliance, Mental Disability Advocacy Center, and the World Network of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry to the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture on his upcoming thematic paper on torture in the context of healthcare.

Executive summary of the submission by ENUSP, IDA, MDAC, and WNUSP to the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture on his upcoming thematic paper on torture in the context of healthcare.

Submission to the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Day of General Discussion on CRPD Article 12.

International Disability Alliance Written Submission to the Day of General Discussion of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Introduction to WNUSP.

Joint Submission to Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities on Accessibility Norms and Implementation of CRPD Article 12.

OPCAT monitoring of psychiatric institutions and related issues in other forms of detention: CRPD Framework.

Psychosocial disability


Submission to the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture for Thematic Discussion on Mental Health and Places of Deprivation of Liberty 22-23 February 2012.

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Legal Capacity as Right, Principle and Paradigm: Submission to the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in response to its Call for Papers on theoretical and practical implementation of Article 12.


Recognizing Forced and Coerced Psychiatric Interventions Against Women, Men and Children as a Harmful Cultural Practice.

Submission on the application of Article 9 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights to disability-based detention and institutionalisation, as informed by related provisions in the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.


WNUSP Submission on Revision of the Standard Minimum Rules on the Treatment of Prisoners.

WNUSP and CHRUSP Joint Submission* to OHCHR Study on Violence Against Women With Disabilities.

Submission to the Committee on the Rights of the Child for General Comment on the Right to Health.

Submission for OHCHR Thematic Study on Political Participation.

Notes: CRPD Overview by Myra Kovary.


