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**International
Day of Persons
with Disabilities**

November and December 2023



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Social Media Toolkit

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International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD)

On December 3rd, the International Federation for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus (IF) will **celebrate the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD)**.

The United Nations General Assembly declared this day in 1992 (by resolution 47/3) with the goal to promote the rights and well-being of people with disabilities in all aspects of society and development, as well as to raise awareness about their position in political, social, economic, and cultural life.

IF advocates for the rights of persons with disabilities. IF takes this day as an opportunity to support the European Union and **raise awareness on Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus (SBH)** which is a complex physical condition that touches many aspects of the individual with SBH's life, sensitises about disability inclusion and speaks up about their challenges and their need should help the SBH community to go forward and be heard.



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Some facts

- "Of the one billion population of persons with disabilities, 80% live in developing countries."
- "An estimated 46% of older people aged 60 years and over are people with disabilities."
- "One in every five women is likely to experience disability in her life, while one in every ten children is a child with a disability."
- "Persons with disabilities in the world are among the hardest hit by COVID-19."



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European Day of Persons with Disabilities (EDPD)

The European Day of Persons with Disabilities (EDPD) is an annual conference organised by the European Commission in partnership with European Disability Forum. This two day long conference marks the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. This year the conference will take place in person in Brussels, Belgium **November 30 - December 1**.

- ① The focus of the 2022 agenda will be on **including persons with disabilities in the labour market and society**. This is because 2023 is the European Year of Skills.
- ② In addition the conference will explore other topics such as **what international instruments are there to help make the ambition for the Union of Equality a reality**.

Source: <https://bit.ly/EDPD23EU>

EUROPEAN DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

**30 NOVEMBER -
1 DECEMBER
2023**

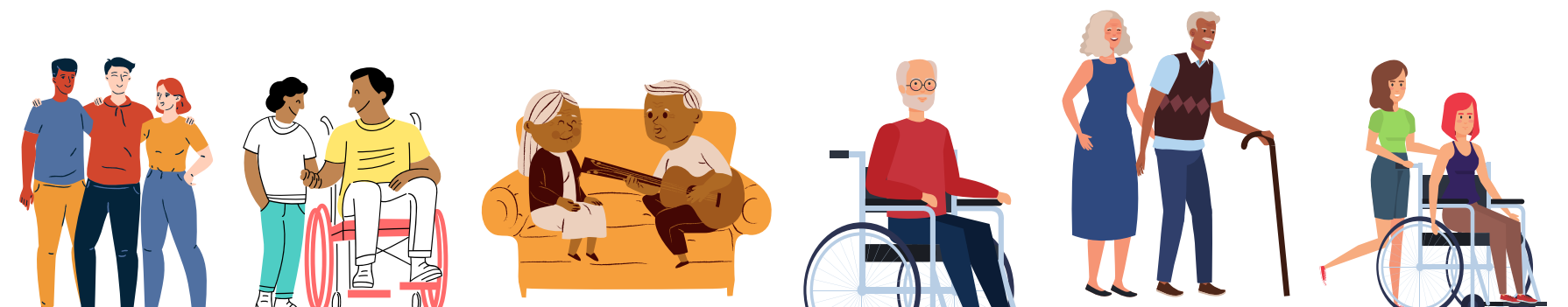


- ③ As well as addressing how everyone, **including persons with disabilities, can** fully exercise their voting rights. Especially since persons with disabilities are at times marginalized from political and public spheres.





Support IF in raising awareness on the rights of persons with disabilities!!

WHAT DOES THIS TOOLKIT CONTAIN?




- Description of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- Key messages to share on your social media channels on the International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- Key infographics to share on your social media channels on the International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- Key links to resources, posters, hashtags and visual materials to share through your social media channels

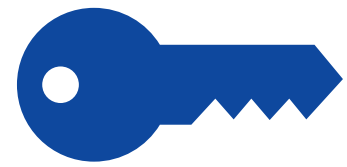


Key messages

-  The International Day of Persons with Disabilities is celebrated in the EU with the #EDPD23, an annual conference where EU policy makers and disability advocates come together to discuss #EUDisabilityRights #IDPD23
-  For the 2023 International Day of Persons with Disabilities the #EDPD23 will focus on young people with disabilities. Youth with SBH are active champions on the national and international level. Their voices are an essential part of global SBH advocacy. #IDPD23
-  Independent living is the foundation for young people with SBH to fully realise their human rights, to access employment, education, training and social inclusion #EDPD23 #EUDisabilityRights #IDPD23
-  Young people with disabilities including SBH must be guaranteed equal rights and opportunities and be able to access the support they need to make realise their full potential #EDPD23 #EUDisabilityRights #IDPD23

Key messages

-  For youth with SBH Independence does not mean doing everything alone. Independent living is about having choices and agency over ones life. #EDPD23 #EUDisabilityRights #IDPD23
-  The EU wants to see #UnionOfEquality materialize. This cannot be achieved without the full implementation of the #UNCRPD by the EU and its Member States. In line with the General Comments and Guidelines published by the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities #EDPD23 #IDPD23
-  Violence against PwDs is too often a hidden problem. The best way to bring these issues to light is to shine a light on PwDs, their stories and experiences to end the stigma #EDPD23 #EUDisabilityRights #UnionOfEquality #IDPD23



Key infographics

International Days for Persons with Disabilities

PwDs, including persons with SBH, may face many forms of violence in their lives. That violence may intersect with other identities such as gender, LGBTQIA or ethnicity. Stigma against disability and SBH lies at the heart of discrimination and the violence it creates.

It is time to end stigma and violence against PwDs and persons with SBH #EDPD #EUDisabilityRights

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PwDs are at increased risks during conflicts. For Persons with SBH, in particular infants and children, losing access to essential health care during conflict can be catastrophic.

Ensuring safe evacuations and immediate access to specialized health services is vital to protect the rights of people and children with disabilities in conflict zones.

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International instruments, international actions and cooperation can be instrumental in advancing the rights of persons with SBH.

The concerns of the SBH community align with key international initiatives including the #SDGs but implementation must be done with a human rights based perspective.

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International instruments such as the #UNCRPD are vital for the global SBH community because it establishes its principles as human rights.

The right to health, independent living, employment, education and more are not optional perks which may be bestowed upon citizens.

They are human rights.

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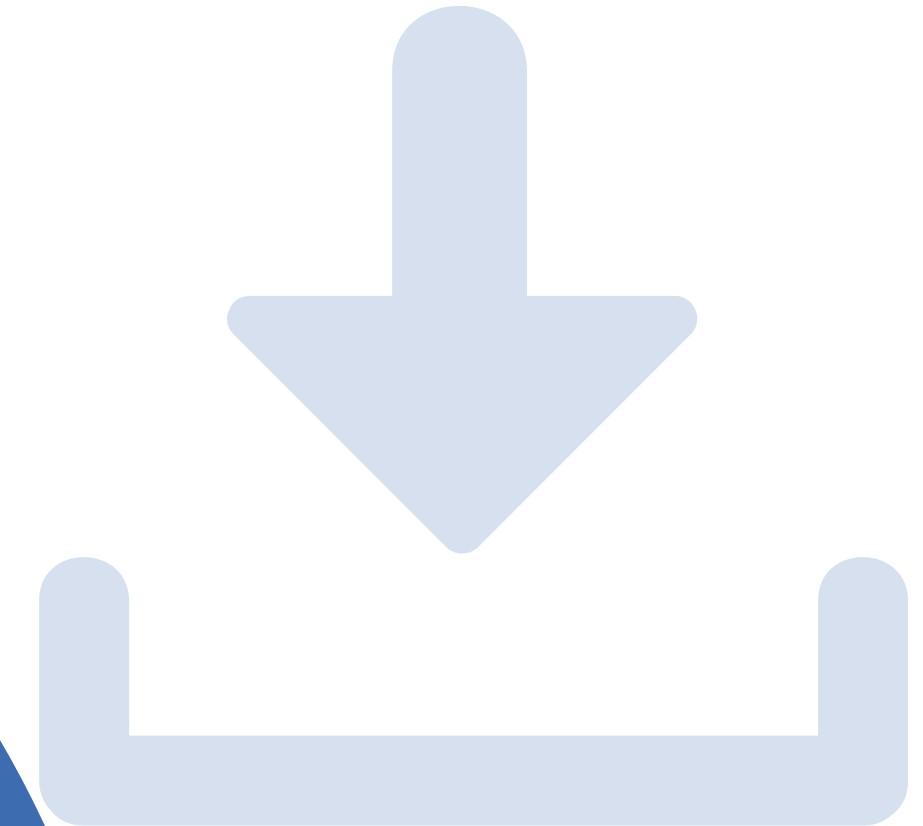


Let us know what *Equality for persons with disabilities* means to you...



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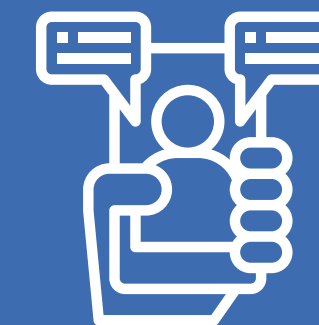
Materials to download and share



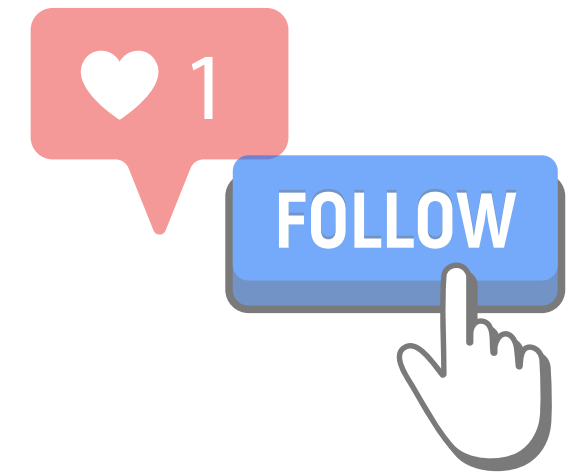
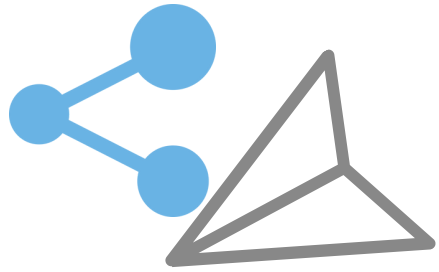
- The #EDPD Poster

- The #EDPD Banner

- The International Day of
Persons with Disabilities -
Save the date banner



Tagg @IFSBH, Share & Follow



Share, use the hashtags:

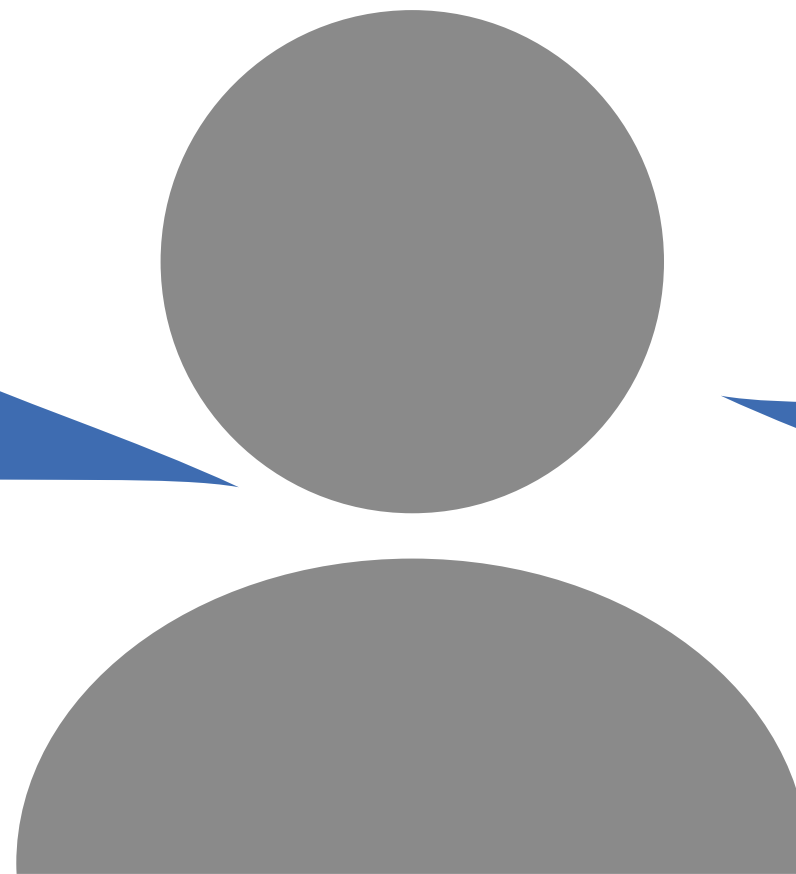
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#EUDisabilityRights

#UnionOfEquality

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Resources

- IF Statement on Mental, Physical and Sexual Health for Youth with SBH. Click [here](#).
- IF Statement on Multidisciplinary Care for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus. Click [here](#).
- IF Information Package on the European Union. Click [here](#).
- IF Information Package on the European Strategy for Persons with Disabilities. Click [here](#).
- IF Statement on the European Strategy for Persons with Disabilities. Click [here](#).
- Press release - IF urges effective implementation of the new European Union Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Click [here](#).
- IF Information Package on the UNCRPD and Reporting Cycle. Click [here](#).
- IF Statement on EU Reporting to CRPD. Click [here](#).



For more information about the European Day of Persons with Disabilities, visit the EU website page [here](#).

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