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20 YEARS OF THE CRPD. WHAT HAS CHANGED?

On 3 December 2026, the world marks the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD), with this year's theme: **“The CRPD at 20: Building on Progress, Advancing the Future”.**

20 ago, on 13 December 2006, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), marking an important milestone in the recognition and protection of disability rights.

Since then, important progress has been made. Yet, many persons with disabilities continue to face barriers to healthcare, education, employment, accessibility, independent living and participation in society.

UN commemorative event – 3 December 2026

For persons with Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus (SBH), these challenges can affect every stage of life.

The 20th anniversary of the CRPD is an opportunity to reflect on the progress achieved, recognise the gaps that remain and call for stronger action to ensure that disability rights are respected, protected and fulfilled.

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EUROPEAN DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES 2026

The European Day of Persons with Disabilities (EDPD) is an annual conference organised by the European Commission in partnership with the 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, on 3-4 December 2026.

As a long-standing flagship event, the EDPD Conference brings together more than 400 participants, including persons with disabilities, their representative organisations, national authorities, and policymakers from EU institutions, to help shape EU disability policies and assess progress in advancing disability rights.

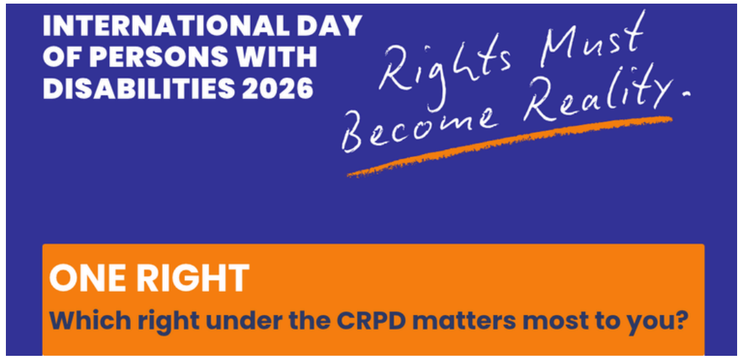
The conference provides a platform for sharing the lived experiences of persons with disabilities, embodies the principle of “nothing about us without us”, and reaffirms the European Union’s commitment to making disability rights a political priority.



OUR CAMPAIGN

The International Federation for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus (IFSBH) invites its members, partners, persons with SBH, families, professionals and supporters to join the conversation.

Through this campaign, we want to highlight three important questions:







HOW TO TAKE PART

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Your experience, perspective and voice matter.

1. **Choose one of the three (or all) campaign templates above.** **Click on the images to downoad.**
2. **Add your answer, name and country.**
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Don't forget to tag IFSBH and use #IDPD2026 #CRPD20 #RightsMustBecomeReality.

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EXPLORE FURTHER

To mark 20 years of the CRPD, IFSBH has published ***Twenty Years of the CRPD: Health Equity as an Enabler of Inclusion***, exploring why health equity is essential to ensuring the rights of persons with Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus and enabling full inclusion.

Read the publication



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KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: THE CRPD AND SBH

The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities provides an important framework for advancing the rights of persons with Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus.

Here are some articles particularly relevant to our community:

CRPD ARTICLE	RIGHT
Article 9	Accessibility
Article 19	Living independently and being included in the community
Article 24	Education
Article 25	Health
Article 27	Work and employment
Article 29	Participation in political and public life

These rights are interconnected and apply throughout life.

Learn more about the Convention.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING PART!

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