



## **Disability (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2016 being debated on 30<sup>th</sup> January**

The Disability (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2016 will be talked about by the Select Committee on Justice and Equality on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January.

The Select Committee is a group of government and opposition TD's.



The aim of the Disability (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2016 is to make changes to laws so that Ireland keeps to what the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) says.

### **About the Bill**

The Bill looks at a wide range of areas: serving on a jury, elections, reasonable accommodation and the monitoring of the UNCRPD.



Inclusion Ireland thinks:



- Parts of the Bill need to be changed so that it keeps to what the Assisted Decision Making law says

- The Bill should change the law to make all parts of elections more accessible to people with disabilities



- The Advisory Committee for the UNCRPD should have people with all kinds of disabilities on it. It should have enough money to provide support for people to participate.



- More needs to be done to ensure that people with disabilities can obtain reasonable accommodations.

Reasonable accommodations are practical supports that help people with disabilities to use a service or to work.



### **Deprivation of liberty safeguards**

It was planned that this law would include protections to make sure that people with disabilities are not deprived of their liberty.

Deprivation of liberty is about taking away someone's freedom.

The safeguards will try to stop this from happening.



But there is nothing in this Bill about deprivation of liberty safeguards.



This means we do not know when the deprivation of liberty safeguards will be put into law.