



International Women's Day 2019

2018 was an important year for the rights of women with disabilities:

- The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities was ratified (or made official) by Ireland
- Ireland voted to take the 8th amendment out of the Constitution. The 8th amendment was a law that stopped women from being able to make a choice to have an abortion.



But there are many other issues that women with disabilities face. For example:

- There are barriers to participation in political and public life
- They are less likely to have access to health screening services
- They are more likely to experience sexual violence
- They face barriers when they want to be parents
- They are more likely to feel lonely when they get older



'Gender proofing' policy is about making sure government policies promote equality for women.

But policies also need to be 'disability proofed' so that they promote equality for women with disabilities.