



Easy to Read Information-The Community Participation (Disability) (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2019



The Community Participation (Disability) (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2019 was debated in the Seanad on Wednesday 19th June 2019



The Bill will help Ireland to implement the UNCRPD.

The Bill will help people to participate more fully in their community and have more access to public spaces.

There are 4 key areas of the Bill:



1. All new public buildings should have a Changing Place facility.

A Changing Place is an accessible bathroom with extra space and a hoist and adult changing bench.



2. All new playgrounds should be inclusive and built with equipment that is designed so that all children can play together.



3. Private buses should have the same level of access as public buses do.

4. Personal Advocates who support people with disabilities need to have more powers under the law.

This would include having a Director of Personal Advocacy as was set out in the Citizen's Information Act 2007.



When the Minister with responsibility for Disability, Finian Mc Grath responded to the Bill in the Seanad he talked about some problems.

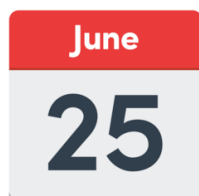


He says that making all the parts of this Bill happen will cost Ireland a lot of money.



He feels there are parts of the Bill that need more research.

He feels that there are lots of laws that need to change and the government will need to do more work on that.



There will be another debate about the Bill at committee stage on Tuesday 25th June 2019.