Autism-Europe improves the quality of life of autistic people

E-newsletter - February 2021

This information is easy to read!
Welcome to Autism-Europe’s e-newsletter.

This newsletter is in easy-to-read language.

In this newsletter you will find 2 articles.

The first article on page number 4 is about the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
The second article on page number 9 is about respecting the rights of workers with disabilities.

You can send us ideas for the next e-newsletter.

If you have ideas, write us an email. Write to communication@autismeurope.org
10 years ago we said yes to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities is very important.

We call it the CRPD for short!

The CRPD is a document that shows the rights of people with disabilities.

People with disabilities include people with autism.
“Rights” mean things you can and cannot do.

The United Nations wrote the document.

The United Nations *harmonises the actions of countries* around the world.

The CRPD says that people with disabilities have *the same rights* as other people.

In December 2010, the European Union ratified the CRPD.
The European Union is a group of 27 countries in Europe.

To “ratify” means that the European agreed to follow the rules in the Convention.

It means that the European Union said yes to the things in the Convention.

It was a very important moment!

Today all 27 countries of the European Union have said yes to the CRPD.
This means that **now all countries** in the European Union **agree** to what the CRPD says.

Click [here](#) to read the **CRPD document in Easy-to-read format**.

Click [here](#) to **watch videos** about the CRPD.

**Autism-Europe** works together with other organisations to **see if the European Union follows the rules** of the CRPD.

We try to make sure the European Union **really respects** people with disabilities.
We want people with disabilities to do the same things as other people.
The European Union works to respect the rights of workers with disabilities

Too many persons with disabilities do not have a job in the European Union.

They are treated worse than other people because of their disability.

It is called discrimination.
The European Union wants to change this situation.

The European Union is a group of 27 countries from Europe.

The European Parliament helps to make laws for all people in the European Union.

Laws are rules all people must follow.

Katrin Langensiepen is a member of the European Parliament.
She wants companies to handle workers with disabilities like other workers.

Autism-Europe wants the same.

Katrin asked Autism-Europe and other organisations how companies have to handle people with disabilities.

Autism-Europe shared what people with autism need to work like other workers.

Katrin wrote all she heard from Autism-Europe and other organisations.
She wrote it on a report.

All organisations agreed on the need of respect the rights of workers with disabilities.

Click here to read the report.

Go to page 5 for the Easy-to-read version.

Members of the European Parliament that work with Katrin voted the report in February 2021.
Everybody thinks that the report is a good thing.

In March 2021, the rest of the European Parliament members will talk about the report.

They will decide if the European Union needs new laws to respect the rights of workers with disabilities.

A “law” is a rule that everyone has to respect.
We hope you have *enjoyed* reading this!

On this publication we follow the advice of the organisation *Inclusion Europe*.

We follow their *guidelines* to make the easy to read version of our e-newsletter.

This way we make sure the information is *as clear as possible*. 
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