



1.3 Disability Advisory Committee 2023 Work Plan

Introduction

This paper proposes items that could be included in the Disability Advisory Committee's 2023 Work Plan. They include items discussed at the DAC meeting in October 2022.

What are the views of DAC members on the proposed items?

Are there any items that DAC members think are not a priority?

Are there any other items that DAC members would like to be included in the 2023 Work Plan?

IHREC Strategy Statement 2022-2024

The [Strategy Statement](#) is the key document guiding the Commission's work in the period from 2022 to 2024. It helps the Commission focus its resources in a way that achieves the greatest impact. It guides the work of the Disability Advisory Committee.

The core part of the Strategy sets out its five strategic priorities. These are:

1. **Economic equality** - Seeking greater economic equality in housing, employment, income and for carers.
2. **Justice** - Defending access to justice and the rule of law in the international protection system, in the courts, and in the use of public powers, including in respect of Brexit impacts.
3. **Respect and Recognition** - Promoting the eradication of racism, ableism, ageism, and sexism through public understanding and State action.
4. **Futureproofing** - Responding to crises that threaten rights and equality, including the Covid-19 pandemic and climate change.
5. **Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty** - Encouraging, reporting on and enforcing the compliance of public bodies with their statutory duty.

All strategic priorities are relevant to disability issues, and disability rights could be, in different ways, advanced under each of the priorities.

Potential Work Plan Items

- Ableism and individual's agency
- Intersectionality
- Sexuality
- Independent living
- Access to Justice: Independent Review of Civil Legal Aid



- IHREC's designation as Coordinating Body for the National preventative Mechanism for the Optional Protocol of the Convention Against Torture.
- Climate change (impacts on disabled people particularly those on low incomes and with limited material resources, involvement of disabled people in discussions on measures to respond to climate change access to mitigating measures including technology and accessible public transport)
- Ratification of the Optional Protocol to the CRPD
- The Assisted Decision Making (Capacity) Act
- Mental Health
- Social movements and participation
- Employment
- Adequate standard of living