

# Advocacy Fact Sheet: Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

## What is the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities ?

The **Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities** is a group of 18 experts on the rights of persons with disabilities.

The Committee makes sure that **countries are following the Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.**

The Committee is elected by the United Nations for 4 years.

## How do the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities work?

The Committee meets with government officials from different countries.

**They ask questions to check if the Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities is being followed.**

The Committee reads reports and meets groups that represent people with disabilities, in each country.

After hearing from government officials and groups of people with disabilities, the Committee writes a report with recommendations on how the country can improve so the rights of people with disabilities are respected.



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## What are General Comments?

The Committee writes documents called **General Comments**.

The General Comments explain in more detail what the Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities means and **how countries can make it real for people with disabilities**.



## Who is Sir Robert Martin?

At the moment, the **Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities** has a member who is a person with an intellectual disability, **Sir Robert Martin**.

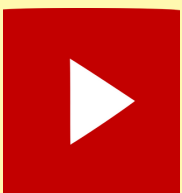
Sir Robert belongs to Inclusion International member **People First New Zealand**.

Sir Robert wants to make sure the **rights of people with intellectual disabilities are not forgotten**.

## Useful links



[A video explaining the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities](#)



[A video of Sir Robert speaking about his work on the committee.](#)



[A news story about self-advocates from Australia speaking to the Committee](#)