Advocacy Fact Sheet: Special Rapporteurs

What is a Special Rapporteur?

Special Rapporteurs are human rights experts.

There are over 50 experts who report and give advice to the United Nations Human Rights Council on different issues.

For example, there is an expert who works on the rights of people with disabilities.

What do the Special Rapporteurs do?

The Special Rapporteurs do work like:

- Country visits
- Respond and help when human rights are not respected
- Talk to countries
- Help raise awareness and advocate for human rights

Who chooses the Special Rapporteurs?

The United Nations Human Rights Council chooses the experts.

They are elected for 3 years and can be re-elected for another 3 years.
Who is the Special Rapporteur on the rights of people with disabilities?

Mr Gerard Quinn is the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities.

In October 2020, he was appointed by the Human Rights Council of the United Nations.

Mr Gerard Quinn has worked with people with disabilities for a long time.

Mr Quinn is a family member of a person with a disability.

As the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities, Mr Quinn works and advocates for the human rights of people with disabilities.

Useful links

Webpage of the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities

It includes lots of reports in Easy Read.