

Advocacy Fact Sheet: United Nations

What is the United Nations?

The United Nations is an international organisation of countries all over the world.

The United Nations is made up of 193 countries that work together.



What do the United Nations do?

The United Nations work on making the world a better place.

The United Nations work on:

- Protecting our rights
- Peace keeping
- The environment

Who started the United Nations?

The United Nations was set up after World War Two when lots of people died and were treated badly.

After the war, leaders of countries got together to work on protecting people from being treated badly.

Where is the United Nations?

The United Nations works all over the world.

Lots of United Nations meetings are held at the headquarters in New York, USA and Geneva, Switzerland.



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How do the United Nations work?

The United Nations work on different issues through their programmes and agencies.

Some United Nations programmes or agencies you might have heard of are:

- **The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)**
- **World Health Organisation (WHO)**
- **International Labor Organization (ILO)**
- **World Food Programme (WFP)**



How do the United Nations protect our rights?

The United Nations work on making sure our rights are protected by making guides and agreements for countries.

These agreements are called conventions.



A convention that is important for Inclusion International's work is the **Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)**

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