

Inclusion International for Inclusive Education



1948

Education recognised as a Universal Human Right

"Everyone has the right to education. Education shall be free."

- Article 26 of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights

1960

Families united to form Inclusion International

Families of individuals with intellectual disabilities founded Inclusion International to advocate for inclusive education and global inclusion.

1989

Convention on the Rights of the Child

The Convention on the Rights of the Child includes an article that aims to protect the rights of children with disabilities.

2006

Article 24 of the CRPD

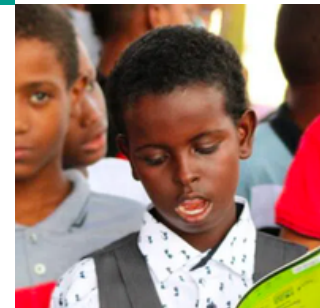
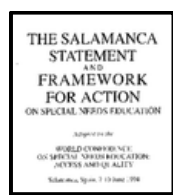
We advocated for inclusive education as a right under the CRPD, promoting a system for all over special entitlements for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

2000

Millennium Development Goals and Dakar Framework

The Goals and Dakar Framework aimed for universal education by 2015 but lacked a clear commitment to inclusive education.

1994



"Inclusive schools must recognise and respond to the diverse needs of students, accommodation of both different styles and rates of learning and ensuring quality education to all"

UNESCO - Salamanca Statement, 1994

2009

II releases Better Education for All

Inclusion International celebrated the 15th anniversary of the Declaration of Salamanca with a conference and released "Better Education for ALL".

2015

Sustainable Development Goal 4

Governments established Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to replace MDGs, including Goal 4 to achieve education for all by 2030.

2016

General Comment 4 on Inclusive Education

Our network contributed to drafting a General Comment for the CRPD, emphasizing the significance of inclusive education systems for quality education for all children.



2020

UNESCO GEM Report on inclusion in education

Our network contributed to the UNESCO GEM Report 2020 on Inclusion in Education, offering evidence of educational exclusion and guidance for governments to promote inclusion.

2018-22

Global Disability Summits

In 2018 and 2022, IDA, alongside the UK, Kenya, and Norway co-hosted the Global Disability Summits, leading to 369 commitments to inclusive education over the two conferences.

2018

Catalyst for Inclusive Education

Catalyst promotes inclusive education through in-person visits to Peru, Nepal, and Paraguay, evolving into virtual sessions and webinars focusing on strategic litigation and teacher training.

"Those with a sensory, physical or intellectual disability are 2.5 times more likely to have never been in school than their peers without disabilities."

GEM Report 2020 on inclusion in education

2022

Strengthening our Common Position

Inclusion International further strengthened their Position Paper on inclusive education to highlight the current challenges our members face around the world to enjoy inclusive education and to highlight what inclusion is and what it is not.

2024

30th Anniversary of the Salamanca Declaration

On the 30th anniversary of the Salamanca Conference, we highlight ongoing advocacy for inclusive education. This event underscores the need to turn theory into practice.

