

Advocacy Fact Sheet: Shadow Report on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

What is a shadow report?

A shadow report is a report that is sent to the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities when a country is being reviewed.

It is sometimes called the 'alternative report' or 'parallel report'.

The shadow report is sent along with another report written by the government. This is called "State's report".

Governments may not understand what day to day life for people with disabilities is like. The shadow report explains what life is really like for people with disabilities in the country, and how their rights are or are not being respected.



Who writes the shadow report?

A shadow report is written by non-government organisations that work on the human rights of people in the community.

Often organisations of people with disabilities work together to write the shadow report.

Many self-advocates and family members have been part of writing shadow reports and making sure the rights of people with intellectual disabilities are included in the report.

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Who reads the shadow reports?

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.

Each country who has ratified the Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities is reviewed by the Committee every 4 years.

After the Committee read the reports and talk to people from the country they give recommendations on what the country need to do to make sure the rights of people with disabilities are respected.

Useful links



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



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



[An example of a shadow report in Easy Read. This was the shadow report from the UK](#)