

Calling on Irish Candidates for Election to the European Parliament

Be an ally to disabled people to realise an inclusive and equitable Europe for all.



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Ahead of the 2024 European Elections an Irish delegation, led by the Disability Federation of Ireland (DFI), travelled to the 5th European Parliament of Persons with Disabilities in May 2023. This Irish delegation reinforced the strong link between Ireland, disability, and the EU; highlighting the value we have in a strong democratic European Union.

We are now calling on all candidates to the European Parliament to **pledge their support**, act to redress the balance for persons with disabilities and once in Parliament to champion disability rights, and commit to building an inclusive future for disabled people.

We are asking candidates to specifically pledge support to:

- Work together with the disability movement to ensure the **fulfilment of the European Union's Strategy on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**.
- Re-establish, and join the **Disability Intergroup of the European Parliament**. This is an informal group of members of the European Parliament who are interested in addressing issues related to disability, in line with the UN CRPD.
- Adopt measures to maximize the accessibility of the whole electoral process facilitating people to vote independently and in secret.



Me today is you tomorrow!

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- Promote the participation of disabled people and their representative organisations in the political and public life of the EU – including increasing the number of persons with disabilities working in EU institutions.
- Adopt measures to support the development of a range of person-centred support services in communities for independent living.
- Adopt further legislation ensuring accessibility for persons with disabilities and realising their rights of free movement in the EU.
- Strengthen the protection of persons with disabilities in the EU and beyond, particularly in areas of conflict.



Photos on this page are of the Irish delegation to the Fifth European Parliament of Persons with Disabilities in May 2023.

Election 2024 is an opportunity to move closer to the realisation of a Union of Equality for persons with disabilities, with the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities as its compass.



See www.disability-federation.ie for our full manifesto and our Pledge for Candidates

