

# **INDEPENDENT MECHANISM FOR NORTHERN IRELAND**

## **IMNI Disability Forum**

The IMNI Disability Forum will involve persons with disabilities and their representative organisations to further assist ECNI and NIHRC to deliver their joint role to promote, protect and monitor implementation of UNCRPD in Northern Ireland.

The creation of an IMNI Disability Forum seeks to take account of the views of a wide range of disability stakeholders, collated and distilled across a number of meetings. We are grateful to all stakeholders for their time and contributions.

### **Forum Remit**

The IMNI Disability Forum will have a remit to:

- assist and advise IMNI officials in their work to fulfil IMNI's UNCRPD Article 33 independent monitoring role;
- inform and co-ordinate engagement with the State Party towards supporting and challenging government to give effect to the UNCRPD in Northern Ireland.

### **Forum Membership**

IMNI will work to identify a Forum membership that collectively comprises expertise and experience of barriers and enablers to participation; awareness raising and strategic engagement; data collection, analysis, and dissemination; knowledge of the UNCRPD.

Membership will principally be drawn from Disabled People led Organisations and disability related NGOs who represent persons with disabilities and who have complementary expertise and experience. Individual membership from persons with a disability, or carers, can also be facilitated.

In that context, due regard will be paid toward ensuring that overall membership is weighted towards a majority (3/4 or higher) representation of persons with disabilities, with all organisations to be encouraged to put forward a person with a disability as their organisational representative.

Forum Members will be appointed for a three-year term, with a limit of two consecutive terms.

Alongside the Forum, IMNI will continue with its wider rolling engagement to raise awareness and involve stakeholders in its work.

**Next Steps:**

Further details and a Terms of Reference for the Forum will be published soon.

ECNI and NIHRC will be engaging again with the public to establish the IMNI Disability Forum with a membership that is representative of disabled people and their representative organisations.

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