



## Disability Rights Promotion International - Canada

### Monitoring Disability Rights in Canada

#### SSHRC-funded project

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#### What is DRPI-Canada?

DRPI-Canada, funded by the Social Science and Humanities Research Council, is a collaborative effort between universities and human rights and disability organizations, and works to establish a sustainable and comprehensive monitoring system to address disability discrimination in Canada. DRPI-Canada is grounded in a **human rights** approach to disability which focuses attention on the way that systemic discrimination and social exclusion increase vulnerability to abuse, chronic poverty, unemployment, other forms of discrimination and inequitable social conditions.

#### How does DRPI-Canada work?

The project's **holistic approach** integrates 4 areas of monitoring:

- **Monitoring Individual Experiences** – For the first time in Canada, people with a spectrum of disabilities are involved in monitoring and have their personal experiences on human rights violations monitored.
- **Monitoring Media** – Stories in Canada's major print and broadcast media that focus on people with disabilities and disability issues are examined through the lens of human rights. Experts with knowledge and expertise in both the media and disability issues are consulted throughout the project.
- **Monitoring Policy and Law** – Laws, policies, case law, programs and services are examined to assess the systemic protections for people with disabilities.
- **Monitoring Survey Datasets** – Statistical datasets and surveys are assessed in order to determine how information with respect to the situation of people with disabilities is collected and how methods should differ with a rights approach.

#### Who is involved with DRPI-Canada?

DRPI-Canada brings together: **14 disability rights, legal, media monitoring and policy experts from different provinces, 12 disability and human rights organizations, 3 universities and 3 university-based research institutes, 4 government agencies, and 1 private media research company.** It is the mandate of DRPI-Canada that people with a spectrum of disabilities be involved in all aspects of project governance and implementation. Being equipped with the appropriate knowledge and skills on disability rights and disability rights monitoring, the disability community will be enabled to develop priorities and strategies for bringing about social change and improving the quality of life of its people.

## DRPI-Canada Organizational Partners:

- ARCH Disability Law Centre;  
<http://www.archdisabilitylaw.ca/index.asp>
- Amnesty International Canada (AI); <http://www.amnesty.org/>
- Canadian Abilities Foundation (CAF); <http://www.abilities.ca/>
- Canadian Association of Independent Living Centres (CAILC);  
<http://www.cailc.ca/>
- Canadian Human Rights Commission (CHRC);  
<http://www.chrc-ccdp.ca/>
- Centre Interdisciplinaire de Recherche en Réadaptation et Intégration sociale (CIRRIS); <http://www.ulaval.ca/cirris/>
- Council of Canadians with Disabilities (CCD);  
<http://www.ccdonline.ca/>
- Disability Rights Promotion International (DRPI);  
<http://www.yorku.ca/drpi/>
- DisAbled Women's Network - Ontario (DAWN-Ontario);  
<http://dawn.thot.net/>
- Equitas (formerly Canadian Human Rights Foundation);  
<http://www.equitas.org/>
- Office des Personnes Handicapées de Québec (OPHQ);  
<http://www.ophq.gouv.qc.ca/index.htm>
- Office for Disability Issues (ODI), Government of Canada;  
[http://www.sdc.gc.ca/en/gateways/nav/top\\_nav/program/odi.shtml](http://www.sdc.gc.ca/en/gateways/nav/top_nav/program/odi.shtml)
- Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (RWI), Sweden; <http://www.rwi.lu.se/index.shtml>
- Statistics Canada (informal partner); <http://www.statcan.ca/>
- York Institute for Social Research; <http://www.yorku.ca/isr/>