

## Who is involved with DRPI Canada?

DRPI Canada brings together 14 disability rights, legal, media monitoring and policy experts, 3 university-based research institutes, 4 government agencies, and 1 private media research company.

### Organizational Partners

- Amnesty International Canada
- ARCH Disability Law Centre
- Canadian Abilities Foundation
- Canadian Association of Independent Living Centres
- Canadian Human Rights Commission
- Centre Interdisciplinaire de Recherche en Réadaptation et Intégration sociale
- Council of Canadians with Disabilities
- Disability Rights Promotion International
- DisAbled Women's Network - Ontario
- Office des Personnes Handicapées de Québec
- Office for Disability Issues
- Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Sweden
- Statistics Canada (informal partner)
- York Institute for Social Research

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For more information about DRPI Canada and its approach to disability rights promotion, you can access the following resources on our website:

### About DRPI Canada

- [www.yorku.ca/drpi/CanadaAbout.html](http://www.yorku.ca/drpi/CanadaAbout.html)

### News and Events

- [www.yorku.ca.drpi/CanadaSpotlights.html](http://www.yorku.ca.drpi/CanadaSpotlights.html)
- [www.yorku.ca/drpi/CanadaEvents.html](http://www.yorku.ca/drpi/CanadaEvents.html)

### Monitoring Factsheets

- [www.yorku.ca/drpi/CanadaFactsheets.html](http://www.yorku.ca/drpi/CanadaFactsheets.html)



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## Monitoring Disability Rights in Canada

## What is DRPI Canada?

DRPI Canada is a **collaborative** project, funded by the Social Science and Humanities Research Council, that uses a **human rights approach** to establish a **sustainable**, holistic monitoring system for addressing disability discrimination in Canada.

- **Collaborative:** We understand that disability rights monitoring must be owned by people with disabilities themselves. People with disabilities and community partners play a leading role in all aspects of project governance and implementation.
- **Human Rights Approach:** DRPI Canada is grounded in a human rights approach to disability which focuses on the ways that systemic disability discrimination and social exclusion increase vulnerability to abuse, chronic poverty, unemployment and inequitable social conditions.
- **Sustainable:** DRPI Canada focuses on creating sustainable networks of monitors who will continue to call attention to human rights issues in their communities beyond the life of this project.



## Why is Holistic Monitoring Important and What does it Involve?

Monitoring human rights is a very important first step in translating rights on paper into rights in reality. Gathering and sharing information on the ways that people with disabilities face discrimination in their everyday lives will inform effective societal, policy and program changes to ensure the equal enjoyment of human rights by Canadians with disabilities.

DRPI Canada's holistic approach to monitoring disability rights uses human rights benchmarks to assess disability discrimination in four key areas:

1. **Individual Experiences:** We provide opportunities for people with disabilities to share their own stories and perspectives about the rights issues that are of greatest concern to them.

**Associated Researchers:** Normand Boucher (CIRRIS); Steven Estey (Disabled Peoples' International); Sandra Carpenter, (CILT); Isabel Killoran (York University); Marcia Rioux (York University)

2. **Media:** We monitor stories in Canada's major print and broadcast media that focus on people with disabilities and disability issues. These stories are examined by experts with knowledge and expertise in both media and disability issues using a human rights lens.

**Associated Researchers:** Daniel Drache (York University); Ray Cohen (Canadian Abilities Foundation); Andrew Laing (Cormex Research); Geoffrey Reaume (York University); Marcia Rioux (York University)



3. **Policy and Law:** We monitor and assess whether laws, policies, cases, programs and services are adequately protecting, respecting and promoting the human rights of people with disabilities.

**Associated Researchers:** Roxanne Mykitiuk (Osgoode Hall Law School); Yvonne Peters (Disability rights legal expert); Michael Prince (University of Victoria); Marcia Rioux (York University)

4. **Survey Datasets:** We analyse existing datasets collected by government agencies to determine whether this information permits an accurate assessment of the human rights situations of people with disabilities.

**Associated Researchers:** Cameron Crawford (Canadian Association for Community Living); Patrick Fougeyrollas (IRDPQ, Laval University); Marcia Rioux (York University)