

The right to go to court and have access to justice



Easy to read

The right to go to court

If people are treated badly or unfairly, they have the right to go to court and talk about their problem. The court can protect their rights and punish those who hurt them. Courts work to make sure there is justice in the world. **Justice** means that things are fair for all people.



People with disabilities should have the right to go to court too when they feel that their rights are not respected. Sadly, many people with disabilities do not have the chance to go to court like other people because things and services are not accessible for them. For example:

- Information may not be easy to read so people with intellectual disabilities cannot understand it.



- Police stations and courts may not be accessible so people with disabilities cannot even go in to talk about their problem.



- The texts may not be in Braille so blind people cannot read them.



Also people who work at courts and police stations may not be trained to know how to help people with disabilities.

Justice for all people

This booklet talks about the ‘**Just4All**’ project. ‘**Just4All**’ is a project that tries to make it easier for people with disabilities to go to court when they are treated badly or unfairly. The project shows how important it is that people who work at courts are trained to understand the needs of people with disabilities and help them to protect their rights. The booklet also shows good examples of things and services that work well in different countries in Europe.



5 groups of people work together to make this project happen:

- **Fundación ONCE**
This is a Spanish organisation for blind people.
- **The European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities**
This is a group of organisations and companies that make things and services for people with disabilities.
- **The European Disability Forum**
This is an organisation of people with disabilities in Europe.
- **Thomson Reuters**
This is a company that makes news and information.
- **Universidad Carlos III de Madrid**
This is a university in Spain.

All together we do this project to make it easier for people with disabilities

to have access to justice like everyone else.
We want to make an online course
to help people who work at courts to:

- Understand the needs of people with disabilities.
- Make things and services accessible for them.



Right now, this not happening as much as it should.
In most countries in Europe,
people with disabilities cannot easily go to court
because things are not accessible for them.
This is against the law.

Countries in Europe must work to change this and make sure that:

- All people with disabilities get information
in ways that they can understand it.
For example, people with intellectual disabilities
should get information in easy to read.
- All buildings of courts, police stations and other services like this
must be accessible for people with disabilities.
For example, there must be a ramp
so people in wheelchairs can go in.
Or there must be signs for blind people to be able to find their way.



- People who work at courts and police stations must be trained to help people with disabilities.

If these things happen,
it will be easier for people with disabilities to go to court
and get help when they are treated badly or unfairly.

More information

You can learn more about the 'Just4All' project
on its website here: www.just4all.eu.

If you have questions, you can send us email at: info@edf-feph.org.