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Strategy

A Society For All

The government's strategy for the equality of persons with disabilities
for the period 2020–2030





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Foreword



The government's vision is a society where all people can participate and be given the opportunity to contribute to society. Policy for persons with disabilities should be based on equality, self-determination, participation, involvement and inclusion. Equality is promoted by treating equal cases equally and by accommodating differences.

In Norway, we have sound legal protection against discrimination. The purpose of the Equality and Anti-Discrimination Act is to promote equality and prevent discrimination. The Act is built on the foundation that everyone should have the same opportunities, rights and obligations, irrespective of gender, care responsibilities, ethnicity, religion, belief, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, or any combination of the above.

Inclusion and equality of persons with disabilities are preconditions for a sustainable welfare society and for individuals to be able to live free and independent lives. In 2013, Norway ratified the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). It obligates Norway to work to ensure that the rights of persons with disabilities are protected in the same way as those of others. The sustainability goals apply until 2030, underpinning the government's ambition that all persons should have opportunities for progress and development. No one should be left out of the implementation of the UN's sustainability goals.

The government will contribute to a meaningful everyday for persons with disabilities. This strategy shall promote equality and equal opportunities relating to education, employment, housing, health and care services and cultural and leisure activities. Persons with disabilities should be included and be able to participate in society throughout their lives. Persons with disabilities should have self-determination and influence in daily activities and provisions so that they can take responsibility for their own lives.

This strategy shall apply for the period 2020–2030. In 2019, the government will draw up an action plan with initiatives and measures derived from the strategy.

The government will submit a Report to the Norwegian Parliament (Stortinget) on the rights of persons with disabilities. The initial preparations are set to start in 2019 and will be coordinated by the Ministry of Children and Equality.

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