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News from Office for Disability Issues

**Working across government to deliver equality for disabled people**

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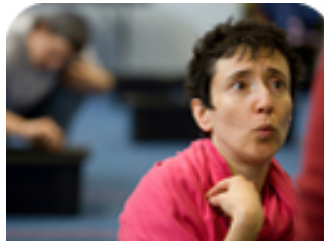
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## What's happening

- The ODI's [Annual Report 2007](#) is due to be published on 6 December 2007.

## Disabled people's views inform government equality measures



### Key point

The ODI has published disabled people's views on equality.

Responses to the ODI's consultation, 'Equality for Disabled People: how will we know we are making progress?' have been published. The consultation aimed to involve disabled people in talking about what equality means and how to measure progress towards the government's 2025 vision of equality. The ODI will be working with all areas of government to develop measures on the aspects of disabled people's lives that they told us are most important.

More information on the [consultation responses](#).

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→ The ODI's [Independent Living Review](#) will be publishing a cross government five year strategy in early 2008. The strategy aims to provide disabled people with more choice and control over the way they live their lives and bring public services together to achieve this.

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## The Disability Equality Duty



### Key point

The Disability Equality Duty was developed to improve the lives of disabled people. Those at the highest level of Government have responsibility for making sure that happens.

Key Secretaries of State have to report on progress towards disability equality across their policy sector by December 2008. This will involve looking beyond departmental boundaries at how public bodies are performing to ensure they work together effectively.

This process is part of the new Disability Equality Duty (DED) which requires public bodies to actively consider disability equality when carrying out their work.

To help departments with this the ODI is commissioning a number of case studies. This research will look at what contribution the DED has made so far to organisational change and improved outcomes for disabled people.

More information on the [Disability Equality Duty](#)

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## Equality 2025 hold first public meeting



### Key point

Equality 2025 held first public meeting

Around 100 disabled people from across the UK attended Equality 2025's public meeting on 12 November. The meeting, held in Birmingham, covered issues including independent living, human rights and education. The discussions will contribute to Equality 2025's 2008/09 workplan.

Equality 2025 is a network of disabled people which advises the government on issues affecting the lives of disabled people across the UK. This was the first in a series of regional meetings they are holding to give

disabled people an opportunity to voice their opinion on key areas of policy that affect their lives.

More information on [Equality 2025](#).

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## Ministers listen to views of disabled children and young people



### Key point

An event was held for Ministers to listen to the views of disabled children and young people

Ministers from three departments met disabled children, young people and representatives of children's disability organisations on 25 October. The event was organised by the ODI in partnership with Department for Children, Schools and Families and Department of Health. It enabled Ministers to hear the views of our stakeholders on the government's strategy to improve services for disabled children and their families.

More information is available at [ODI Events](#).

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## Doing Work Differently



RADAR is launching a new guide to getting and keeping a job while managing impairment. The ODI and the Department for Work and Pensions partially funded the development of the guide over the last year. It is based on the in work experience of people with a wide range of impairments and backgrounds.

### Key point

A new guide to getting and keeping a job while managing impairment will be launched in December.

RADAR has piloted the guide in four areas of England and Scotland with Jobcentre Plus, A4e, Shaw Trust and in Health Centres and GP surgeries. The booklet can be ordered from the RADAR website at [www.radar.org.uk](http://www.radar.org.uk).

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## UN Convention on Disability Rights



### Key point

UN Convention on Disability Rights – signed, next step ratification.

On 30 March 2007, the UK signed the UN Convention on Disability Rights. This demonstrated our commitment to human rights for the world's 650 million disabled people. We are currently scrutinising our laws and policies, practices and procedures carefully. Anne McGuire, Minister for Disabled People, has said she would like the UK to ratify the Convention by the end of next

year.

More information on the [UN Convention on Disability Rights](#)

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## User survey on Directgov for disabled people and carers



Directgov  
Public services all in one place

### Key point

Directgov is running an online survey to find out the information needs of users of the 'Disabled people' and 'Carers' sections of the website

An online survey is currently being carried out on the 'Disabled people' and 'Caring for someone' sections of the Directgov website. The aim of the survey is to gain a clearer picture of visitors' information needs. The insight gained by the survey will then help to shape future development.

To take part in the survey and make your views count, please visit [www.direct.gov.uk/disability](http://www.direct.gov.uk/disability) or [www.direct.gov.uk/carers](http://www.direct.gov.uk/carers)

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