# International Day of People with Disability

# UN theme for 2024

The Australian Government Department of Social Services DSS wrote this.

When you see the word we it means the DSS.

We wrote this in an easy to read way. We use pictures to explain some ideas.

We have some words in bold. This means the letters are thicker and darker.

These are important words.

You can ask for help to read this document.

You can ask

• A friend

• Family members

• A support person.

We recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Owners of the land we live on.

They were the first people to live on and use the

• Land

• Waters.

## About the UN 2024 theme

International Day of People with Disability is a day to understand and respect people with disability.

We call it IDPwD.

It happens on 3 December every year.

The United Nations is an organisation where countries come together to

• Talk about world issues

• Fix world issues.

We call it the UN.

Every year the UN chooses a theme to talk about.

A theme is an idea to help make things better for people with disability.

The theme will help the world be more inclusive.

Inclusive is when everyone

• Can take part

• Feel like they belong.

The UN looks at different plans to help it come up with the theme.

It looks at the pact for the future.

It says that countries will keep doing good things.

A pact is when people agree to something.

It will also look at the 2025 world summit for social development.

It will be in November 2025.

This will be a meeting with the world to talk about making it a better place.

The 2024 UN theme is for more people with disability to be leaders.

This includes leaders

• For the world

• In Australia.

Everyone needs to work together to make this happen.

The UN says that the work everyone does for the theme needs to

• Include people with disability

• Be for people with disability.

## Sustainable Development Goals

The UN has a plan.

The plan is what countries are working on until 2030.

This plan has goals called Sustainable Development Goals.

We call them SDGs.

There are 17 SDGs that everyone is working on.

The SDGs will make the world a better and fairer place for everyone.

It is important that people with disability are

• Included in these plans

• Part of the work to do these plans.

You can learn more about SDGs on the UN website.

[www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals](http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals)

You can learn more about the UN goals on the website.

It also shows how the UN plans to reach the goals.

[www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/student-resources](http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/student-resources)

You can watch a video about SDGs on YouTube.

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=0XTBYMfZyrM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0XTBYMfZyrM)

## Contact us

You can contact us if you want more information.

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You can call us.

1800 440 385

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• Monday to Friday

• 9am to 5pm AEST

AEST is the time in

• Canberra

• New South Wales

• Tasmania

• Victoria

• Queensland

When it is not daylight savings time.

If you

• Are deaf or hard of hearing

• Find it hard to speak on the phone.

You can call the National Relay Service

• Teletypewriter (TTY)

 1800 555 677

• Speak and listen

 1300 555 727

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We put up stories and information.

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[www.facebook.com/idpwd](http://www.facebook.com/idpwd)

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You can sign up for updates on our website.

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