

# International Day of People with Disability

UN theme for 2024



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Australian Government  
Department of Social Services

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.

**Bold**

We have some words in **bold**.

Not 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.



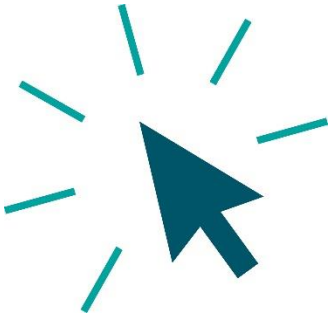
The SDGs will make the world a better and fairer place for everyone.



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.

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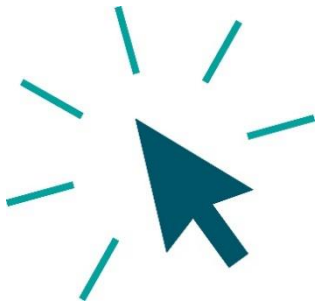


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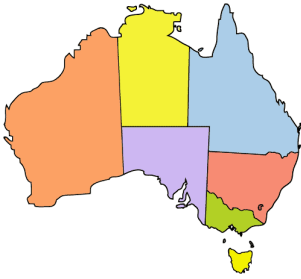


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- New South Wales
- Tasmania
- Victoria
- Queensland

When it is **not** daylight savings time.



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