

Video 2: Glossary

United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities – Auslan Version

This glossary will help you understand some of the signs in this video that may be new to you or different to what you are used to.

CONVENTION: this sign refers to the paper document that Australia and other United Nations countries have signed. Some countries have not yet signed the Convention, but they may do so in the future. There are many conventions. Some refer specifically to the rights of children, women, or refugees.

HUMAN RIGHTS: are things that all people should expect. They are used to promote equality and reduce discrimination.

FREEDOM: This means ending unfair limitations. You should not have to put up with discrimination, rather you should be able to enjoy the same rights in life as other people.

GOVERNMENT: There are a number of different signs, but I will use this one. In this context, Government means Australian State and Federal Governments.

INTERNATIONAL LAW: The United Nations helped to set up laws that many overseas countries must follow. If a country breaks a law, that country sends a representative to the international court in The Hague, in Holland. International Law is different to Australian Law. If a person, organisation or business breaks Australian law, they may be tried in an Australian court. If a country breaks international law, a Government representative goes to the international court to speak for the country.

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