

Easy Read



Know Your Rights

Your guide to the Well-being and Future Generations Act



This leaflet was written by **Disability Wales**. It is an easy read version of “**Know your rights Use your rights Live your rights**”.

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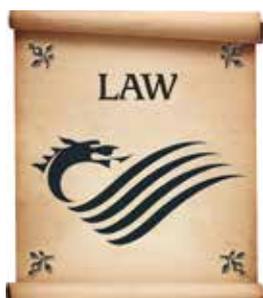
Introduction



This booklet has been written by **Disability Wales**.



This booklet is for disabled people and disabled people's organisations.



This booklet gives information about **the Well-being and Future Generations Act** . But it is not legal advice.



There are 8 booklets in total. Each booklet has information about a different law.



This booklet was correct in January 2021. But **the Well-being and Future Generations Act** might change in the future.

About our work



We work hard to protect the **rights** of disabled people.



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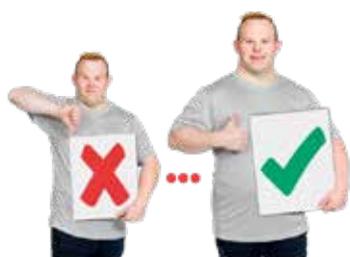
Other people have **rights** too. For example, you must treat other people with respect.



In 2020, we asked disabled people in Wales about their **rights**.



A lot of disabled people told us their **rights** were not well protected in Wales.



A lot of disabled people felt this would not improve in the future.



We want disabled people to know and use their **rights**. And to feel protected.



We wrote these 8 booklets to help.

The Well-being and Future Generations Act



The **Well-being and Future Generations Act** wants to improve well-being in Wales. Now and in the future.



Well-being means a person is happy, healthy and is comfortable with their life and what they do.

We will call **The Well-being and Future Generations Act** the **Act** for short.



The **Act** has **well-being** goals that **public bodies** must follow.



Public bodies are services that are run for the public. For example, the NHS, local authorities, national parks, or fire service.



These goals help **public bodies** to improve the **well-being** of people in Wales. Including disabled people.

Public bodies that must follow this **Act**:



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

- Welsh ministers
- Councils
- Local health boards
- Public Health Wales NHS Trust
- Velindre NHS Trust
- National Park authorities
- Fire and Rescue Authorities
- Natural Resources Wales
- The Higher Education Funding Council for Wales
- The Arts Council of Wales
- Sports Council of Wales
- National Museum of Wales.



Know your rights

The **Act** has 7 well-being goals:

1. To create a successful Wales



Everyone should have **access** to education and employment.

Access means being allowed to go somewhere. It also means you are physically able to go somewhere.

2. To protect nature



Everyone should be able to enjoy nature and benefit from it.



3. To protect people's health

Everyone's physical and mental **well-being** should be considered.

4. To protect people's equality



Equality means treating people fairly.

Everyone should have a fair chance to have a good life.

5. To create good communities



Everyone should feel safe and connected to other people.



6. To create a strong culture

Welsh culture and language should be protected. Things like arts and sports should be **inclusive**.



Inclusive means everyone is involved.



7. To consider other countries

Wales should think about how its **well-being** decisions affect other countries. Now and in the future.



Public bodies must consider these goals when making plans. And big decisions.



Public bodies must include the public in their plans and decisions. So they can do what's best for **everyone**. Including Disabled People..

Use your rights



Public bodies must write a **well-being** plan. And share it with everyone.



The plan should show how **public bodies** will meet their **well-being** goals. Now and in the future.



The **Future Generations Commissioner** can check these plans. And make sure **public bodies** are doing a good job.



You can also check these plans. And see if **public bodies** are considering your needs.



Disabled People's Organisations can work with **public bodies**. And help them to make good decisions for Disabled People.

More information

The **Welsh Government** has a guide to the **Act**:
www.futuregenerations.wales/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/150623-guide-to-the-fg-act-en.pdf

The **Welsh Government** has a guide to the **Act** for young people:
www.futuregenerations.wales/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/160401-wfg-accessible-guide-for-young-people-en.pdf

The **Welsh Government** has an Easy Read guide to the **Act**:
gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-06/easy-read-a-guide-to-the-wellbeing-of-future-generations-act.pdf

Wales and the **Sustainable Development Goals**:
gov.wales/wales-and-the-sustainable-development-goals

Future Generations Commissioner for Wales:

www.futuregenerations.wales

Future Generations Commissioner for Wales -
Journey Checker:

www.futuregenerations.wales/journey-checker-involvement

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