



Political pressure for a Canadians with Disabilities Act

As the Americans with Disabilities Act turns 25 years old, interest is again mounting for a *Canadians with Disabilities Act*. With a federal election scheduled for October 2015, a coalition called Barrier-Free Canada has formed to pursue federal legislation explicitly protecting the rights and interests of people with disabilities in Canada. Despite political promises, to date no progress has been made. The current federal government has been clear that it approaches disability issues in a different way – with specific economic tools aimed at enhancing the financial self-sufficiency of disabled Canadians. And yet the issue persists...

In 2010, the CDPA produced a discussion paper on the history of federal disability legislation in Canada, the role of the federal government in disability issues and programs, the experience of other countries (US, UK and Australia), and the case for and against a federal disability act. It is the single most widely-consulted page on our website, and still contains some ideas that may help to inform this debate.

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