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What is 'Bridging the Gap'?

There are 1 billion people with disabilities in the world.
Many of them live in poorer countries
and they may not get the support they need to have a good life.

For example:

- they may not have a school or a hospital nearby
- they may not have a job or money to buy things they need
- they may be treated badly or unfairly
- they may not have people around them who can understand them and help them.

'Bringing the Gap' is a project that tries to make the lives of people with disabilities in poorer countries better.



The **European Union (see what this is on page 4)** gave the money for this project.
Many world and European organisations work together to make this project happen.



We want to make things better for people with disabilities who live in poorer countries.
For example in South America, in Africa or somewhere else.

So 'Bridging the Gap' is a European project, but it mostly tries to help people with disabilities in poorer countries outside Europe.

The project has two parts.

The first part of the project is called '**Bridging the Gap 1**'.
'Bridging the Gap 1' tries to find ways to make the **Sustainable Development Goals (see what this is on page 4)** happen and help people with disabilities have better lives.
When countries work to make this happen they should always keep in mind the **UN Convention (see what this is on page 4)** and remember to also help people with disabilities.
They should listen to them and their organisations to make things better.

Both the Sustainable Development Goals and the UN Convention are very important for people with disabilities.
If they happen, all people with disabilities in the world will have better lives and same chances as everyone else.

The second part of the project is called '**Bridging the Gap 2**'.
'Bridging the Gap 2' also tries to make things better for people with disabilities in poorer countries.
We try to explain people who take decisions in these countries how important it is to not forget people with disabilities.
We want them to understand the needs of people with disabilities and to work to make things better for them.
For this, people who take decisions should listen to people with disabilities and their organisations.

We ask people who take decisions in these countries to help people with disabilities to have more chances in life.
For example, children with disabilities should have the chance

to go to school and learn new things.
Or people with disabilities who are sick
should have the chance to go the hospital and get well.

We also try to bring together organisations of people with disabilities
and other organisations who also care to make things better
in these countries.

Together we can work better than each of us alone.

We want to see the **UN Convention (see what this is on page 4)** and
the **Sustainable Developments Goals (see what this is on page 4)**
happen in these countries
and help people with disabilities who live there.

We believe that **no one should be left behind.**

If you want to know more about our project
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What is the European Union?

The European Union is a group of 28 countries in Europe that came together to make things better for their people.

What is the UN Convention?

The United Nations is a big world organisation that works for peace and a better world.

In short, we call it 'the UN'.

The UN made a document which says what rights people with disabilities have.

It also says how countries can protect the rights of people with disabilities.

This document is called

'UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities'.

In short, we call it 'the UN Convention'.

Many countries in the world signed the UN Convention and agreed to do what it says to make the lives of people with disabilities better.

The European Union signed the UN Convention too.

That means that the European Union agreed to do what the UN Convention says to make things better for people with disabilities.

What are the Sustainable Development Goals?

Some years ago, countries came together and made an agreement that they will work to make the world better.

They set some goals to make this happen.

We call these goals 'the Sustainable Development Goals'.

For example, they agreed to protect people who are very poor and make things better for them.

They also agreed to try to make peace in the world and to protect the planet.

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