

# Easy read interview



**Make the law work well for people with intellectual disabilities**

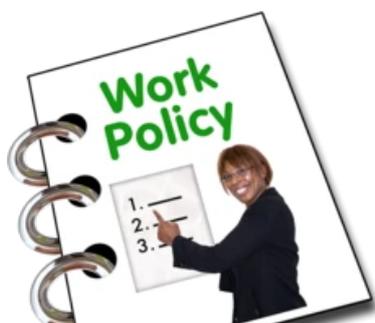
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# Who we are and what we do



We are UN Women. We work for women across the world to make life better and make sure they have rights.



We want to stop violence against women. We are running a campaign called **16 days of activism** to make this happen.

We spoke to an activist called Dewi Tjakrawinata. Dewi works for a foundation called **YAPESDI** in Jakarta, Indonesia.



YAPESDI wants to make sure young people with intellectual disabilities have rights



We asked Dewi some questions about her work. She told us why it is important to keep women with intellectual disabilities safe.

This is called an **interview**.

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## Why is it important to make life fair for women with disabilities?

A young woman with an intellectual disability was raped in Indonesia. She was made pregnant, but the police put her in prison.



This was not her fault. But she said she liked the man who raped her. So, the police said it was her fault. This is wrong.



Women and girls with intellectual disabilities are attacked and forced to have sex more than other women.



This can happen with someone they know and trust. It might happen with someone in their family or by a friend.



A women with intellectual disability might not understand what happened.



The police sometimes don't believe them because they have an intellectual disability. This is wrong.



It means they don't have their rights protected.



### **Why is justice not happening for women with learning disabilities?**



The people in charge of the law sometimes do not understand what people with intellectual disabilities need.



If a woman with intellectual disability is attacked, they don't know who to tell or how to get help. Their families might not know how to help them.



Women with intellectual disabilities are not seen as sexual. This is wrong.



**Complain**

Women with intellectual disabilities need information on how their bodies work and relationships.

They need to know how to tell someone if a bad thing happens to them sexually.



**Rights**

Women with intellectual disabilities can communicate in a different way. Some people see this as the person being less than other people.



For example, people with Down syndrome need speech therapy or they might stop talking. This could make the person more vulnerable.



Where does a woman with intellectual disabilities go if she doesn't speak and she is being made to do sexual things? This is scary.



## **How can we make it easier for women with intellectual disabilities to access justice?**



The law is starting to change. There are groups working to make this happen.



But the people who work in justice and the law also need to change.

Information about the law must be made easy to understand for people with intellectual disabilities.



There might need to be support persons to help people communicate.



## **How do we close the gap in social justice?**



We know there is still a lot of shame for people with intellectual disabilities.



As children they are sent to special schools. This means they don't get the same chances in education.



**Involve**

This makes a gap in society for people with intellectual disabilities. Society needs to do better and treat people with learning disabilities better.



## **Why did you become a disability rights activist?**



I worked with women to protect human rights and keep them safe.



My son was born with Down syndrome. We started a group class for young people with Down syndrome in Indonesia.

The program is called **Let's Speak Up**.



Let's Speak Up brings youth with Down syndrome together to speak out and feel confident.

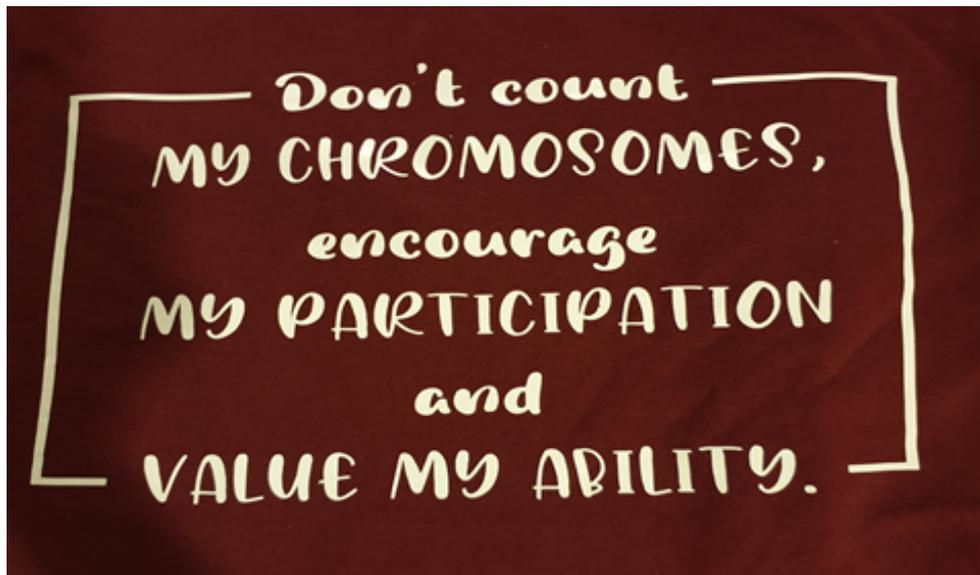


It helps them to

- Build their confidence.
- Understand their rights.
- Be active citizens and take part in society.



My dream is for these young people to speak out for themselves. Their words are powerful.



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