

Human Rights

Rights for People with Disabilities – Track Record & Campaign Promises

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| <p>Supports funding new initiatives around accessibility in Budget 2019. It currently doesn't have a published 2019 platform on the topic.</p> <p>Announced an investment of \$290 million over 6 years, starting in 2018/19, to implement the act and to ensure that the federal government leads in accessibility improvements, and to promote broader inclusion of persons with disabilities beyond the federal jurisdiction. The <i>Toronto Star</i> reported that \$290 million is not nearly enough to remove all the barriers faced by people with disabilities.</p> <p>Promised \$3 million of a \$20 million autism fund budgeted in 2018 will go toward 6 new initiatives to assist people living with autism.</p> | <p>It currently doesn't have a published 2019 platform on the topic.</p> <p>Promised to renew the Ottawa-Carleton Association of Persons with Developmental Disabilities contract, which currently employs 34 workers with disabilities to shred documents for the federal government.</p> | <p>Supports legislation for people with disabilities and has several items in its platform devoted to the issues.</p> <p>Vows to strengthen labour laws and ensure diverse and equitable hiring within the federal public service, and in federally-regulated industries.</p> <p>Upholds the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and will strengthen the Accessibility Act to cover all federal agencies equally, with the power to make and enforce accessibility standards in a timely manner.</p> <p>Will launch a full review of income security programs and expand employment programs to make sure that quality employment opportunities are available to all.</p> <p>Will make Employment Insurance work better by extending sickness benefits to 50 weeks of coverage and creating a pilot project to allow workers with episodic disabilities to access benefits as they need them.</p> | <p>Supports legislation for people with disabilities and has several items in its platform devoted to the issues.</p> <p>Promised to create a Canada Disabilities Act (CDA).</p> <p>Will work with provinces to support a national equipment fund to provide equipment such as wheelchairs and accessibility tools to assist persons with disabilities to fully participate in work and community life.</p> <p>Will institute a basic income for people living with disabilities so that none live in poverty by creating a national Basic Income program for working-age adults with disabilities.</p> <p>Will redesign the Canada Pension Plan Disability Benefit test to incorporate the Disability Tax Credit (DTC) definition of disability and permit employment, rather than use the CPP(D) definition that requires a "severe" disability to be lifelong and to be the cause of any incapacity to pursue any gainful occupation.</p> |