



OAUK & Enabling Network (EN) Celebrate International Day of Persons with Disabilities

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International Day of Persons with Disabilities is an international observance promoted by the United Nations since 1992.

EN have been celebrating this since 2012



EN Disability report 2023 realising the UN theme of sustainable and developmental goals by, for and with persons with disability within OAUK

About Enabling Network



Enabling Network (EN) is part of OAUK and was formed in 2010, to focus on all aspects of disability within the community.

Our Vision



To raise awareness about disabilities, both physical and learning, and create inclusion and integration for those with disabilities within the Oshwal community.

To achieve our vision, our focus is:



- **Awareness** - Continue to raise awareness about disability within the community.
- **Connect** - Connecting with area representatives to further the EN vision.
- **Engage** - Engage with members to enable integration in all events.
- **Support** - Providing support to individuals and their families through various initiatives.

About This Report



The report's objective is to offer an overview of EN's past events and future aspirations pertaining to the sustainable developmental goals proposed by the theme of 2023 International Day of Persons with Disabilities by the United Nations.



There are 6 main aspects that OAWK and EN are working on that form part of the sustainable developmental goals.



This report highlights the significant efforts of the Oshwal Community in fostering a more equitable and just society for all and what we need to do better. The word 'Disability' is used as an encompassing word to mean both physical and learning disabilities in this report.



To help us make this report we got advice from people with disabilities within the community who are members of Enabling Network

Our Accomplishments To Date

Good Health and Well-being



The EN club provides coverage of a wide range of activities, including sports and social events, such as excursions, yoga, dancing, and various sports activities.

Quality Education



The planned initiatives include Science week, a Benefits talk, utilizing Social media and Oshwal news to raise awareness of disabilities, and hosting a talent show and much more.

Infrastructure



We have developed a comprehensive venue audit aimed at promoting accessibility for all forthcoming events.

Climate Action



Raising awareness through activities such as celebrating Earth Day.

Our Accomplishments To Date



Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

Formation of Enabling Network and having it included as a portfolio within the Executive Committee.

Partnership for Goals

Collaboration within OAUK



We have collaborated with the Youth, OBPN, Media, Religious, and Cultural Portfolios to organize and participate in events.

External to OAUK



Engaging with other charities and institutions such as Demand, Rotary Club, Disability Sports Coach, Maxability and others to participate in events, promote OAUK and share our experience and knowledge.

What we need to work on

Good Health and Well-being



Offer diverse workshops: art, dance, inclusive sport & exercise, community involvement.

Explore provision of alternative therapies and specific support groups.

Quality Education



Provide training to volunteers to better support those with disabilities at events.

Host talks or workshops run by those with disabilities or carers on their experiences.

Continue to raise awareness about disabilities through all mediums available.

Infrastructure



Enhance venue accessibility:

- Add yellow/contrast lines on stairs.
- Reserve seats at events.
- Use hearing loops.
- Promote event accessibility checklist.

What we need to work on



Climate Action

Continue to raise awareness through Earth Day and similar initiatives.



Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

Understand Jain principles and its application to disability.

Identify those who have special needs and are role models within the community.

Partnership for goals

Collaboration within OAUK



Consistently work with areas and portfolios.

Introduce a disability champion in each area.

Encourage and support employment and volunteering opportunities within the community.



External to OAUK

Continue to explore working with other institutions.

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Consider joining us as a volunteer, and let's work together to build a community we can all be proud of.



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