

# The general survey of disability rights movement in Taiwan

Taiwan Disabled Woman Equal Right Alliance

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- Experiences :
  - Educating people about thinking of Independent Living and Disability Rights
  - Supporting some administration affairs of NPOs

Thanks for the support of my colleagues and friends

## The CRPD

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- Act to Implement the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities was established in 2014
- Review Meeting of the Initial Report under the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities will be held on 10/30-11/1 in Taiwan

## Modern Disability Rights Movement

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- 1980 Handicapped Citizens Welfare Act
  - "Disability" usually takes with superstition ; Disabled people is regarded as a dependents. So they are cared and hided by families.
- 1987 Martial Law ended

## Modern Disability Rights Movement

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- 1988—1995 Amount of disabled organizations cooperated to advocate
  1. The chance of cooperation—Liberty lottery ticket discontinued publishing ; Application of university entrance exam had disabled restriction ; Ms. Liu Sha was disqualified from campaigned for legislator
  2. 1989 73 NGOs pushed to modified Handicapped Citizens Welfare Act
  3. Union of NGOs—The League for Persons with Disabilities, Parents' Association for Persons with Intellectual Disability....
  - In this period, disabled people and organizations took to the street more often. Participation of disabled people could be seen.

## Modern Disability Rights Movement

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- After 1995 More and more NPOs for disability have been established
 

Most of the time, each one of them took the issue they care, sometimes in alliance. The League for Persons with Disabilities works as a representative of those organizations and advocate with organizations of other area.

  - NPOs has advocated within the system in this period. It had made huge number of laws and services. 1990—2000 was called “Golden decade of social welfare”.
  - Most of NPOs for disability was leaded by parents or professionals.

## Modern Disability Rights Movement

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- 2007—Now Street movement came back ; Younger disabled people came to self-advocate
- 2012— NPOs started to pay attention to women with disabilities and children with disabilities

## The trend of Feminism is rising in Disability area

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- Discussion : Does the policy need to give different supports because of gender? How to measure the different need?
- A research 「The gender analysis exploratory study of welfare services for disabilities 」 was commissioned by Government on September.

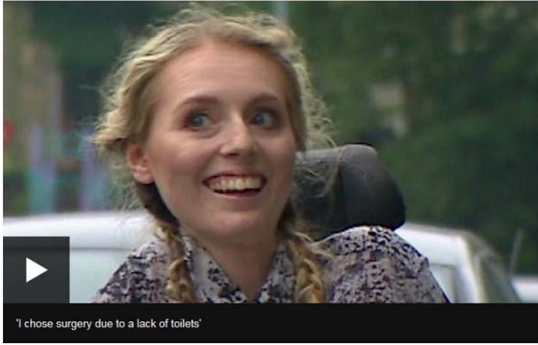
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## 'A lack of toilets led me to choose surgery'

By Hannah Morrison  
BBC Victoria Derbyshire programme

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'I chose surgery due to a lack of toilets'


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Donkeys face 'biggest ever crisis'

- Excerpt :

She needs a hoist to get on to a toilet, and says finding disabled loos that could accommodate her needs became a daily struggle.

"When I first went to university, I would avoid drinking as much as I could, ...." she tells

"I'd need a hoist and plinth to get changed on, and they just weren't [available]."

Two years ago, she took the step of undergoing surgery for which she had no medical need.

She had a suprapubic catheter fitted, so she does not have to get out of her chair to go to the toilet.

She says she knows others who have also had the operation, and it has "completely changed my life".

- "I just got off my chair, crawled along the floor and climbed up on to the able-bodied toilet. I'm often doing that,"
- "There are people out there changing people on toilet floors all day, every day - in towns and cities across the UK. "There are people with very low immunities at risk of catching infections on toilet floors.

- Excerpt :

A survey showed that people with spinal cord injury spent more than 20,000 TWD in toilet in one year each person. Women's expenditure is 10,000 more than men in a year.

Because of the restriction of physiological structure, women prefer to use diaper rather than catheter. It's more expensive choice. But the consideration of living subsidy for disabled people only include the impairment level, without gender. It makes the situation even worse since women already have lower income and lower employment rate.

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## The Initiation of Taiwan Disabled Woman Equal Right Link Alliance

- Sharing problems in daily life—the toilet, menstruation...
- There is no association of/for woman with disabilities
- Things were discovered in preparation period :
  1. Services are not suitable when disabled people play the role as a mom
  2. Although we are the woman with disabilities, the situation of woman with disabilities is still not a familiar issue to us

## The tasks of Taiwan Disabled Woman Equal Right Link Alliance

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- To the women with disabilities
  - Enhance awareness of gender
  - Establish the communication platform
- To the communities
  - Advocate the rights of disabled women

## The tasks of Taiwan Disabled Woman Equal Right Link Alliance

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- To the government
  - To advocate and supervise everything about women with disabilities
- To the world
  - Exchange experiences and new knowing

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