**Disability Equality Scotland**



**Disabled People in Ukraine**



**Easy Read**

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| The blue and white Scottish flag. | Some Scottish organisations and charities are members of the Scottish Independent Living Coalition. They are Disabled People Organisations. |
| **The blue and yellow Ukrainian flag.** | The members of the Scottish Independent Living Coalition are very worried about the war in Ukraine. |
| 4 women looking stressed, worried and concerned. | They want support to make sure that disabled people in Ukraine are not left struggling. |
|  | There are about 3 million disabled people in Ukraine. |
| 3 men sat at a table with their heads in their hands. | Some reports say that many disabled people are finding it hard to leave their homes to find a space place. |
|  | When emergencies happen, disabled people can find it harder than most people to get things like:   * medicines * equipment * access to underground shelters * information that they can access |
| 3 people looking empowered next to a law document saying UN Disability Rights. | There are laws about this.  Article 11 of the United Nations Convention about disabled people’s rights has been agreed by:   * Ukraine * Russia * United Nations |
| A group of men, some of whom have visible disabilities. | It says that there must be equal protection and safety for disabled people, even in an emergency. |
| A thumb up. | The Scottish Independent Living Coalition also wants disabled people in Ukraine to: |
| A woman being care for and bandaged by a first aid worker. | * get every **humanitarian aid**   **Humanitarian aid** means emergency help to stay alive. |
|  | * be safe from violence and abuse |
| An easy read leaflet. | * get accessible information about safety and support |
| A woman with her thumb up next to a list of green ticks. | * have good access to all these things: * water * social support * education * health care * transport * information |
| A smiling woman showing a ticked checklist. | * be counted and checked, and not left behind |
| 5 people working together at a table. | * join in disaster planning by sharing their ideas with the organisations that speak for them |
| Blue speech bubble with red stripes against white at the base. It says European Disability Forum. | This list comes from the European Disability Forum. |
| A group of people standing protectively and supportively with a man in the centre, their arms stretched around him. | The Scottish Independent Living Coalition supports everyone working in the European Network on Independent Living. |
|  | There is a campaign called  Leave No-one Behind.  It asks the countries who take in people escaping war to ask their own disabled people for guidance in welcoming new disabled people. |
| **Blue and yellow Ukraine flag.** | The Scottish Independent Living Coalition stand by the people of Ukraine. |
| A charity collection pot with coins. | If you want to give money to help Ukraine, you can click on the blue link to reach the UK’s Disasters Emergency Committee.  <https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal> |