



# IECSS Youth Advisory

## Can disability be positive?

The [Inclusive Early Childhood Service System \(IECSS\)](#) project is seeking young people to engage in an advisory workshop on children's rights and disability. The purpose of the workshop is to hear from young people about their ideas and perspectives on issues related to their lived experiences using a rights-based approach. In order to ensure that young people with disabilities are heard in decisions and research about them, these perspectives will be incorporated into the preparation of research about disability as experienced by children, the adults who support them and the professionals who work with them. In addition, the advisory group's comments will be shared with governments and civil society.

For more information about the IECSS project visit: <http://inclusiveearlychildhood.ca/>

Using the approach of the [Shaking the Movers](#) annual youth-driven and youth-led workshop, the IECSS youth advisory group will take place in a space designed to enable children and youth to consider the [United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child](#) (UNCRC) and the [UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities](#) (UNCRPD) in the context of their lives.

For more information about Shaking the Movers visit: <https://carleton.ca/landonpearsoncentre/>

### Call Out for Advisors

The IECSS project is currently recruiting young people ages 10-18 living in Canada, who identify as having a disability, as deaf, or as having gifts (consistent with Indigenous worldview). The overarching theme of advisory workshop is 'Can disability be positive?'. The youth-led discussions will focus on children and youth with disabilities and the UNCRC and UNCRPD.

### What Does Participating Entail?

The advisory workshop will be held over two weekend days, October 13-14, 2018 in Ottawa. Participants will be encouraged to openly engage in discussions with other youth. The youth-led discussions will be shared and integrated into a report that will be widely distributed to the IECSS research team, and decision makers concerned with the implementation of children's rights. By participating in this IECSS Advisory Workshop youth views will be shared with numerous children's rights forums, researchers, and decision-makers across Canada over the next year! You must be able to attend the advisory workshop in person on both Saturday and Sunday. Participation is voluntary but we will support participation with travel costs, accommodation and meals during the workshop.

For more information about participation, please email Abneet Atwal ([abneet.atwal@ryerson.ca](mailto:abneet.atwal@ryerson.ca))

**Final Date to register:** Friday September 21, 2018

**Register on EventBrite:** <https://iecssyouthadvisory.eventbrite.ca>

