



The UN CRPD: principles and attributes

EURORDIS- European Conference for Rare Diseases
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EUROPEAN DISABILITY FORUM

- Represents 80 million persons with disabilities in Europe
 - Organisation of persons with disabilities
 - Umbrella organisation with national platforms and European federations
 - Represents the diversity of persons with disabilities
 - Promotes the human rights of persons with disabilities at European Union & international level
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Austrian Disability Council

- EDF Member, EDF Board Member: Christina Wurzinger
- About 80 member associations representing approximately 400.000 persons with disabilities in Austria
- Goals: Political lobby and advocacy organization for the rights of persons with disabilities
- The Secretariat: Administration, Legal department, EU and International Department, Public Relations

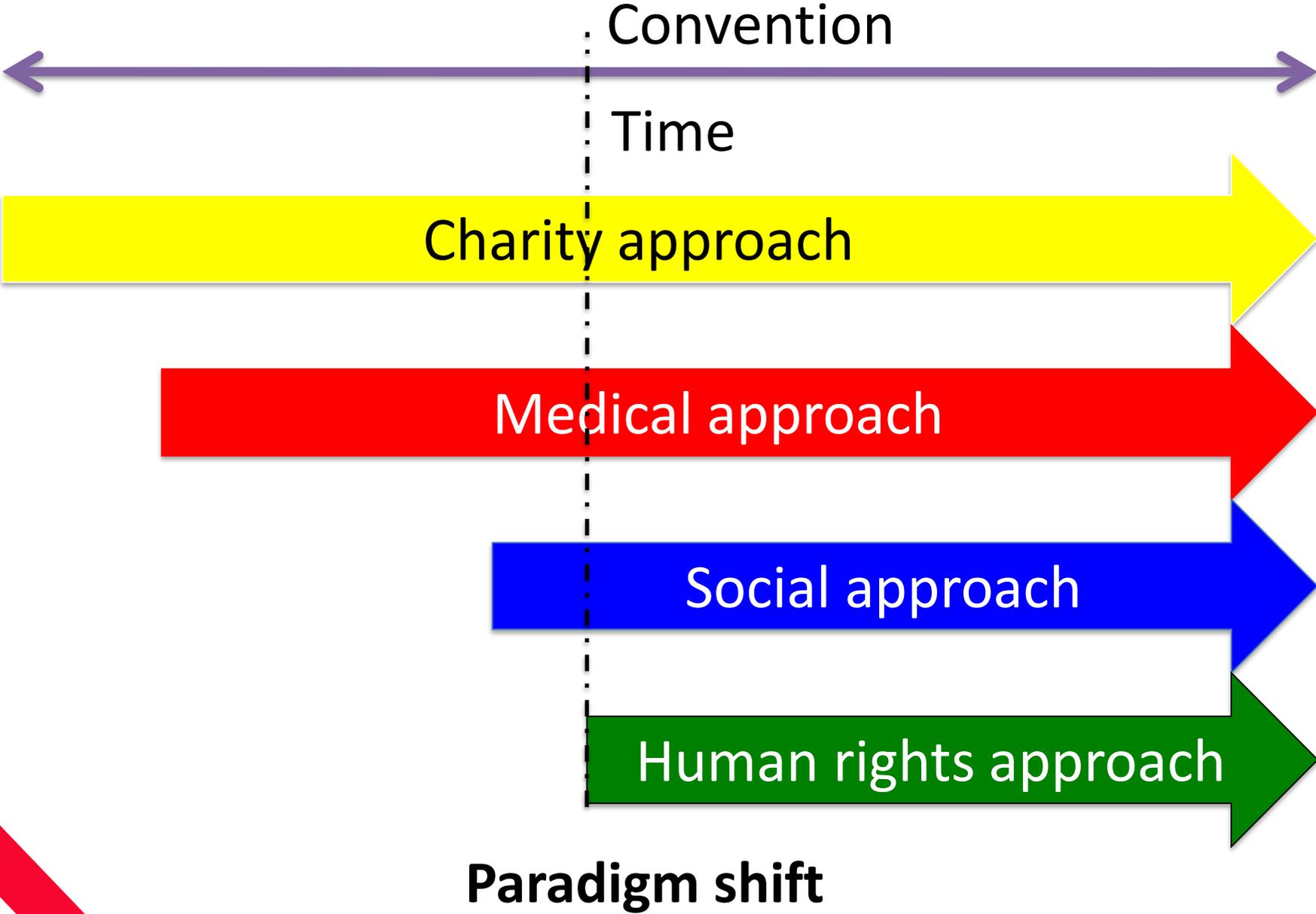
DISABILITY

There is no need to be scared!

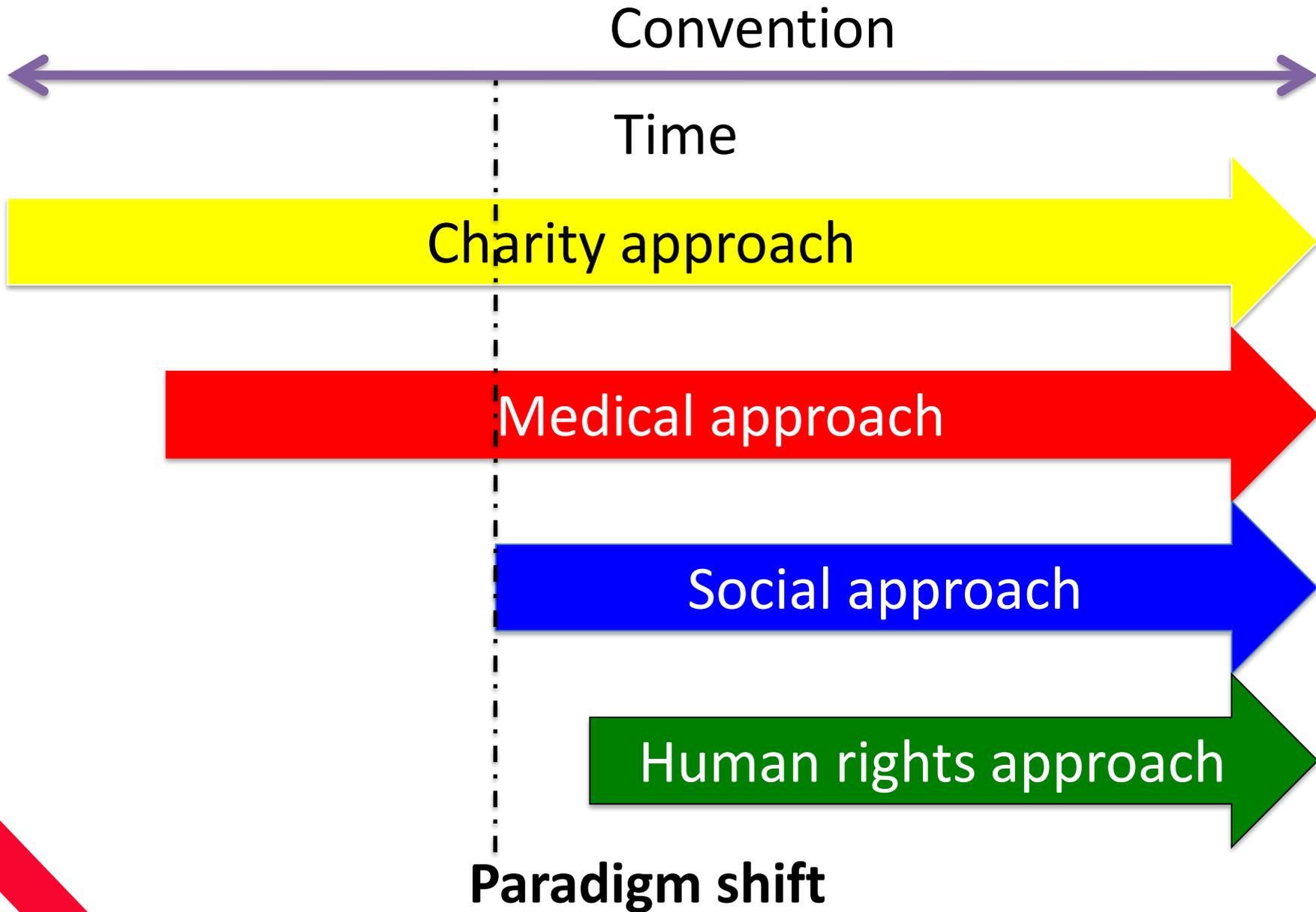
- community with many resources yet to be uncovered by people with rare diseases
- Being a connected and aligned group creates a strong voice for long needed demands



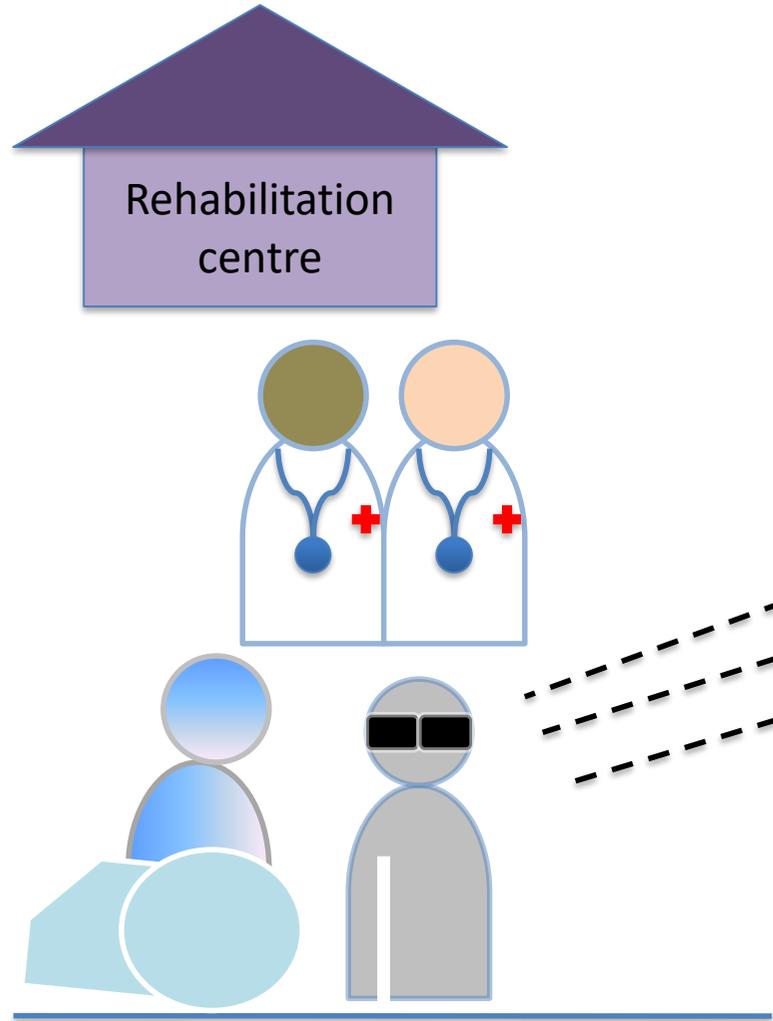
FOUR APPROACHES TO DISABILITY



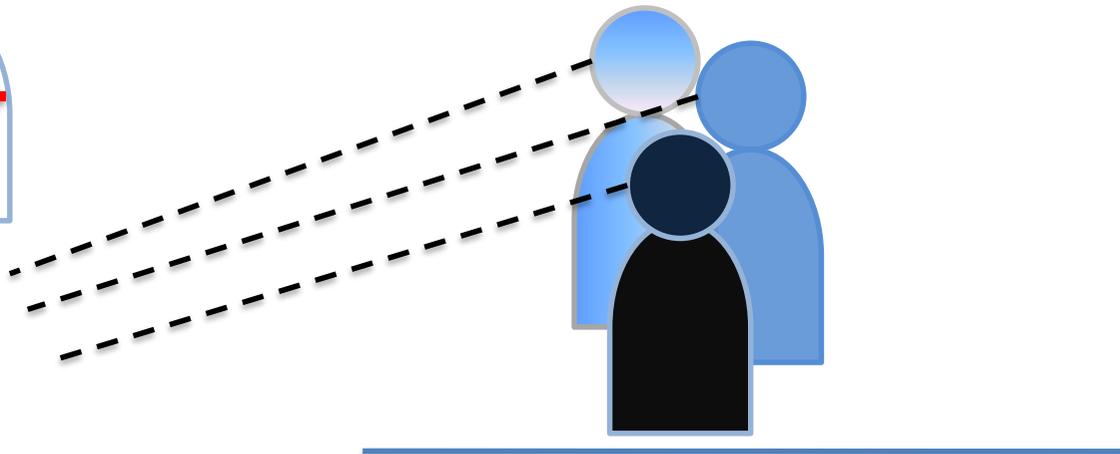
RARE DISEASES?



MEDICAL APPROACH

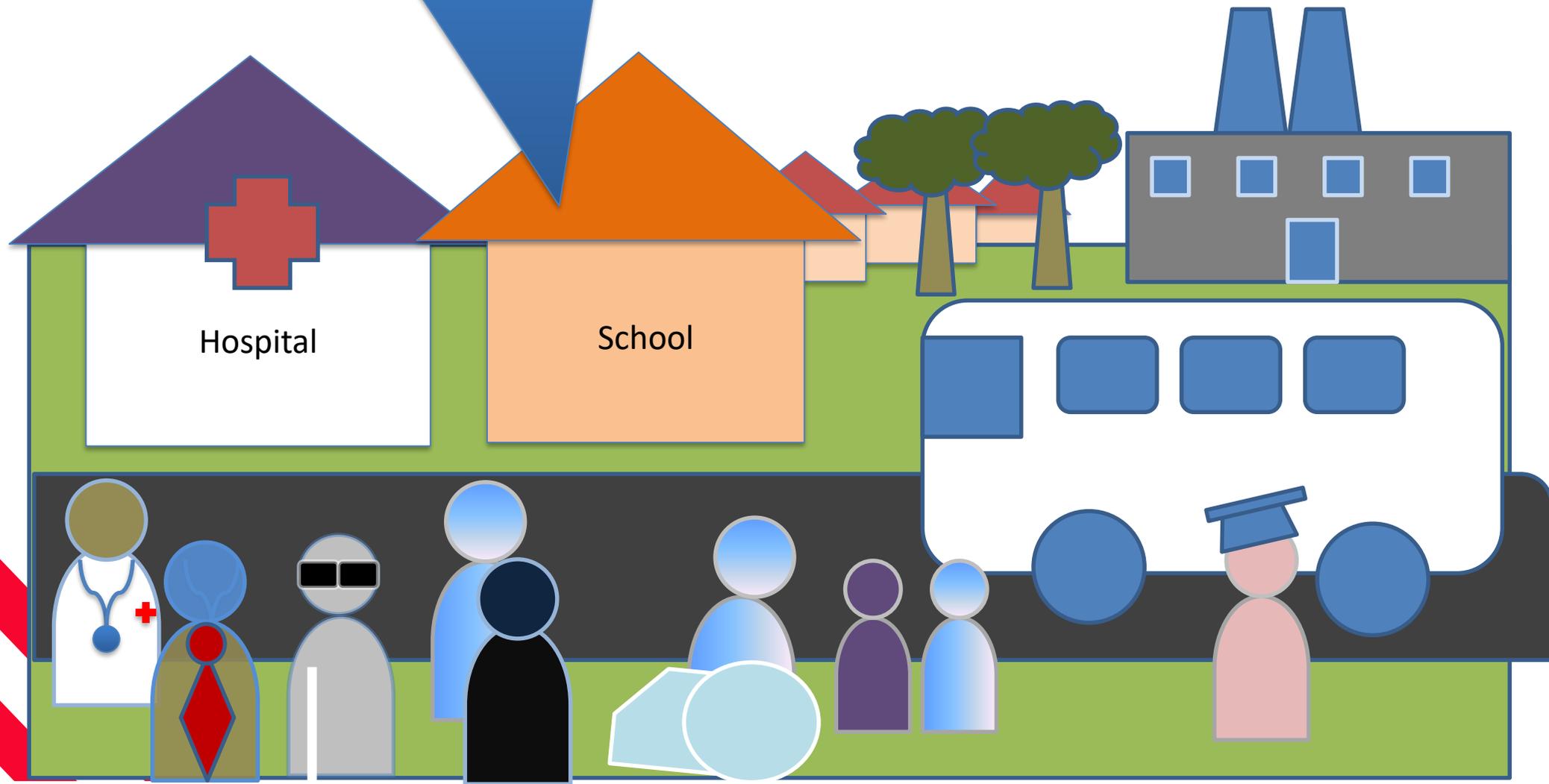


Poor people, we should fix them, so they can participate.



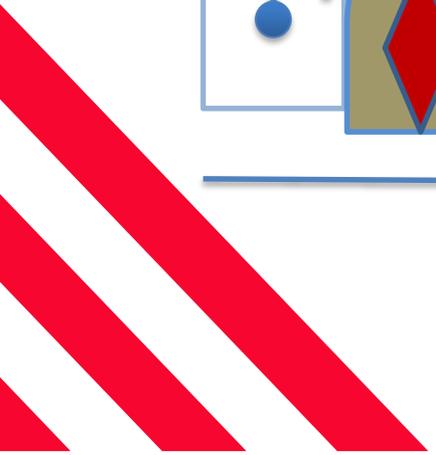
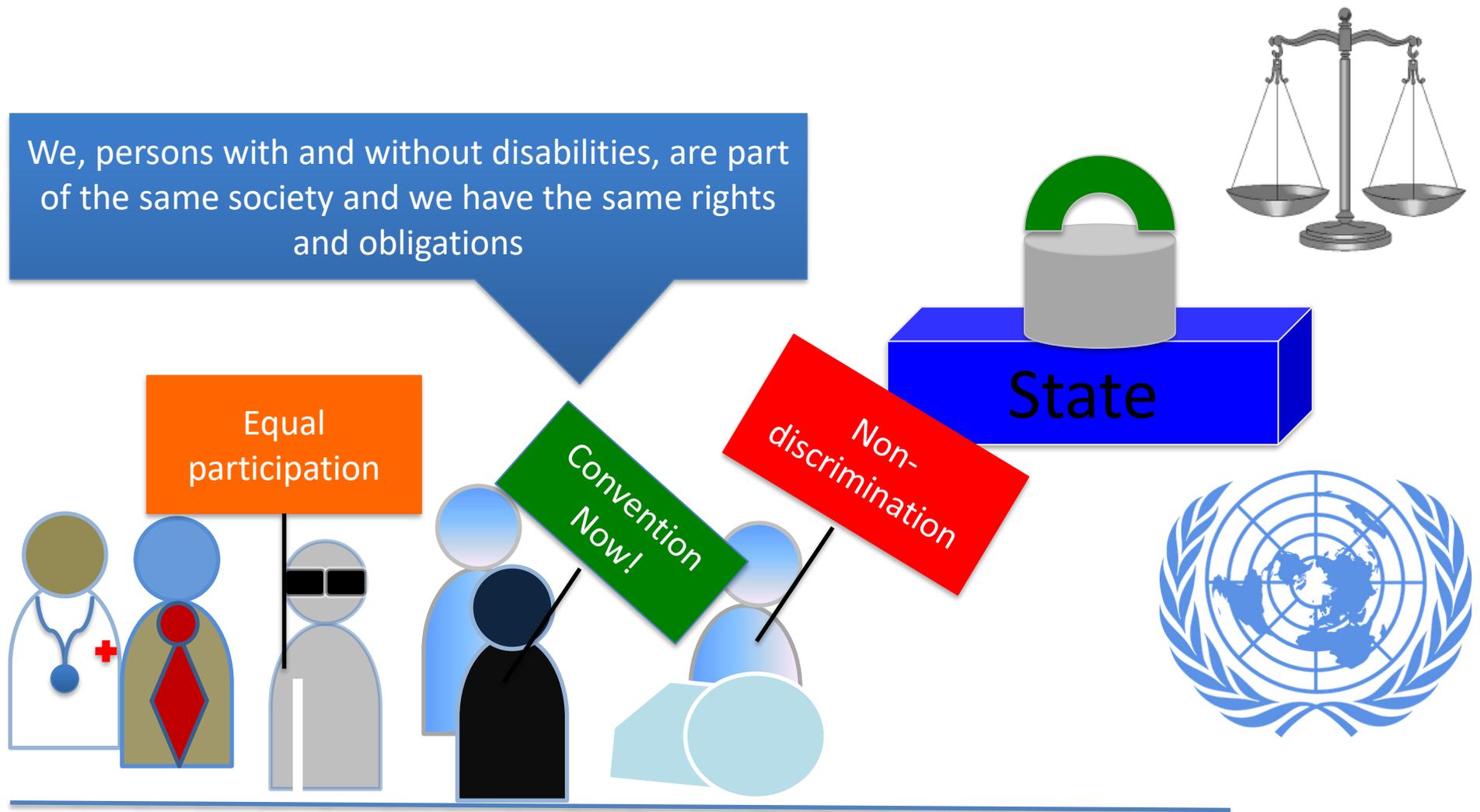
SOCIAL APPROACH

We need to eliminate the barriers to enable the participation of persons with disabilities.



HUMAN RIGHTS APPROACH

We, persons with and without disabilities, are part of the same society and we have the same rights and obligations



UN CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES - HUMAN RIGHTS BASED APPROACH

- The Convention marks a '**paradigm shift**' in attitudes and approaches to persons with disabilities.
 - Persons with disabilities are **not** viewed as "**objects**" of charity, medical treatment and social protection
 - Rather as "**subjects**" with rights, who are capable of claiming those rights and making decisions for their lives based on their free and informed consent as well as being active members of society
 - The Convention gives universal recognition to the dignity of persons with disabilities (entered into force 2008, ratified by 177 states)
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WHAT IS THE UN CRPD?

An internationally agreed document that:

- Recognizes universal human rights standards of persons with disabilities
- Identifies obligations on States to promote and protect human rights
- Sets out national and international monitoring and implementation mechanisms



UN CRPD's HUMAN RIGHTS APPROACH TO DISABILITY

Article 1 UN CRPD:

'Persons with disabilities include those who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments which in interaction with various barriers may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others'



WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE UN CPRD?

Article 1 CRPD

“To promote, protect and ensure the full and equal enjoyment of **all** human rights and fundamental freedoms by **all** persons with disabilities, and to promote respect for their inherent dignity”



PARTICIPATION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

- ‘Nothing about us, without us’
- in all decision-making processes concerning issues relating to persons with disabilities, States Parties shall **closely consult with** and **actively involve persons with disabilities**, including children with disabilities, through their representative organizations (article 4, 3 CRPD)
- Persons with disabilities and their representative organizations, shall be involved and participate fully in the monitoring process (article 33, 3 CRPD)

RESOURCES

UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities:

<http://ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRPD/Pages/ConventionRightsPersonsWithDisabilities.aspx>

OHCHR, FAQ on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with

Disabilities www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Disability/Pages/FAQ.aspx

CRPD Committee webpage:

<http://ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRPD/Pages/CRPDIndex.aspx>

Österreichischer Behindertenrat:

www.behindertenrat.at

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

QUESTIONS and COMMENTS ?

Please feel free to contact EDF



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