

How To Get Involved

If you're passionate about promoting the equal rights of persons with disabilities, we'd like to hear from you!

If you're an employer we can help you ensure that your workplace complies with national and international disability law, and advise on the benefits of managing an accessible and diverse workplace. We can provide training to your existing staff, assess your workplace for accessibility and refer suitably qualified PWD applicants for vacant positions.

If you're a school we can advise on how to include children with disabilities in your mainstream classes, advise on how to make your premises more accessible and train your teachers in how to manage children with different kinds of disability alongside their peers.

If you're a service provider we can provide sensitivity training on dealing with disabled clients and customers, conduct an accessibility audit of your premises and advise on adaptations that can be made. We can organize displays and presentations by our talented Young Voices members, including dance performances, sports demonstrations and musical recitals.

If you're an NGO, charity, non-profit or community leader and you share our goal of creating a more equal and enabling society for PWDs then we can explore the possibility of establishing a mutually beneficial partnership to better enable both of our organizations to achieve our shared vision.

If you're a PWD we can provide you with information, training and advice to support you in living independently and achieving your full potential as an active member of the society in which you live. In return we ask that you participate with us in our advocacy work, pass on your knowledge to others and make sure that the voices of PWDs are heard!

To find out more, contact us using the details on the back page.

About

The **Leonard Cheshire Disability Philippines Foundation, Inc.** is a non-stock, non-profit, non-government organization working with and for people with disabilities in the Philippines. We are dedicated to promoting the rights of disabled people through Inclusive Education, Economic Empowerment, and our advocacy program for young people, Young Voices.

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Who Are We?

The Leonard Cheshire Disability Philippines Foundation, Inc., (LCDPF) is a national disability and development organization operating in Quezon City. It is a non-stock, non-profit, NGO that promotes and protects the welfare of persons with disabilities in the Philippines, working towards the attainment of educational equality, economic independence and their active participation in social, cultural, political and civil life. LCDPF has over 40 years experience working with and advocating for the rights of persons with disabilities and is dedicated to the responsive and appropriate partnership of persons with disabilities.



What Are The Issues?

It is estimated that 10% of the world's population experience some kind of disability – that's around 650 million people. However, despite being such a large minority, they often experience huge disadvantages as a result of the barriers of discrimination and accessibility that they face. The two-way link between poverty and disability is well documented – people who live in poverty are more at risk of acquiring a disability because of poor living and working conditions and a lack of adequate treatments available, while at the same time people with disabilities find it more difficult to lift themselves out of poverty because of the difficulties they face in accessing education, healthcare and employment. In order to make a positive change to this situation it is vital that disability issues are tackled and that the voices of people who have disabilities are heard.

Our Programs

Inclusive Education

Inclusive Education is a learning environment where children with and without disabilities are taught together as equals, and it is recognized to be the most effective way for children with and without disabilities to achieve their full educational and social potential. The LCDPF Inclusive Education Programme (IE) works with schools, community leaders and families to make sure that children with disabilities can access the educational opportunities that are their right.



Economic Empowerment

The LCDPF Economic Empowerment Programme (EE) is a project that seeks to enable PWDs to overcome the barriers they face to achieving economic independence by offering access to job information, training, support and advice services, and by working with employers to educate and to challenge discriminatory attitudes. There are two main strands to the program, which cover employment and business development initiatives.



Young Voices

Young Voices are groups of talented 16 – 25 year old "youths with disabilities" (YWDs) who work to advocate and promote equal rights for the disabled community and to raise awareness of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons With Disabilities (UNCRPD). Young Voices is a global project of Leonard Cheshire Disability and there are Young Voices groups in 19 countries around the world. In the Philippines there are currently active groups in Manila and in Iloilo.



Other Activities

In addition to the core programs, LCDPF engages in other community and advocacy work to provide general support to the disabled community. We also participate in the Cheshire International Internship Placement Scheme (CHIIPS), through which we receive interns from the UK for a six month exchange of information, experiences and ideas.

