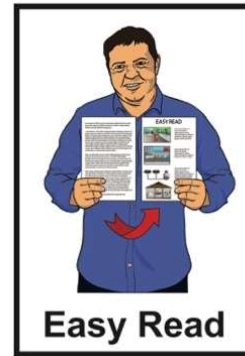
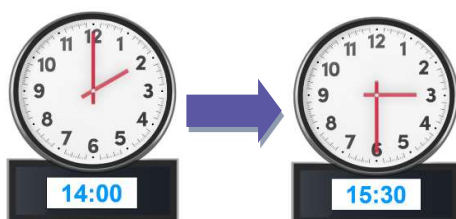


# VALIDITY



## Webinar about the right to vote



Webinar being held

3 October 2023

14:00 to 15:30

# About Validity

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**Validity** is an international organisation that works for people with disabilities.



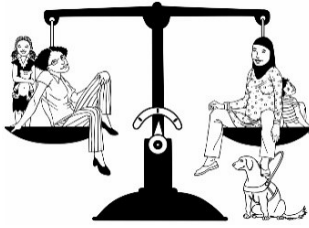
When we say **we** or **our** in this document we are talking about Validity.



Our goal is to stand up for all people to get:

- **equality**
- **inclusion**
- **justice.**





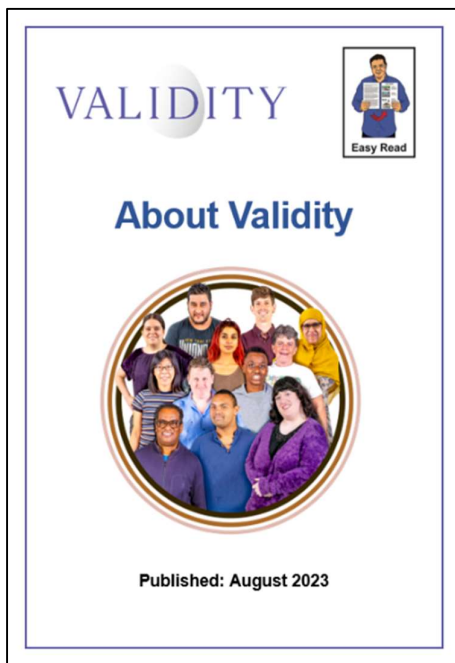
**Equality** means everyone gets the same chances.



**Inclusion** means everyone gets to be part of things.



**Justice** means the law works in a fair way.



There is an Easy Read document with more information called:

### **About Validity**

You can find this document on our **website** at:

**<https://validity.ngo>**

# About this document



This document is about a **webinar** about work we are doing to make sure disabled people get their right to **vote**.



A **webinar** is when people meet up by video on the internet to:

- listen to speakers
- ask questions or say what they think.



**Voting** is when you say who you think should be in charge.

Votes are counted to decide which people should be in charge.

# About the right to vote



In 2024 the **European Union** will hold **elections**.



The **European Union** is a group of countries that have agreed to work together.

In this document we will also call the European Union the **EU**.



There is more Easy Read information about the EU at this **website**:

**[https://european-union.europa.eu/easy-read\\_en](https://european-union.europa.eu/easy-read_en)**



**Elections** are when people vote.

These elections will decide who the **Members of the European Parliament** will be.



**Members of the European Parliament** are the people who decide what the EU does.

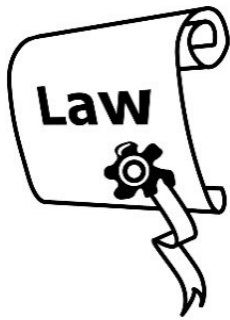


The elections will be in all the 27 countries that are EU members.



Millions of persons with disabilities still have **barriers** to:

- voting
- being part of elections in other ways like signing up as someone to vote for.



**Barriers** make it harder for disabled people to do things.

These barriers can be:

- legal – like laws that stop them voting
- accessibility – like voting places that some disabled people cannot get into.

# What are we doing about the right to vote?



Validity is working with 2 other groups:

- the **European Network on Independent Living** which is an organisation of disabled people.
- **Covington & Burling LLP** which is a law firm.



We are working together to take some EU countries to court.



This is because these countries make it harder for some people with disabilities to vote.



We are looking for disabled people who could not vote for people in charge in the EU or sign up as someone to vote for in EU elections.



Please get in touch if you think you have been **discriminated against** because of your disability.



**Discriminated against** means treated unfairly.

## About the webinar

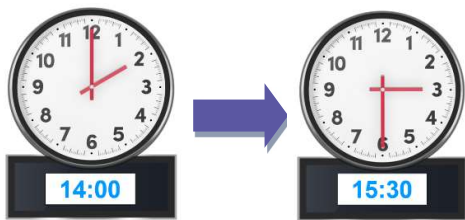


We are having a webinar to tell you what we are doing about the right to vote.



The webinar will take place:

- **3 October 2023**
- from **14:00 to 15:30**
- in Central European Time.



Central European Time is 1 hour ahead of Eastern European Time.



You can sign up for the webinar at:

<https://tinyurl.com/4rxv8mns>



At the webinar there will be speakers who:

- are disabled
- have experience how hard it can be to be part of politics.



There will also be experts in the law.



At the webinar there will be:

- International Sign Language
- captioning in English.



If you need something else to take part you can tell us on the sign up form.

## Get in touch



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You can also find more information about Validity on our website:

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