

International Day for Persons with Disabilities 2009

The International Day of Persons with Disabilities was celebrated on 3 December 2009 by NOWPDP and Children's Museum for Peace & Human Rights (CMPHR) along with other partnering agencies. The event had two main objectives:

- Provide an opportunity for the accomplishments of children with disabilities to be recognized
- Raise awareness to the organizations working on disability

Over 300 students from mainstream and special education schools, and representatives of civil society organizations attended the event titled "Enabling the Differently-Abled."

The event provided a platform for recognition of the strong youth support for the ratification of the UN Convention for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Special awards were distributed among school students for their efforts in collecting 941,924 signatures on a petition to the Government of Pakistan for the ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Moreover, 12 schools were given special awards for collecting more than 25,000 signatures each. One of the key highlights of the event was the speech from the Sindh Minister for Information, Shazia Marri, highlighting the need for moving forward to promote the cause of people with disabilities.