

# HISTORY OF INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

## PRE 19TH CENTURY

No educational provisions for people with disabilities

## 1880'S

Education for vision and hearing impaired children began to emerge

## 1930'S

T4 Action Program (eugenics) in Germany precedes the Holocaust, killing approx 300,000 disabled children and adults

## 1948

Universal Declaration of Human Rights created in response to WW2 atrocities. No immediate improvement for people with disabilities

## 1954

Brown vs Board of Education (USA) challenged racial segregation in schools, paving the way for a challenge to segregation based on disability.

## 1971

PARC vs Pennsylvania Board of Education (USA): judge ruled children with disabilities should not be segregated

## 1975

Education for Handicapped Children Act (USA) provided access to free and appropriate education in least restrictive environment

## 1978

Warnock Report (UK): teacher education programs should include at least one unit on teaching children with disabilities

## 1990

World Declaration on Education for All

## 1994

Salamanca Statement on Special Needs Education (Salamanca Declaration) provided a framework for inclusive education. Govts began to revise their education models but inclusion was not clearly defined and therefore poorly implemented

## 2006

UN Convention for the Rights of People with Disabilities (CRPD) adopted

## 2008

CRPD came into force

## 2018

UN General Comment 4 restates the right to inclusive education and outlines the steps necessary to achieve it, as well as defining practices incompatible with inclusion, e.g. integration and segregation