

A Decade On: Working Together to Revise the WFOT Position Statement on Human Rights

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Introduction: The current WFOT Position Statement on Human Rights (2006) was informed by theoretically derived definitions of occupational deprivation, imbalance, marginalisation, alienation and apartheid. Twelve years later, it is time to revisit the Position Statement, drawing on published refinements to WFOT statement of occupational rights, a theoretical basis for linking occupational rights with occupational justice, and published work on rights and justice from a critical occupational perspective. Illustrations refer to populations at risk, such as refugees and immigrants, asylum seekers, and people in occupational conditions that foster homelessness, physical disability, mental health issues,, incarceration, and more.

Method: We will briefly analyse the framing of occupational injustices and occupational rights issues in the 2006 Position Paper. We will then link Issues of occupational injustice with the inalienable human rights described in current United Nation's (UN) Declarations and Conventions on Human Rights. Proposed revisions for the WFOT Position Statement will draw on updated critical thinking on occupational injustice and justice and humans' fundamental rights to engage in occupations over the lifespan in economic, geographic, political, and social conditions that enable dignity, worth, freedom, meaning, and health for all.

Audience Participation: We welcome audience feedback to refine our ideas for revising the WFOT Position Paper prior to it being forwarded for WFOT approval. This presentation is sponsored by the WFOT International Advisory Committee: Human Rights.