

Abstract

An assessment of the implementation of Article 9 “The right to accessibility” of the
United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Evaluation of the experiences of young adults with physical disabilities
in regard to the accessibility of public facilities in Berlin

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This master thesis examines the implementation of the right to accessibility about public facilities in Berlin for people with physical disabilities. The study analyzes the current legal landscape regarding accessibility in Berlin with a focus on Article 9 "Accessibility" of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Using semi-structured expert interviews, people with disabilities are asked about their experiences with the accessibility of public facilities in Berlin. The focus is primarily on the challenges which the interviewees face. By analyzing the experiences of people with disabilities, using qualitative content analysis, challenges and barriers in the implementation of the right to accessibility are identified. The findings indicate that the right to accessibility is often not successfully implemented. Suggestions for improvement are also addressed and the importance of accessibility as a foundation for mental health and active participation in society is highlighted.