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Gerard Quinn is the father of a daughter with a disability. He co-authored the Quinn/Degener Study in 2002 for the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights that helped initiate the drafting of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

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