

Seminar of the European Coalition for Community Living 2008

12 – 13 September 2008, Oslo (Norway)

Hosted by ULOBA – Cooperative on Personal Assistance, Norway

Living independently and being included: Understanding and implementing the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

DRAFT PROGRAMME

11 September 2008 (Thursday)

- Advisory Council Meeting
- Registration for the Seminar (evening)

12 September 2008 (Friday): *Understanding the Disability Convention*

Chair: Gerard Quinn (Ireland)

Opening Plenary

Welcome words from the organisers (*ECCL/ULOBA*)

Welcome words from the Norwegian Government representative and the counterpart from one of the countries in Central and Eastern Europe (*Minister of Inclusion and Anti-discrimination, Speaker from CEE TBC*)

Objectives of the Seminar (*Donata Vivanti, ECCL Advisory Council/Autism Europe TBC*)

Keynote presentations:

- Added value of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (*Gerard Quinn, National University of Ireland, Galway*)
- Findings of the Deinstitutionalisation and Community Living – Outcomes and Costs Study (DECLOC) (*Jim Mansell, Tizard Centre, University of Kent*)
- Implications of the Disability Convention on the implementation of DECLOC recommendations (*Camilla Parker, OSI Mental Health Initiative/Ines Bulic, ECCL*)

Plenary Session II

ECCL is a Europe-wide initiative working towards the social inclusion of people with disabilities by promoting the provision of comprehensive, quality community-based services as an alternative to institutionalisation. Membership in ECCL is open to organisations and individuals sharing ECCL's vision. ECCL is a project of the **European Network on Independent Living** (ENIL).

Keynote presentations:

- Drafting of a national de-institutionalisation policy: the process, challenges and solutions (*Christian Kielland, Ministry of Labour and Equality Norway TBC*)
- Quality community-based services for people with intellectual disabilities in Norway: presentation of good practice (*Helga Brun, ULOBA*)
- Practicalities of changing from institutional to community-based model in CEE: making it work in practice (*Bojana Rozman, Association for Promoting Inclusion Croatia TBC*)

Parallel workshops

- Workshop 1: Policy making and stakeholder cooperation (*Christian Kielland, Ministry of Labour and Equality Norway/Christy Lynch, Ireland*)
- Workshop 2: Delivering quality services (*Helga Brun, ULOBA Norway/Milena Johnova, Czech Republic TBC*)
- Workshop 3: Managing the transition (*Bojana Rozman, API Croatia TBC/Laura Parker, ARK Bulgaria*)

Plenary session III

Panel debate with all the speakers in the plenary

13 September 2008 (Saturday): Implementing the Disability Convention

Chair: Jim Mansell (United Kingdom)

Plenary session IV

Keynote presentations:

- Facilitating the implementation of the Disability Convention in Europe (*Speaker from the European Commission/European Parliament/Representative of the World Bank, TBC*)
- What potential for change?: implementing Article 19 (*Speaker TBC*)

Closing plenary

Presentation of an Action Plan based on Seminar conclusions (*David Towell, Centre for Inclusive Futures UK*)

Launch of ECCL's Advocacy Manual (*Tina Coldham, Mind UK*)

Closing words from ECCL/ULOBA (*John Evans, ECCL Advisory Council/ULOBA*)