



Call for Participants

International Symposium –
VISION:INCLUSiON

Strategies for a more inclusive
international youth work

21-22 September 2016

Mainz, Germany



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BACKGROUND

How can international youth work (IYW) activities and learning mobility be made accessible for all young people, including those with disabilities? The IJAB project VISION:INKLUSION seeks to answer that question. Representatives of the IYW community, disability community organisations, disability charities, researchers and administrators are working together to design an inclusion strategy for IYW by the end of 2017. In line with the three dimensions of the Index for Inclusion (Booth, T./ Ainscow, M., 2002, 2011), the project has three objectives:

1. **CREATE INCLUSIVE CULTURES:** A shared understanding of inclusion in IYW is developed and an inclusive culture is created within the IYW community.
2. **ESTABLISH INCLUSIVE STRUCTURES:** The national expert debate is strengthened. Fresh ideas and strategies are documented and shared, allowing all actors to build and/or strengthen inclusive structures.
3. **DEVELOP INCLUSIVE PRACTICES:** Actors are empowered to develop inclusive practices for their international youth projects. To this end, tips and methods for the practical implementation of inclusive IYW are identified, consolidated and shared.

The United Nations' Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities calls for an inclusive education system at all levels as well as lifelong learning. International youth work (IYW) is a significant setting for non-formal and informal learning. It's self-organised and voluntary by nature, so it makes a valuable contribution towards strengthening and developing the personalities of all young people. Young people with impairments can benefit from IYW in particular measure.

OBJECTIVES OF THE SYMPOSIUM

- To enrich the development of an inclusion strategy for International Youth Work through international impulses.
- To question the current professional discourse about inclusion from an international perspective.
- To discover and discuss approaches and examples of good practice for an inclusive design and implementation of the UN Disability Rights Convention (UN CRPD) in youth work and non-formal education.
- To provide an opportunity for establishing contacts between dedicated experts and practitioners from different countries.
- To gain new impulses and ideas.

TARGET GROUP

The symposium is aimed at

- Practitioners working in youth services and youth work in Germany and abroad dealing with or having a strong interest in inclusive approaches and international exchange,
- Experts engaged in research, policy and practice related to the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with disabilities or to the inclusive design of non-formal education.

The number of participants is limited to 60.

CONFERENCE LANGUAGES

English, German, Sign language

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 21 September 2016

- 12:00 **Opening, Introductions**
- 13:00 Snack lunch
- 13:45 **Keynote speeches: Inclusion in International Youth Work and Learning Mobility**
I. The international discourse
 Dr. Adina Marina Calafateanu, Center for Sustainable Community Development (Romania), Pool of European Youth Researchers
- II. From a youth-specific view**
 N.N., Service Point Youth Participation (Germany) (to be confirmed)
- 15:00 **International approaches and experiences on the way to an inclusive youth work I**
 Input and discussion in two working groups
- **Laura Heinonen, Youth Co-operation Allianssi (Finland):**
 Equality specialist, organizational development through “Discrimination-free zone campaign” in the youth field
 - **Sonia Holubkova, Land of Harmony (Slovakia):**
 Specialist in social inclusion policies, organizer of a Mixed Ability Festival, international youth projects
- 16:15 Coffee break
- 16:45 **International approaches and experiences on the way to an inclusive youth work II**
- **Agnes Sarolta Fazekas (Hungary), EAIE Access & Diversity Expert Community:**
 Equal access to international mobility in higher education, researcher in the field of (inclusive) social policies
 - **N.N. (Japan) (TBC):** Inclusive approaches in extracurricular youth work in Japan
- 18:00 **Feedback from the working groups, Closing of the day**
- 18:30 Dinner and evening programme

Thursday, 22 September 2016

- 9:00 **Getting started**
- 9:15 **Keynote speech: Inclusion in International Youth Work and Learning Mobility**
III. State of research
 Christian Papadopoulos, Designbar Consulting/ University of Applied Sciences Bremen
- 10:00 **Develop a strategy for inclusive international youth work I**
 Input and discussion in two working groups
- **Inclusive cultures** (Christian Papadopoulos)
 - **Inclusive structures** (Rebecca Daniel, bezev; Stefanie Vogt, TH Köln)

11:00	Coffee break
11:30	Develop a strategy for inclusive international youth work II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusive practices (Elżbieta Kosek, Kreisau-Initiative) • Impact on strategies and policies (Alexander Westheide, Aktion Mensch; Christof Kriege, German National Agency Erasmus+ Youth in Action)
12:30	Lunch
13:30	Impulses for the future
14:30	Summary and Outlook
15:00	End of the conference

VENUE

Hotel INNdependence (barrier-free hotel)

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How to get there: www.inndependence.de/directions.html

TERMS, CONDITIONS AND FEES

Participation is free and covers conference documents, accommodation in a single room and food. Travel costs shall not be reimbursed. In justified cases and only by prior arrangement with the organizers, a grant may be paid towards travel costs for participants coming from abroad.

REGISTRATION

The deadline for registration is **August 20, 2016**. Please use the attached form to register. Note that the number of places is limited. Confirmations will be sent out after the deadline.

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