Listen to us! Include us! Respect us!

Global Disability Summit 2022 Side Event

Easy Read Information

The event will happen on the Thursday 17th February at 6pm CET/ 12 pm EST
Background

Around the world people with intellectual disabilities and their families are left behind.

We are not included in government work and decisions.

During the Corona Virus or COVID 19 pandemic people with intellectual disabilities and their families were affected more than other groups of people.
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People with intellectual disabilities:
- were not given accessible information
- did not get equal health services
- were often lonely and isolated
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People with intellectual disabilities are also excluded from government’s work abroad.

People with intellectual disabilities are excluded from nearly all projects funded through government assistance.

Governments are making commitments at the Global Disability Summit.

People with intellectual disabilities must not be left behind.
Our guidelines are for organizations.

The guidelines will be about how to support people with intellectual disabilities to be included, and take part in the work of organizations.

This work is called - **Listen Include Respect.**
**Background**

**Listen Include Respect** is about making sure people with intellectual disabilities can take part and be included in organizations work.

For example:

- Get information in a way that they understand.

- Can share their ideas, experiences and knowledge with everyone else.

- Are given the time, support and adjustments so they can take part.
The event

We are organizing an on-line event about **Listen Include Respect**.

This event is part of a event called the **Global Disability Summit**.

We will talk about the barriers that organizations of people with intellectual disabilities faced during the COVID 19 pandemic.

We will share work we have done to find out if people with intellectual disabilities and their families were included in development work that governments do abroad.

We will talk about the work we have done on Listen Include Respect and how governments can use the guidelines to better include people.
We will have 6 speakers at the event.

Sue Swenson is the President of Inclusion International. Sue is from the USA. Sue will chair the event.

Chaica Al Qassami is from UAE. Chaica will make some opening comments.

Connie Laurin Bowie is the director of Inclusion International. Connie is from Canada. Connie will talk about work we have done to find out if people with intellectual disabilities and their families were included in development work that governments do abroad.
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Mark Mapemba is the Vice President of Inclusion International. Mark is from Malawi. He will talk about the barriers organizations of people with intellectual disabilities faced in the Corona Virus or COVID 19 Pandemic.

Dominique Kantor is from Argentina. Dominique will talk about Listen Include Respect. She will give recommendations to governments on what they can do to be more inclusive.

Bridget Sneddon is the President of Down Syndrome International. Bridget will close the event and make some final comments.
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The event will happen online on Thursday 17th February at 12pm until 1.15pm Eastern Standard Time. The event will be on Zoom.

It will be co-hosted by Down Syndrome International and Inclusion International.

To join the event you need to register. You can register using this link **Click Here**
Ask a question

Do you want us to ask a question at the event?

Email it to: manel@inclusion-international.org

Thank you