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EDF NEWS

EU COLLOQUIUM ON FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

On 1-2 October, Commission Vice President Timmermans hosted the first EU colloquium on fundamental rights. EDF co signed [a statement from a network of CSOs](#), calling upon the European Institutions and Member States to improve the overall situation of human rights in the EU, and amongst other actions, to do all within their power to ensure swift adoption of the long overdue equal treatment directive.

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EDF REPORTS

VICTIMS OF CRIME IN EUROPE

EDF took part in a roundtable discussion organised by **Victim Support Europe** entitled "Victims of Crime in Europe: A broader NGO Perspective" last week. The roundtable brought a group of representatives from 20 international NGOs together dealing with victims of crime. **EDF** and **Inclusion Europe** presented their most important issues in relation to victims with disabilities, and discussed future opportunities for cooperation with Victim Support Europe.

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ROUNDTABLE DEBATE WITH COMMISSIONER THYSSEN

On 1 October, **EDF** together with **ENIL**, **EUD**, **MHE**, **Inclusion Europe** and other European Civil Society organisations, took part in a **round table with Commissioner Thyssen**. The Commissioner stated that the **Europe 2020 Strategy will include a strong social pillar** and the **target to combat poverty and social exclusion will remain ambitious**. EDF had the chance to remind her that in the revision process, the Commission will have to take into consideration the UN recommendations on the CRPD.

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TRAINING ON DE-INSTITUTIONALISATION

On 2 October, EDF together with the members of the **European Expert Group on transition from institution to community-based care** gave training to Commission's officials on de-institutionalisation. EDF gave a presentation highlighting how to use structural funds and other EU policies and legislation at this aim.

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MEMBERS' NEWS

ENIL'S FREEDOM DRIVE IN BRUSSELS

ENIL's Freedom Drive made a big impression in Brussels last week. Freedom Drivers from all across Europe, joined by EDF staff and many other EDF members marched through Brussels, to the EU institutions and held a very well attended conference at the **European Parliament**, hosted by **Marek Plura MEP** and closed by **Helga**

Stevens MEP. ENIL held their General Assembly, and a conference (with the active Participation of **Richard Howitt MEP**, **Maria Luisa Cabral**, head of the Commissions Disability Unit, and **Helga Stevens MEP**). The freedom drive had an overall focus on the '**Next Generation**'- **Young people with disabilities were present and part of the whole freedom drive**. We hope it will not be the last freedom drive in Brussels! See #EnilFD2015 for photos, quotes etc.

[Visit ENIL's website](#)

CALLS

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A PERSON WITH DYSLEXIA

EDF Secretariat is looking for an English speaking person with dyslexia for a panel of users that will review the accessibility of some websites. The exercise will take just a couple of hours and can be arranged when most convenient for the person. Please contact as soon as possible: alejandro.moledo@edf-feph.org.

REMINDER! PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON EU CITIZENSHIP

The **European Commission** launched a public consultation on EU citizenship, mainly targeting individuals. This is a chance to share your experiences in working, studying or traveling abroad and in having access to vote. Find more information on the [Commission's website](#). The deadline is 7 December 2015.

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REMINDER! DISABILITY RIGHTS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Disability Rights Scholarship Program provides **awards for master's degree study to disability rights advocates, lawyers, and educators** to develop new legislation, jurisprudence, policy, research, and scholarship to harness the innovations and opportunities offered by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). The deadline is 2 November.

[Find out more on Open Society Foundations' website](#)

SAVE THE DATE

13/10: CBM'S CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Some days after the adoption of the UN Sustainable Development Goals, **CBM**, with the support of the European Parliament **Disability intergroup**, will organise on Tuesday 13 October from 15:30 to 16:30 an event entitled "**Dialogues on Sustainable Development: A Disability Inclusive Perspective**". The event will be hosted by **Ádám Kósa**, co-President of the Disability Intergroup. International Sign language and speech-to-text interpretation will be provided.

To register, send your name, surname, date of birth, ID number and nationality to alba.gonzalez@cbm.org.

19/11: INCLUSION EUROPE'S SEMINAR ON DE-INSTITUTIONALISATION

On 19 November, Inclusion Europe will organise an important Policy Seminar at the European Parliament, concentrating on Article 19 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and particularly on the involvement of the community in supporting people with intellectual disabilities to live independently. Hosted by Richard Howitt MEP, the event will discuss using person-centred planning in furthering the deinstitutionalisation process.

[For more information and to register, visit Inclusion Europe's website](#)


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