

# Call for participants

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Towards a more inclusive non-formal education and international youth work

**International symposium**

December 10-11, 2014

Cologne, Germany



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**ijAB**

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## Background

The "Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities" of the United Nations (UN CRPD) guarantees in Article 24 an inclusive education system at all levels.

International youth work is an important place of learning and provides through its inherent characteristics of self-organization and voluntary participation a valuable contribution to the empowerment of young people with or without disability.

How can offers of international youth work and non-formal education be made accessible for all young people? What are the challenges and which approaches can help to make non-formal education and international youth work more inclusive? Since 2011, IJAB - International Youth Service of the Federal Republic of Germany is dealing with these issues – along with many other organizations.

This symposium aims at providing a broader perspective by sharing and discussing the experiences made in different countries on the way to a more inclusive design of non-formal education programs in youth work and cross-border learning opportunities and with the implementation of the UN CRPD.

## Objectives

- International exchange on the current professional discourse and a comprehensive understanding of inclusion
- Exchange on approaches and experiences in the implementation of the UN Disability Rights Convention (UN CRPD) in non-formal education and international youth work
- To gain new impulses and ideas
- To establish contacts between experts and professionals from different countries for future cooperation

## Target group

The symposium is aimed at

- experts and team leaders working in youth services and youth work in Germany and abroad dealing with or having a strong interest in inclusive approaches and international exchange,
- persons 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 40.

## Conference language

English

## Draft programme

### Wednesday, December 10, 2014

- 12:00 Arrival, snack lunch
- 13:00 **Welcome, introductions**
- 13:45 **Keynote: Inclusion and non-formal education**  
Judy Gummich, Diversity-Trainer and -Consultant (to be confirmed)
- 14:45 Coffee break
- 15:15 **Inclusion in the international discourse** (panel discussion)
- 16:15 Break
- 16:30 **International approaches and experiences on the way to an inclusive design of youth work**  
Presentation of three examples and discussion
- Milanka Nolic, Association of Students with Disabilities/ Inclusive Youth Platform of Serbia
  - Elzbieta Kosek, Kreisau-Initiative e.V., Germany/ Poland
  - U.T.A.I.M (Union Tunisienne d'Aide aux Insuffisants Mentaux), Centre El May, Tunisia
- 18:15 Dinner

### Thursday, December 11, 2014

- 9:00 **Getting started**
- 9:15 **Strategies for implementing the UN CRPD in non-formal education**  
Presentation of two international examples
- Joel Arens, Department for Persons with Disabilities, Focal Point, Belgium
  - Martin Sandø, National Board of Social Services Denmark (to be confirmed)
- 10:30 Coffee break
- 11:00 **Analysis and discussion of barriers, needs and current approaches**
- 12:30 Lunch
- 13:30 **Impulses for the future**
- 14:30 **Summary and Outlook**
- 15:00 End of conference

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## Venue

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## 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 **November 20, 2014**. Please use the attached form to register. Note that the number of places is limited. Confirmations will be sent out after the deadline.

Please address any questions to Ulrike Werner, [werner@ijab.de](mailto:werner@ijab.de), +49-(0)228-9506-230.

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