

**International Youth Seminar: All different - All Equal:
YOUNG PEOPLE BREAKING THE BARRIERS OF ABILISM IN EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT
Bulgaria, 25th – 31th August 2007**

The project is initiated by young people with disabilities and will be run by and for young people with disabilities. It aims at organizing a 5 days training course on abilism in education and employment, within which 30 young abilism activists and youth with disabilities from the CEI countries will meet in order to discuss, analyse and develop, implement and multiply assistance tools and associative strategies for equality, participation, inclusive employment and education.

_ *Objectives: * _

- Ø To identify and review specific problems and discriminatory practices that disabled youth face in education and employment;
- Ø To campaign against public attitudes leading to abilism;
- Ø To strive for adequate public policy and service provision;
- Ø To promote Human Rights, Independence , Dignity and Equality;
- Ø To encourage participation and address social barriers to increase the educational and employment opportunities for CEI young people with disabilities;
- Ø To enable participants in the youth seminar to understand and explore the concepts of Human Rights Education, participation and social inclusion as tools to combat abilism and achieve inclusive employment and education;
- Ø To help participants in building their self-confidence and improve competences in addressing disability concerns to the public;
- Ø To build partnerships and motivate participants to take concrete action against discrimination on local, regional, national and international levels;
- Ø To multiply these tools and strategies in local communities and educational institutions, NGOs and in the workplace.

_ *Participants should be: * _

v Primarily young people who work with people with disabilities aged from 18 to 30 who are actively working/volunteering in organizations on issues of disability; activists involved in youth work on disability issues.

v Hard hearing young people

v Youth interested in raising awareness about disability problems and concerns of youth with disabilities in Europe.

v Eager to improve social inclusion of disabled young people and their participation in the society.

v Motivated to multiply skills and knowledge obtained to develop projects on inclusive education and employment in their organisations/communities after the course.

The participant selection process will be based on the above criteria, the application form and recommendation letter from the sending organization/community, considering gender and geographical balance.

_*List of eligible Counties: * _

- Ø Austria
- Ø Albania
- Ø Belarus
- Ø Bosnia
- Ø Bulgaria
- Ø Croatia
- Ø Check Republic
- Ø Hungary
- Ø Italy
- Ø Macedonia
- Ø Moldova
- Ø Montenegro
- Ø Poland
- Ø Romania
- Ø Serbia
- Ø Slovakia
- Ø Slovenia
- Ø Ukraine

Please find below our update concerning financial information of the seminar.

Board and Lodging: 100 % covered by the organizers National transport in BG: 100 % covered by the organizers International Travel: for EU countries: 70 % covered by the organizers, for non-EU countries: 100 % covered by the organizers.

Participation Fees: EU countries: 30 Euro, non-EU countries: 20 Euro.

Please don`t hesitate to ask us should you have any further inquiries.

We look forward to hearing from you.

For more information please contact us at: rccd@rccd.atspace.org

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
08:30–10:00	Breakfast						
Session 1 09:15 - 11:00		Official opening of the Seminar. Introduction of donors and organizers Introduction of participants Getting to know each other	Factors facilitating the development of abilism in society	Presentation and Discussion on The CEI Strategy (the part related to youth and employment) Guest Speaker: An Expert from the CEI WG on YOUTH	Strategies for youth networking for breaking the barriers of abilism in education and employment.	Small group work on drafting joint projects.	Departure of Participants
11:00–11:30	Coffee Break						
Session 2 11:30 - 13:00		Introduction to aims and objectives of the seminar. Presentation of key words and main issues	Addressing public attitudes leading to abilism: what can we do together?	Building partnerships and motivate participants to take concrete action against discrimination on local, regional, national and international level.	How to do successful design and implementation of youth projects promoting active participation of young people with disabilities	Interactive presentation of project ideas.	
13:00–14:30	Lunch						
Session 3 14:30 - 16:00	Arrival of Participants	What are the barriers to disabled youth to their access to education and employment?	Methods for encouraging participation and address social barriers to increase the educational and employment opportunities for young people with disabilities	Free afternoon/ Organized Site Seeing	How to do successful design and implementation of youth projects promoting active participation of young people with disabilities (Continued)	Young people breaking the barriers of abilism in education and employment: Final analyses and recommendations.	
16:00–16:30	Coffee Break						
Session 4 16:30 -18:30		Sharing experiences of discrimination resulting abilism on young people's lives. Methods to tackle abilism. Moderated discussion Reflection groups	Methods for encouraging participation and address social barriers to increase the educational and employment opportunities for young people with disabilities (Continued) Reflection groups	Free afternoon/ Organized Site Seeing	Discussing partnership and drafting joint projects.	Results and Conclusion of the course. Evaluation. Follow up.	
19:00–21:00	Dinner						
Night Session	Welcome Evening	Intercultural Evening	NGO Bazaar	Dinner Out	Free Evening	Award of certificates Farewell Party	