

EPR Annual Conference 2021

Speakers



"Digital is a People Business: Learning from Digital Transformation under COVID"

Liora Gross

Centre for Creative Leadership (CCL)

Global Head, Leading Digital Transformation Practice

Liora leads CCL's Practice in Leading Digital Transformation (LDX). The focus of the LDX Practice is to provide expertise in creating leaders and organisations that embrace opportunities for growth, innovation and digital integration – supporting CCL and clients in their efforts to adopt technology and be digitally fluent. Her work focuses on assisting clients in digital transformation journeys and developing digital leaders, acknowledging that results are achieved only when the leadership and culture of organizations are truly transformed.



"Technological developments shaping the digitalisation of learning, teaching and training: Opportunities and challenges for social services providers"

Prof. Dr. Andreas Schleicher

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

Director for the Directorate of Education and Skills

Andreas Schleicher has worked for over 20 years with ministers and education leaders around the world to improve quality and equity in education. Before joining the OECD, he was Director for Analysis at the International Association for Educational Achievement (IEA). He is the recipient of numerous honours and awards and holds an honorary Professorship at the University of Heidelberg.



"Changing organisations: Fundación ONCE and our plan as an exponential and diverse organisation"

Virginia Carcedo Illera

Fundación ONCE

Deputy Director of Training, Employment and Transformation of Fundación ONCE & Secretary General of Inserta Empleo

Virginia is an expert in diversity management, equality of opportunities, Third Sector and rights of people with disabilities. She has participated as a speaker in numerous conferences, forums, seminars and working groups related to these matters at the national and international level.



Natalie Schürmann

Badiliko Ltd

Founder, Occupational Psychologist, Coach, Facilitator & Speaker - Mental & Emotional Well-being

Natalie Schürmann is the founder of Badiliko, an occupational health and well-being consultancy, which offers coaching and training solutions to promote, balance, well-being and fulfilment. Natalie is an occupational psychologist, a certified leadership & team coach and specialises in health coaching with a focus on mental & emotional well-being.



"The Aspoc College Project"

Prof. Mario Covarrubias

Politecnico di Milano, Italy

Associate Professor at the Department of Mechanical Engineering

Mario has been Research Fellow at the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Politecnico di Milano with a contract on "Analysis, Design and Prototyping of haptic-based systems for motor rehabilitation". His research activity is focused on the use of virtual and augmented reality techniques and technologies. He started a research line related to the design and assessment of Multimodal Devices for Neuro and tele-Rehabilitation.



"Inspiration and good practices from smart assistive LightGuide Augmented Reality work and training stations"

Lieven Bossuyt

Lichtwerk

Head of Lichtwerk

Since 2020 Lieven is head of Lichtwerk, a start-up that implements smart assistive Augmented Reality work and training units in work integration social enterprises, the manufacturing industry and training centers. For 12 years he worked at Sanoma Media and Learning as a publisher and international product manager of e-learning solutions. Previously he worked as a teacher.



"Digitalisation in Social Services: Opportunities, Challenges & the Role of Social Partners"

Alina Pavičevač

Social Employers

Project and Policy Officer

Alina has worked in public relations and intercultural affairs in Germany. Through her work at the Social Employers, she has gained profound experience & knowledge of European social dialogue, social policy and the European social services landscape. Alina holds a master's degree in Transcultural Studies from the University of Bremen.

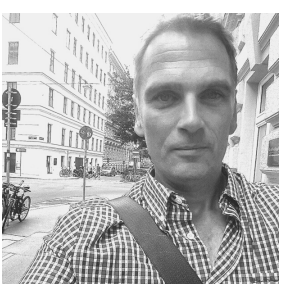


Mathieu de Poorter

UNIPSO

Economic Advisor

Mathieu has a strong experience in advocating for social enterprises and developing dedicated projects from the local to the European and global level. Within UNIPSO, Mathieu is involved in various projects and topics (digitalisation, social dialogue, funding diversification, inclusive investment, EU funding facilitation, etc.) aiming at equipping social providers with the adequate knowledge, skills and funding for better pursuing their social aim for all. Mathieu is also the President of the European council of associations for general interest (CEDAG), member of Social Services Europe (SSE).



"Digital Invitation - Digital Innovation in Vocational Education and Training"

Michael Backhaus

Mariaberg e.V.

Manager of Apprenticeships/Vocational Education and Training and Coordinator of European Projects

Since 2017 he is head of the staff development and career development unit. For 20 years he coordinates EU projects on behalf of Mariaberg and is in charge of vocational education. In earlier years he has led Mariaberg's activities in the field of early childhood education and care, child and youth welfare and strategic enterprise/organisational development. Michael holds a Master in Human Resource Management from the Technical University in Kaiserslautern, Germany, and a BA in Mentoring from the Diakonie University of Applied Sciences in Germany.



"Bridge Academy"

Simon Brown

Sightsavers

Global technical lead for economic empowerment

Simon is Global Technical Lead for economic empowerment at Sightsavers, providing technical direction and capacity building to Sightsavers' disability inclusive economic empowerment programmes in Africa and south Asia. He comes from a mixed private and development sector background, having worked in IT with Barclays Bank and Procter & Gamble for twenty years, before switching to the development sector in the mid-2000s. He is now based in the UK after many years living in mainland Europe and Asia.



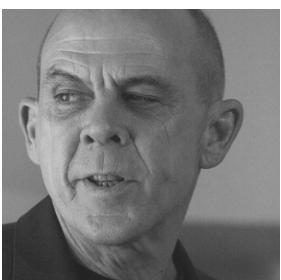
"Accessjobs: making meetings accessible for everyone "

Jesica Rivero

Inserta Innovación – Fundación ONCE

Project Manager

Jesica is a telecommunications engineer. She has a Master's degree in computer science and technology, and a PhD in computer science and technology from the Carlos III University of Madrid. Before joining Inserta Innovación, she worked as Project manager at ILUNION AEP within the R&D department. In this department she has led projects in the areas of augmented information and eHealth for example, monitoring of measurement administration or telecare. Nowadays, she is leading projects focused on improving the daily life of people with disability thanks to the use of technology (Artificial Intelligence, robots, machine learning...)"



"MEDICI PROJECT: Mapping digital inclusion landscape to support Cohesion and Integration "

Dr. Joe Cullen

Tavistock Institute of Human Relations

Scientific Coordinator

Joe, M.A., PhD and Dip. Psych, is a founder and Director of Arcola Research, an independent research consultancy based in London, UK, and Professional Partner, the Tavistock Institute, London UK. He was previously a social sciences academic at the Universities of Cambridge, Loughborough, Leeds, London Metropolitan and the Open University. He has extensive experience in digital inclusion and is the Scientific Co-ordinator for the MEDICI project.



Henriette Hansen

South Denmark European Office

Teamleader & Project manager

Henriette Hansen is the Teamleader & Project Manager at South Denmark European Office based in Belgium. She has previously worked as a Task Manager of Phare Framework Contracts at the European Commission and as a Consultant within HRD, Social affairs, SME development and Regional development. Henriette holds a master of Arts in European Studies, Human Resource Development at Europacollege and a master of Sciences in Business Administration, Human Resources Management and Strategic Planning at Copenhagen Business School.



Pablo Gómez

Fundación INTRAS

Executive manager

Pablo has been working in Fundación INTRAS for more than 20 years, the non-profit organisation support people with mental health problems in recovering their life projects. He is the president of Huscie Europe and worked as Research Deputy Director at ITACYL. Pablo has a degree in International Business at Northumbria University and a PDD in Management at IESE Business School.



Alejandro Moledo

European Disability Forum (EDF)

Head of policy

Alejandro coordinates EDF's advocacy work towards the European Parliament, including supporting its Disability Intergroup. He has previously worked as a communication officer within the parliament of the Valencia Region, as a journalist in digital media and a communication agency in Andorra, and in a public affairs company in Madrid. Alejandro is a member of the Spanish Blind Organisation (ONCE), for which he worked as a journalist and regional representative of young partially sighted people inside the organisation.



Alfonso Lara-Montero

European Social Network (ESN)

Chief Executive

Alfonso oversees the Network's management and strategic direction, leads the policy programme co-financed by the European Commission and the annual European Social Services Conference. He has over 12 years' experience in public policy, has authored and co-authored several publications and is a regular contributor to academic journals, newspapers, and specialist social services magazines. Before joining ESN in 2010, Alfonso worked in project management in the private sector, consultancy and CSR.

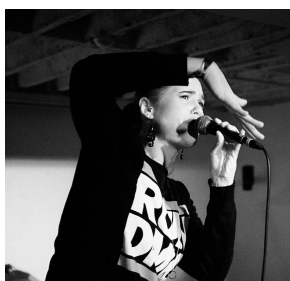


Inmaculada Placencia

European Commission

Senior Expert in Disability and Inclusion at Directorate-General Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

Inmaculada works on European disability policies including the European Disability Strategy 2010-2020, and the EU implementation of the UNCRPD. Inmaculada holds a degree in Physics and Computer Science and worked in research and development before joining The European Commission in 1991. She has worked on research programmes addressing accessibility as well as assistive technologies and was Deputy Head of Unit for various disability-related units in the Commission. Her work in the "e-Inclusion" unit of the Directorate-General for Information Society and Media addressed accessibility policy. While at the Directorate-General for Justice she contributed to disability-related antidiscrimination legislation.



Jessy James LaFleur

Artist

Jessy James LaFleur is a spoken word artist, rapper, activist, workshop host and entrepreneur who's taken a million and one paths around the world over the last 18 years. She has brought her music and poetry to the stage in more than 30 countries and in 3 different languages (German, French, and English).



Marie Dubost
Facilitator

Formerly EPR staffer of 7 years, and EQUASS Manager, Marie has 10+ years of experience working with and for nonprofits and European networks active in advancing inclusive social programmes and fundamental rights for vulnerable groups. She now works as a professional facilitator, supporting those same kinds of organisations in their strategic reinvention, and creating engaging virtual and hybrid events.

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