



BUILDING ACTIVE & INCLUSIVE CITIZENSHIP TOGETHER: SERVICES AND SUPPORT FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES



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PROGRAMME



The Conference will be moderated by **Andreas Onea**, Austrian Paralympic swimmer, television presenter, and keynote speaker.

DAY 1 - Thursday 4th of June

9:00 Registration and welcome refreshments

9:30 Conference Welcome

- **Benoit Labrousse**, CEO, Randstad France
- **Philippe Berranger**, Director of Communication, Advocacy and Association Life, LADAPT
- **Alicia Gómez Campos**, Secretary General, European Platform for Rehabilitation (EPR)
- **Furio Gramatica**, Chairperson, European Platform for Rehabilitation (EPR)

9:45 Making Connections: Introduction to the Day and Interactive Icebreakers

10:00 Setting the Scene: Enhanced European Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Disability

- **Lucie Davoine**, Head of Unit, Disability Unit at the Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission

10:20 Panel Discussion: What Active and Inclusive Citizenship Means for Persons with Disabilities, and the Services Supporting Them

- **Thibaut de Martimprey**, Commissioner for Accessibility and Inclusion of Bourges 2028, European Capital of Culture and Director of the Louise Braille Campus, France
- **Audrey De Oliveira**, Communications and Development Officer, LADAPT, France
- **Elena Redondo**, Head of Projects, Fundación Personas, & Coordinator of the “*Fundación Personas Chair: Discapacidad y Futuro*” at the University of Salamanca, Spain
- **Peter van Bleijswijk**, Process Facilitator for Inclusive Sports, Municipality of Gooise Meren, the Netherlands
- **Video** - Music Without Barriers: Experts with Disabilities Assess Tomorrowland Festival with LADAPT

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 Experts by Lived Experience: Self-Advocacy

- **Clara Martínez - Fortún López**, Expert by Experience, INTRAS Foundation, Spain
- **Jean Fred Agius**, Expert by Experience, Aġenzija Sapport, Malta
- **Claire Ward**, User Forum Facilitator, The Cedar Foundation, Northern Ireland
- **José Arcadio Marín Abdilla**, Mutual Support Technician (TEAM), CEEM and Day Center, SASM Foundation, Spain
- **Hayleigh Keogh**, Rehab Group, Ireland

12:30 Lunch

13:45 Introduction to the Conference Workshops

14.00 Afternoon Workshop Sessions

1. Making Inclusive Preparedness Plans

- **Antoine Verstraete**, Project Manager, Disability Division, French Red Cross, France
- **Leyre Nieva Quesada**, Specialist, Personal Autonomy Department of the Accessibility and Innovation Area, Fundación ONCE, Spain
- **Nökkvi Már Jónsson**, Educational and Social Affairs Director, Municipality of Grindavík, Iceland

2. Services Addressing Intersectionality

- **Dr. Vanessa Lacey**, Director, Gendercare, Ireland
- **Dr. Denise O'Dwyer**, Principal Psychologist, National Learning Network, Rehab Group, Ireland
- **Timo Heiskala**, CEO, Autism Foundation Finland

3. Equal Opportunities in Employment

- **Dr. Brigitte A.G. van Lierop**, Director, Frans Nijhuis Foundation; Director/Partner, DISWORKS, the Netherlands
- **Paal Haavorsen**, Senior Advisor, Work & Inclusion, Norway
- **Jean-Baptiste Thiercelin**, Director of the Training and Disability Department, Kliff by Randstad, France

4. Access to Health as a Foundation for Active Citizenship

- **Markaya Henderson**, Senior Project and Policy Officer, European Disability Forum (EDF), Belgium
- **Dr. Deirdre Connolly**, Professor in Occupational Therapy, Trinity College, Ireland
- **Breda Doherty**, Deputy Head of Employability Services, The Cedar Foundation, Northern Ireland

15:30 *Coffee Break*

16:00 Key Messages from the Workshops

16:20 Day Reflections

16:45 Close of Day 1

Conference Social Programme

18:30 Paris Interactive Walking Tour

20:00 Conference Dinner at [Le Pachyderme](#)

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DAY 2 - Friday 5th of June

09:30 Welcome and Warm-up

09:45 **European Disability Employment Week (EDEW): A Leverage to Raise Awareness and Improve Employment of Persons with Disabilities (featuring interactive activity)**

- **Laure-Anne Denouel**, European and International Affairs Officer, LADAPT
- **Magalie Jarousseau**, Communications Manager, LADAPT

10.30 **Advancing Equal Participation: The Role of Technology for Persons with Disabilities**

- **Alejandro Moledo**, Deputy Director and Head of Policy, European Disability Forum (EDF)
- **Sandra Torres**, International Affairs Director, Marsi Bionics
- **Fanny Cohen**, Director, Handilab
- **Guillaume Trouille**, Executive Director, Simplon Foundation

11:15 *Coffee Break*

11:45 **Interactive Session**

12:45 **Inspirational Speaker**

- **Dr. Shani Dhanda**, Accessibility Specialist and Broadcaster

13:05 **Closing Words**

- **Philippe Berranger**, Director of Communication, Advocacy and Association Life, LADAPT
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13:15 Conference End



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