

Less is more? *Rethinking resources for quality services*

EPR 2019 Annual Conference

Programme

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EPR proudly presents our speakers for the Annual Conference 2019:

Our Master of Ceremonies: Sandra Lizioli



Sandra Lizioli has travelled extensively in her life and career, and describes herself as a colourful concoction of cultures: born Italian-Hungarian, raised in India, educated in the UK. Speaking French and Italian, Sandra has held senior posts for international organisations with responsibility in western and eastern Europe and Asia, thereby bridging diverse regions, cultures and people. Today, she is a Conference Facilitator and Emcee, Speaker Trainer and Coach, helping clients get their message across at events, group workshops and in private sessions. In 2019, she joined the TEDx Flanders team as speaker coach.

As Master of Ceremonies, Sandra's natural empathy with people and engaging personality helps energising the audience, lifting everyone's mood when the energy is low and reducing the tempo when emotions run too high. Some of Sandra's best attributes are focusing the participant's attention and getting them in the right mindset to listen to the speakers, and taking the audience on a journey while ensuring everything runs smoothly and on time. Being the bridge between speakers and their audience is the glue that makes the message stick and conferences memorable.

Speaker: Kristof Das



Kristof Das works at University College-Leuven Limburg (UCCL) as a lecturer-researcher specialized in behavioural problems on one hand and mindsets, motivation on the other hand. Within the idea of inclusion, he is always trying to combine specific insights about subordination and injustice with the principle of universal design for learning (UDL).

Kristof is a lecturer with an advanced bachelor degree in special needs education and has conducted several research projects concerning new authority, behavioural problems, the implementation of a growth mind set within an educational environment, and early school leaving. His first job was teaching in a hospital school within a psychiatric hospital, where he taught young people dealing with problems of drug abuse in combination with another psychiatric diagnosis.

Speaker: Hannalore Taal



Hannalore Taal is a digital health specialist with a Bachelor's degree in Physiotherapy and Master degree in Healthcare Technology. She started her career in healthcare as a physiotherapist, but soon after turned to the digital health domain. She is currently working with the Ministry of Social Affairs of Estonia as a chief e-health specialist and is involved with European cross-border initiatives. She is also contributing to development of digital tools for healthcare in a digital health company named Cognuse. She believes in the power of digitalisation, and is excited about healthcare transformation in the era of an ageing population and lack of resources.

Speaker: Jakob Rosin



Jakob Rosin is a Radio broadcaster, reporter and musician who was born theoretically visually impaired but having less than 0.1% of sight he is practically blind. He has a degree in journalism and works as a journalist at Geenius Media and hosts a morning show on Raadio 2.

He is the Online Campaign Manager and board member at the Estonian Federation for the Blind and is also a campaign volunteer for the European Blind Union. He is also heavily into audio and modern technology and composes music, specialising in using the Komplete Kontrol system.

Panellist: Veronika Kaska



Veronika Kaska is the Head of the Personnel and Administrative Department at Astangu Vocational Rehabilitation Centre. She developed a special interest while working at Astangu VRC in seeing how bringing people together helps in nudging them into networking, sharing best practices and improving the quality culture of organisations.

Veronika has a background in the sector of internal security with work experience at both the Estonian Ministry of the Interior and the Estonian Academy of Security Sciences. She has dealt with a range of issues – citizenship, migration, visa and return policy, managing and planning of EU funds. Her experience ranges from legislative drafting, participating in the EU policy processes, negotiations with third countries to writing studies. She has a BA and MA in law from Tartu University, and a BA in public administration from Tallinn University of Technology.

Panellist: Frank Sioen



Frank Sioen is Advocacy Officer at the European Network on Independent Living (ENIL). He has a Master degree in European politics with a thesis on the evolution of European policy regarding disabled people. Following the Master's he wrote a paper about the impact of the European equal treatment directive on the working conditions of disabled people to obtain a masters in European law. Frank has worked as a volunteer at the Flemish Centre of Expertise on Accessibility where he helped in developing the website www.meermobiel.be. He has also been a volunteer for the GRIP advisory committee on the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Last year he was involved in EPR's Erasmus+ KA3 project the Future You(th) Want.

Panellist: Rait Kuuse



Rait Kuuse has a higher education in social work, a MBA in European studies from the Tartu University and is currently preparing a doctoral thesis at the University of Tallinn on the subject of deinstitutionalisation. Since 1999, he has been working in the public sector of Estonia, starting his career as a probation officer, before moving on to the Ministry of Justice in 2001 to deal with criminal justice reforms with focus on community sanctions and measures. As of spring 2014, he is working as a Deputy Secretary General on social policy in the Estonian Ministry of Social Affairs, and currently holds the position as Chair of the EU Social Protection Committee.

Mr. Kuuse is responsible for the overall coordination and development of social policy of Estonia. He has been responsible for many statewide reforms, like pension reforms, workability reform and preparation of the new framework for long-term care (LTC). He also directed several legislative and administrative changes in the area of social protection, child protection and equality policies, and is responsible for EU funds use in his area of responsibility.

Panellist: Jerónimo Sousa



Jerónimo Sousa is director of CRPG – Centro de Reabilitação Profissional de Gaia, being also responsible for the coordination of R&D on areas such as disability policies, rehabilitation models, training strategies, employment, diversity management and quality. Speaker at scientific conferences and lecturer of some universities, he has authored numerous publications in the field of education, disability and rehabilitation. Over the past years, Jerónimo played a role as researcher and adviser to the Directorate-General of Education of the Portuguese Ministry of Education in the area of inclusive education.

Jerónimo is member of the Commission on the Inclusion Policies for Persons with Disabilities. He was president of EPR, board member of the European Anti-Poverty Network – Portugal (1993 – 1997), president of the Portuguese Federation of Vocational Training Centres for Disabled People (1992 – 1996) and member of the Commission for the Promotion of Human Rights and Equal Opportunities in Education - Portuguese Ministry of Education (1988-1994).