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Editorial



Hello to all Self-Advocates.
We have some interesting news to share with you in this edition of Europe for Us.



Since the last issue, Inclusion Europe has launched a new website. The website is called Choices. You can read more about it in this issue.



You will get to read about the Zero Project.



An article on the Special Olympics will also be in this issue.



You can learn about the Nous Aussi conference which happened in France. Unapei has also started a petition. The petition wants more right for people with disabilities at Disneyland Paris.



If you have stories or videos you want to share please e-mail them to Information@inclusion-europe.org

Best regards,
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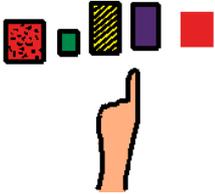
Inclusion Europe's Choices Website



Inclusion Europe has created a new website.

The website is called Choices.

Choices explains how to help people with disabilities make their own decisions.



People with disabilities have the right to make choices for themselves as they know themselves better than other people.



The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (in short UN CRPD) is an important law for people with intellectual disabilities.



It says that people with disabilities should make their own decisions.

The European Union (in short EU) signed the UN CRPD.



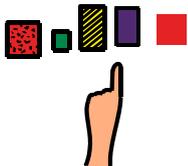
The EU is a group of countries in Europe.

This means that these countries should agree with what the UN CRPD says.



People with disabilities have the right to be self-advocates and have legal capacity.

Self-Advocacy means that people with disabilities stand up for their own rights.

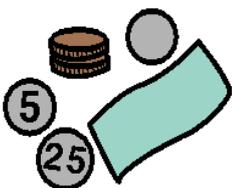


Legal capacity means that people with disabilities are able to make their own choices.



People with disabilities:

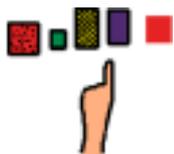
- Have the same rights as other people
- Are experts in their own lives.



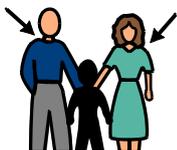
Sometimes, disabled people need support to help them make these choices.

Choices helps people with disabilities in a number of different ways.

Inclusion Europe's Choices Website



Choices will show different ways to help people with disabilities in planning their life.



They do this by making sure that family and friends know what that person wants.

For example, Choices talks about the health passport.

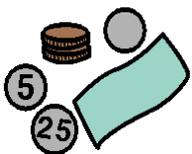


The health passport is a document which tells care workers how to support people with disabilities to make decisions.



All people with disabilities have the right to have a house.

Choices shows how to support people with disabilities to use that right.



People with disabilities have the right to have money.

Choices can help understand how to support people with disabilities in looking after their money.

You can see the Choices website [here](#).

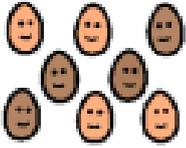
Or you can visit www.right-to-decide.eu.

The Zero Project



Inclusion Europe was selected to be part of Zero Project.

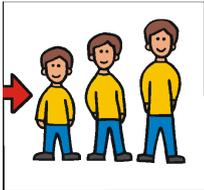
The mission of Zero Project is to find ways to improve the lives of people with disabilities.



Zero Project also wants people with disabilities to be independent.

This year the themes of Zero Project are:

- Independent living
- Being part of politics
- Personal Rights.



It wants all countries to sign
The United Nations Convention on the Rights of
Persons with Disabilities (in short UN CRPD).



The UN CRPD is a very important document for people with disabilities.



Inclusion Europe did a project called Accommodation Diversity for Active Participation in European Elections.

In short we called it ADAP.

ADAP helps make the European Elections more accessible.



ADAP was the project that was chosen by Zero Project.

You can read about this project here:

<http://inclusion-europe.org/en/projects/accessible-elections>



Inclusion Europe also made a guide called Voting for All.

This guide helps make elections more accessible for people with intellectual disabilities.



You can read the guide [here](#).

Special Olympics



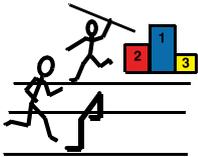
The Special Olympics takes place in lots of different countries.

Special Olympics has changed the lives of lots of people with intellectual disabilities.



The Special Olympics supports people with intellectual disabilities in trying new sports.

It can also help people with intellectual disabilities make friends and meet new people.



It has a programme called the Athlete Leadership Program.

It helps people with intellectual disabilities learn how to teach other people.



It also helps people with disabilities gain confidence.

The founder of Special Olympics is called Eunice Kennedy Shriver.



She thought that children with intellectual disabilities had nowhere to practice sports.

So she let them practice in her own garden.



She did this to see what the children with disabilities could do and not do.

The first Special Olympics took place in 1968.



Around a thousand people with intellectual disabilities took part in the games.

A policeman from USA started a campaign to raise money.



It is called the Torch Run.

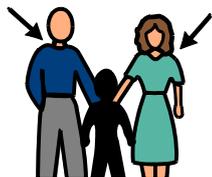
It raises money so people with intellectual disabilities can be in the sports events.

You can read more about the Special Olympics [here](#).

Unapei's campaign against Disneyland Paris



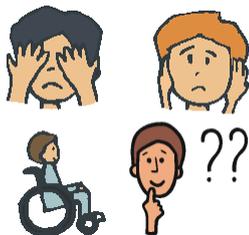
Unapei is an organisation that works for the rights of people with disabilities and their families.



Unapei was created in 1960 by volunteers and parents.

Unapei has started a petition.

The petition wants to stop discrimination against people with disabilities at Disneyland Paris.



Sometimes, people with disabilities are not treated fairly at Disneyland.

Before, families were given the priority pass.



A priority pass means that people with disabilities do not have to wait in line.

Disneyland stopped giving people with disabilities a priority pass.

Now they sometimes have to use the exit to enjoy rides.



They are also sometimes given a token.

A token tells them a time to come back and use the ride.



Each person with a disability has to go on a ride with their helper.

If there is only one helper, the helper has to go with each of them.



A group of people with disabilities came to Disneyland Paris.

They were not allowed to go on the ride together.



Unapei would like families to sign this petition.

Unapei would like people with disabilities to have the right to enjoy the experience at Disneyland Paris.



You can visit the Facebook page for the campaign [here](#).

You can also look at and sign the petition [here](#).

Nous Aussi Self-Advocate conference



Nous Aussi held a conference in France. The conference was in October 2014.

Lots of self-advocates took part in this conference.



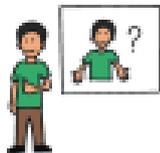
At the conference they talked about 3 very important subjects.

- Violence against people with disabilities.
- Personal life of people with intellectual disabilities.
- Independence of people with intellectual disabilities



Many people at the conference talked about these important subjects.

During the conference, lots of self-advocates talked about their ideas.



Self-advocates talked about their dreams for the future.

Some people with disabilities were treated badly when they were children.

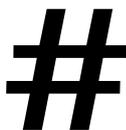


They talked about this with people at the conference.



An important person talked about support if your parents treat you badly.

In France, there is a special number that people with disabilities can call.



They can call this number if they are treated badly because of their disability.



There was a big celebration at the end of the event.

Christmas Message



**Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year
from all at Inclusion Europe!**

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