



Disability Issues

Brief Overview of Service
The National Commission Persons with Disability (the Commission) runs a Disability Issues Programme that consists of talks and courses, which focus on the social aspect of disability and on the way in which disabling barriers are constructed by society.

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DESCRIPTION

What are the aims of the programme?

The aims of the programme are threefold:

- the theoretical aspect: to give participants a theoretical introduction to key issues related to disability;
- the experiential aspect: to provide participants with opportunities to meet disabled individuals and their relatives, to listen to their experiences sympathetically, but critically;
- the attitudinal aspect: to enable participants to confront some of the root causes of the fear and prejudice which individuals and society have for disabled persons and ultimately to develop a personal understanding and a positive image of disabled persons as equal and valuable members of society.

By the end of the sessions participants will understand how disabling barriers constructed by society erode the quality of life of disabled persons. Disabling barriers can be physical or attitudinal created by different sectors of society.

Who leads the sessions?

The coordinator of the Disability Issues Awareness Programme is a disabled person and the majority of speakers are themselves disabled persons, parents of persons with intellectual impairment, or relatives of persons with mental health conditions. These people speak

about their personal, direct experience of disability, focusing on the areas of life that are of most concern to them. Where necessary, professionals are invited to deliver talks or hold workshops together with a disabled person.

Who attends the sessions?

Disability Issues talks and workshops are held for a variety of groups. These include, among other:

- University and college students;
- Schoolchildren;
- Bank employees;
- Local wardens and police officers;
- Teachers, facilitators and catechists;
- Doctors;
- Priests;
- Careworkers and other workers who work with disabled persons.

How long are the sessions?

Each talk or course is tailored for the needs of the organizations requesting training so:

- Talks can be just one-off,
- Integrated within a course
- A full course of fourteen hours or more.

How can I organise a Disability Issues session for my organisation?

Anyone interested in holding Disability Issues sessions for an organisation can write to The Chairman of the Commission with details of the organisation, the target audience, and the desired length of the talks or course.



Oqsma tad-Dizabilità

DESKRIZZJONI

X'inhuma l-għanijiet ta' dan il-programm?

L-għanijiet tal-programm huma tlieta:

- L-aspett teġoretiku: biex il-parteciċipanti jkollhom introduzzjoni tal-punti u prinċipji ewlenin li għandhom x'jaqsmu mad-dizabilità.
- L-aspett tal-esperjenza: il-parteciċipanti jkollhom l-opportunità jiltaqgħu ma' persuni b'dizabilità u l-familjari tagħhom, biex jirriflettu dwar l-esperjenza tagħhom b'mod simpatetiku imma kritiku.
- L-aspett ta' attitudni: il-parteciċipanti jkunu jistgħu jikkonfrontaw uħud mill-kawzi prinċipali tal-preġudizzji u bizgħat li individwi u s-soċjetà għandhom. Dan għandu jwassal biex il-parteciċipanti jharsu lejn il-persuni b'dizabilità bħala membri indaqs u ta' valur fis-soċjetà.

Fit-tmiem ta' dawn is-sessjonijiet, il-parteciċipanti jkunu jistgħu jifhmu kif il-kwalità tal-ħajja tal-persuni b'dizabilità hi mhedda mill-ostakli maħluqa mis-soċjetà. Dawn l-ostakli jistgħu jkunu fiżiċi jew ta' attitudni maħluqa minn setturi differenti tas-soċjetà.

Min imexxi l-laqqgħat?

Il-koordinatur tal-programm Oqsma tad-Dizabilità huwa persuna b'dizabilità, u l-maġġoranza tal-kelliema huma persuni b'dizabilità, ġenituri ta' persuni b'nuqqas intellettuali jew familjari ta' persuni li għandhom kundizzjoni

ta' saħħa mentali. Il-kelliema jaqsmu l-esperjenza personali tagħhom tad-dizabilità, u jiffokkaw fuq l-oqsma tal-ħajja l-aktar importanti għalihom. Fejn meħtieġ, jiġu mistiedna professjonisti biex jitkellmu jew imexxu *workshops* flimkien ma' persuna b'dizabilità.

Min jattendi dawn il-laqqgħat?

Il-laqqgħat ta' Oqsma tad-Dizabilità isiru lil diversi gruppi, fosthom:

- Studenti ta' l-universita u ta' istituzzjonijiet post-sekondarji;
- Tfal ta' l-iskola;
- Impjegati tal-bank;
- Wardens u Pulizija;
- Għalliema, *facilitators* u katekisti;
- Tobba;
- Qassisin;
- *Careworkers* u persuni oħra li jaħdmu ma' persuni b'dizabilità.

Kemm huma twal il-laqqgħat/kors?

Kull laqqgħa jew kors ikun imfassal skond il-bżonnijiet differenti ta' kull organizzazzjoni, u għalhekk jista' jkun:

- Laqqgħa ta' darba,
- Parti minn kors ieħor, jew
- Kors shiħ ta' erbatax-il siegħa jew izjed

Kif nista' norganizza laqqgħa/kors ta' l-Oqsma tad-Dizabilità għall-organizzazzjoni tiegħi?

Kull min hu interessat jorganizza xi laqqgħa jew kors dwar Oqsma tad-Dizabilità jista' jikteb liċ-Chairman tal-Kummissjoni bid-dettalji ta' l-organizzazzjoni tiegħu, lil min hu mmirat il-kors/laqqgħa u t-tul mixtieq.

Is-Servizz fil-Qosor

Il-Kummissjoni Nazzjonali Persuni b'Dizabilità

(il-Kummissjoni)

għandha program ta' għarfien dwar Oqsma tad-Dizabilità li jikkonsisti f'taħdidiet u korsijiet li jiffukaw fuq l-aspett soċjali tad-dizabilità u fuq kif l-ostakli li jiffaċċjaw persuni b'dizabilità huma maħluqa mis-soċjetà.

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