



## Disability Issues

### 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 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 organisations requesting training so:

- Talks can be just one-off

**Brief overview of service**  
The National Commission Persons with Disability (KNPD) 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.

More information:

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- 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 KNPD with details of the organisation, the target audience, and the desired length of the talks or course.



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## Oqsma tad-Diżabilità

### DESKRIZZJONI

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

L-għanijiet ta' dan il-programm huma tlieta:

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

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

#### Min imexxi l-laqqgħat?

Il-koordinatur tal-programm Oqsma tad-Diżabilità huwa persuna b'diżabilità, u l-maġġoranza tal-kelliema huma persuni b'diżabilità, ġenituri ta' persuni b'nuqqas intellettuali jew familjari ta'

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

#### Min jattendi dawn il-laqqgħat?

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

- Studenti tal-Universita u ta' istituzzjonijiet post-sekondarji;
- Tfal tal-iskola;
- Imjegati tal-bank;
- Wardens u Pulizija;
- Għalliema, facilitators u katekisti;
- Tobba;
- Qassisin;
- Careworkers u persuni oħra li jaħdmu ma' persuni b'diżabilità.

#### Kemm huma twal il-laqqgħat/kors?

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

- Laqqgħa ta' darba,
- Parti minn kors ieħor, jew

**Is-servizz fil-qosor**  
Il-Kummissjoni Nazzjonali Persuni b'Diżabilità (KNPD) għandha programm ta' għarfien dwar Oqsma tad-Diżabilità li tikkonsisti f'taħdidiet u korsijiet li jiffukaw fuq l-aspett soċjali tad-diżabilità u fuq kif l-ostakli li jiffaċċjaw persuni b'diżabilità huma maħluqa mis-soċjetà.

Għal iżjed informazzjoni:  
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- Kors sħiħ ta' erbatax-il siegħa jew iżjed

#### Kif nista' norganizza laqqgħa/kors tal-Oqsma tad-Diżabilità għall-organizzazzjoni tiegħi?

Kull min hu interrassat jorganizza xi laqqgħa jew kors dwar Oqsma tad-Diżabilità jista' jikteb liċ-Chairmain tal-KNPD bid-dettalji tal-organizzazzjoni tiegħu, lil min hu mmirat il-kors/laqqgħa u t-tul mixtieq.



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