

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE SALAMANCA - 15 YEARS ON INCLUSION - A SCHOOL FOR ALL



Dublin, Ireland, November 12th – 13th 2009

Conference being organised by EASPD with support from the European Commission, the Council of Europe, the National Federation of Voluntary Bodies in Ireland and other important stakeholders.

The Salamanca Statement was made 15 years ago. This statement is the outcome of the UNESCO Conference on Special Needs Education in 1994 and is an important manifesto for inclusion as a way of achieving high quality education for all.

After all these years, much has been achieved to move the educational policy and practice in a more inclusive direction. Nevertheless, we have a long way to go before reaching a society where equal opportunities are guaranteed for all. **High quality education** is not yet accessible for everyone. The conference will, therefore, explore ways to improve inclusion.



Conference Target Groups:

- Persons with disabilities availing of the education system.
- Politicians and decision makers in the field of education.
- Administrators, principals and staff from mainstream as well as special schools.
- Teachers and staff from the universities.
- Parent and teacher organisations.
- Organisations representing persons with disabilities.
- Student organisations.
- Social and educational service providers.





Conference goals:

- To create a new European Network of all those committed to inclusive education, providing examples of good practice.
- To offer guidance and active help to all parties interested in transforming mainstream schools into schools for all.
- To agree on a Dublin Statement and Action Plan.

Preliminary Conference Programme:

Key speeches will focus on the following topics:

- Models of good practice on how inclusive education can work.
- A family's view on Inclusion and a pupil story.
- The importance of Education for people with disability to succeed in life.
- The Salamanca Declaration of 1994 – a challenge with tremendous consequences.
- UNESCO's work on the road to Inclusion.
- The Council of Europe and the European Union: their view on Fundamental Rights.

Workshops and Panel Discussions will be held covering the challenges and solutions for the future.



Conference Venue: Grand Hotel, Malahide, Dublin, Ireland.

Hotel: Information about hotels will be available on www.fedvol.ie and www.easpd.eu in due time.

Interpretation: EN - FR - DE

Registration: via www.fedvol.ie

EASPD activities: Saturday 14th November 2009

09h 00 – 11h 30 Standing Committees / 12h 00 – 13h 30 Board or G.A. (to be confirmed)

More info on the Salamanca Statement: www.easpd.eu