

Europe for us!

The Newsletter of the European Self-Advocates Movement

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Editorial

I want to thank everybody that came to the conference

Empowerment. Together against discrimination!

They made it a great event!

It was an important event

of the European Year for People with Disabilities.

This newsletter gives more information

about this Year.

You can also read about **Personne D'abord**.

This is a Belgian self-advocacy organisation.

They have positive and negative comments about the Year.

Ulla Topi

President of EPSA



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2003—Year of Disabled People

2003 is the European Year of People with Disabilities.

In this year people with and without disabilities

from all over Europe will fight for

equal rights for disabled people.

One in ten people has a disability.

They want to be part of society.

They want to feel included.

They want to BE included.



The European year of People with Disabilities

is organised by the European Commission

and the European Disability Forum.

The European Commission is the government
of the European Union.

The European Disability Forum is

a European organisation

that defends the rights

of all people with disabilities in Europe.



With support of the
European
Community
Activities in Favour
of Equal
Opportunities for
Persons with
Disabilities

Me, Blue and You



Me, blue and you is an art exhibition.
The exhibition is organized by Inclusion Europe
and its member organizations.
It consists of 50 paintings and drawings
of people with an intellectual disability.

The artists come from 20 different European countries.
Their works have been chosen from
more than 1300 artworks.

The exhibition travels through Europe
in the year 2003.

The exhibition is shown in places
where there are a lot of people.
So many people get to know
the talents of people with an intellectual disability.
This is important in the fight against discrimination
of people with an intellectual disability.
Discrimination is when people are treated badly
because they are different.

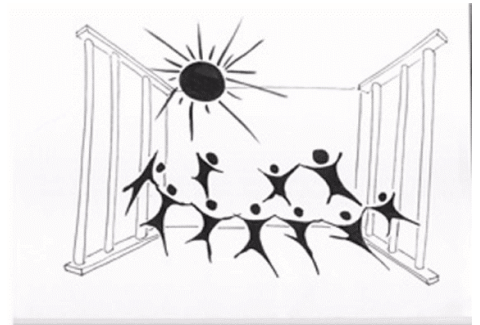
Do you want to support this fight against discrimination?
Are you interested to see the artworks?
Check out the last page of this newsletter.
There you can find out which places the exhibition
still has to visit.

The exhibition is sponsored by ABX Logistics.



Personne d'abord

We are an organisation of people with intellectual disability.
We insist a lot on the fact that we want to be recognised as a person first.
Our organisation, not as many others, is run by people with intellectual disability.
We talk for ourselves.
We say what we want for ourselves.
During our meetings, we talk about problems that we face in daily life.
We often invite politicians, responsible people of institutions and services and give them our opinion.



What do we think about the European Year of People with Disabilities?

It is a good thing that the Year exists.
But is it necessary to draw so much attention to us?
It can bring us something positive.
But we sometimes have the impression not to be involved.
Why is there only one year in which we are supported?
And before?
And after?

The members of Personnes D'Abord of Verviers, Liège and Namur

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The exhibition: when and where?

Greece, Athens	20-31 January 2003
Slovenia, Ljubljana	10-23 February 2003
Germany, Berlin	27 Feb. – 16 March 2003
Sweden, Stockholm	11 – 25 April 2003
Estonia, Tallinn	5 – 16 May 2003
Finland, Helsinki	26 May – 6 June 2003
England, London	16 – 27 June 2003
Scotland, Glasgow	7 – 18 July 2003
France, Béziers	4 – 12 August 2003
Portugal, Lisbon	1 – 12 September 2003
Spain, Madrid	22 Sept – 3 Oct 2003
France, Paris	10 – 24 October 2003
France, Strasbourg	21 – 24 October 2003
Belgium, Brussels	10 Nov—5 Dec 2003
Netherlands, Hoorn	15 – 31 December 2003
Ireland, Dublin	12 – 23 January 2004
Austria, Graz	9 – 20 February 2004



- To get information
- To tell us about news and meetings

Please contact us!

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Meetings—Documents—Websites

There is an official website for the European Year of People with Disabilities.

Here you can find information about the activities that take place in 2003. The address of the website is:

<http://www.eypd2003.org/eypd/index.jsp>

Inclusion Europe has also made a website for the European Year.

This website keeps you informed about the ideas, goals and activities of Inclusion Europe in the European Year of People with Disabilities.

This website contains a part without text and a part in easy-to-read.

The address is:

<http://www.inclusive-europe-2003.org>

