

Inclusion in international voluntary services

The “**UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**” from 2006 declares social participation of persons with a disability/impairment in all areas of life as a human right. According to article 32 (1) a) of the Convention, measures have to be taken in order to ensure that international cooperation - including international development programmes - involves persons with disabilities/impairments and is accessible for them. In line with the UN Convention, international voluntary services have to enable groups of active people as broad as possible in order to encourage an examination of developmental issues and to support their involvement in development cooperation.

The “Centre of Excellence for Inclusion in International Voluntary Services”, located at the organisation *bezev* in Essen, Germany, is offering a comprehensive **training programme**. Based on the various existing experiences of *bezev* on the topic of inclusion in International Voluntary Services, further organisations are trained in order to implement inclusive practices in their voluntary services. The training programme includes the following modules, depending on the preferences of the organisation:

Module I: Introduction

- Awareness-building for diversity, inclusion and disability/impairment
- Addressing the target group in an inclusive way
- Accessible public relations

Module II: Organisational Issues

- Creating inclusive practices
 - Application of volunteers and matching with the place of assignment
 - Organisational preparation and
 - Realization of the stay abroad etc.
- Recommendations on the funding of all processes

Modul III: Pedagogical Issues

- Pedagogical preparation regarding disability/impairment
- Methods for working in an inclusive way
- Inclusive education and mentoring

In case you are interested in receiving this training (or part of it) kindly let us know!

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