



Freedom Drive Newsletter:

5th ENIL Strasbourg Freedom Drive 2011: ENIL will hold its fifth Freedom Drive in Strasbourg on September 14th, 2011. The Freedom Drive has been held every two years since 2003 and provides an opportunity for members of the Independent Living Movement and MEPs to meet for inspiration and the promotion of Independent Living issues. The Freedom Drive has developed into a solidarity event of a few days including the ENIL General Assembly.

Program: Freedom Drive 2011 Events:

September 12 – 18:30-20:30: Strasbourg Independent Living Meeting with local officials and organizations - The cooperative model of personal assistance.

Speakers

18:30-18:50: CIL Strasbourg – Jean Pierre Ringler – Opening - the situation in France.

19:00 – 19:15: Uloba – Vibeke Maroy Melström - The example of PA in Norway

19:25 – 19:55: Jamie Bolling - ENIL, Kerstin Sellin and Birgitta Tullberg - JAG – Swedish PA services and the JAG model

20:05 – 20:20: ENIL and Western Regional Team Coordinator– Peter Lambregths – The situation in the West

Location:

ITI-RI Strasbourg
Bâtiment Le Pangloss
Rue de Rome (opposite Bank BNP Paribas)
67000 Strasbourg

September 13 – 9:00 - 14:30: ENIL Conference on the United Nations CRPD Conference - Implementation and the Monitoring of the UN Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities.

- ENIL members are encouraged to arrange meetings with their national MEPs after the conference!
- More information on the Conference below

Location:

Centre Culturel Marcel Marceau
5 Place Albert Schweitzer
67000 Strasbourg

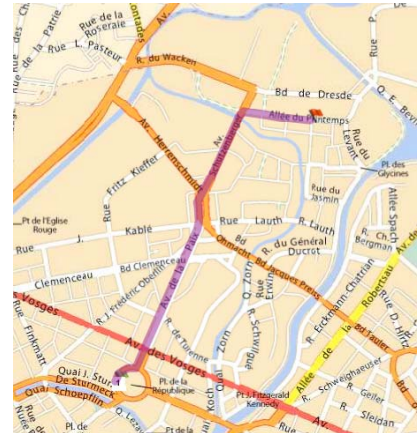


Program: Freedom Drive 2011 Events: Continued

September 14 – The Strasbourg Freedom Drive

- 10:00-11:00:** Freedom Drivers gather at the point of departure – Place de la République, Strasbourg
- 11:00-12:00:** March to the Parliament with the Freedom Drive Demands
- 15:00-18:00:** (location TBC) ENIL GA 2011
- 15:00 – 15:30:** Registration for the GA
- 15:30 – 18:00:** GA
- 18:00-23:00:** Barbecue at Centre Culturel Marcel Marceau 5 Place Albert Schweitzer 67000 Strasbourg

FD 2011 Route



September 15 – 10:30-11:30: Meeting EP Intergroup, MEPs and ENIL

- Location:** Room S1.4 in the Parliament
- Meeting starts at 10:30 so come to the Parliament at 9:00 for entry to the Parliament.
 - Visit www.enil.eu to register

September 15 – 13:00 – 17:00: Meeting ENIL Development and a European Action to meet the disability cuts

- Location:** Association Culturelle du Foyer Protestant du Neudorf
23, rue Lazaret
67100 Strasbourg

ENIL Conference on the United Nations CRPD - Implementation and the Monitoring of the UN Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities.

September 13, 2011

Time: 9:00 – 14:30

Registration: 9:00 – 10:00

Program:

10:00 – 10:30: Opening

President of ENIL - Vibeke Marøy Melström

Strasbourg Mayor – Mayor Roland Ries

FRA Fundamental Rights Agency – Director Morten Kjaerum

10:30 – 12:00: Panel discussion - Implementation of the CRPD:

10:30 – 11:00: Lead speaker - Johan Ten Guezendam (TBC) - Disability

Unit EC – The role of the European Commission and of the EU member states



ENIL Conference on the United Nations CRPD - Continued September 13, 2011

11:00 – 12:00: Panel – Members:

Morten Kjaerum – FRA

Johan Ten Guezendam - EC (TBC)

Gábor Gombos Gomel – Member of the UN CPRD Committee

Freyja Haraldsdottir – CIL Iceland – The UN Convention and the Icelandic constitution

Anna Lawson – Leeds University – The Role of Disability Research

12:00 – 13:00: Break with sandwiches

13:00 – 14:30: - Panel discussion - Monitoring of the CRPD and the cuts?

Kapka Panaytova – ENIL /CIL Sofia - Lead speaker: Indicators

Nadia Hadad – IL Belgium/GRIP - Example from Belgium

Javier Arroyo – ENIL/IL Spain - Example from Spain

Milan Saranovic – IL Montenegro – Coordination of the Shadow Reporting

Sue Bott ENIL/NCIL UK - UK Parliamentary Enquiry and Article 19

Janina Arsenjeva - EDF - Shadow reporting at EU level

Agenda ENIL General Assembly 2011 September 14, 2011

Time: 15:00-18:00

Registration: 15:00 – 15:30

15:30 – 15:40: Opening – Presidential address

15:40 – 15:45: Agreement Agenda and Formalia

15:45 – 15:55: Minutes from GA 2010

15:55 – 16:05: Activity report 2010

16:05 – 16:15: Financial report 2010

16:15 – 16:35: ENIL constitution

16:35 – 16:45: ENIL board election

16:45 – 16:55: ENIL development

16:55 – 17:00: Closure of GA

17:00 – 18:00: Plans for the MEP meetings

CENTER OF OPERATIONS: ENIL will have access to a French number in lieu of headquarters. Phone number will be announced in the August Newsletter.

Phone Number: TBC

MORE INFORMATION

- Visit our **WEBSITE** at www.enil.eu

- Like our **FACEBOOK PAGE:** <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Strasbourg-Freedom-Drive/124127045055>



FREEDOM DRIVE 2011 DEMANDS: NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US

- 1. Independent living central in all relevant EU policies:** ENIL calls on the European Union to continue the process of shifting the disability paradigm from care and welfare to human rights issues, and to ensure that Independent Living as a human rights issue is central in all relevant policies of the European Union. This demand is required by the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, concluded by the EU in 2010. ENIL calls for the European Parliament to require the European Commission to develop and distribute guidelines for disability policy based on the ENIL definitions of Independent Living, Personal Assistance, Universal Community Based Services and De-Institutionalisation.
- 2. Respecting the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities:** ENIL calls for the immediate shift in interpreting the EU law and policy in light of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The Convention provisions on Non-discrimination, Accessibility, the Right to Live in the Community and Personal Mobility must become the minimum benchmark applied by the EU and its agents in all legislative and policy initiatives.
- 3. Inclusion of people with disabilities:** ENIL calls for full inclusion of disabled people through the application of the CRPD principle of Universal Design and therewith the abandonment of special solutions in all areas including education, transport, housing, public services and employment. Special solutions lead to segregation.
- 4. De-institutionalisation – closure of institutions by 2020:** ENIL calls for the European Union to continue to assist the development of universal community-based services to achieve de-institutionalization across Europe before 2020. This through the stipulation of independent living in the EU budget and Structural Funds and with the ear-marking of funding for independent living. No European funding should go into the support of traditional or institutional forms of living for disabled people. If funding is spent in such a way, sanctions must be applied.
- 5. Personal Assistance for all in need:** ENIL calls for the implementation of our human right to personal assistance for Independent Living in all EU member states. The lack of personal assistance constitutes the violation of basic human rights of disabled people.



- 6. Freedom of movement:** ENIL calls for the opportunity to equally enjoy the right to freedom of movement with the portability of personal assistance services. ENIL calls for the adoption of the EU Mobility Act.
- 7. Independent Living in International Development Programs:** ENIL calls for an earmarking of 5% of EU development funding to go to the development of Independent Living programs in developing countries.
- 8. Full ratification and implementation of the UN CRPD:** ENIL calls on the EU to sign and ratify the optional protocol of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and for the European Union to call on its member states for full ratification and implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and of the Optional Protocol.
- 9. Disabled People's Organisations in policy-making:** ENIL reminds the European Union that it is required under Article 4(3) of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, to actively involve the organisations of disabled people and Independent Living organisations at all levels of disability policy-making including planning, producing and implementation.

ENIL'S KEY DEFINITIONS IN THE INDEPENDENT LIVING AREA

These definitions are intended for use in the development of guidelines, policy and legislation at EU level, Member State level and local level. They are to give decision makers clear guidance for the designing and implementation of disability policy. They have been developed to stop manipulation and the use of our language in the production of counter-active policy.

Independent Living (IL):

IL is the daily demonstration of human rights based disability policies. IL is possible through the combination of a set of environmental and individual factors that allow all disabled people to have control over their own lives, with the opportunity to choice and the decision as to where to live, with whom to live and how to live. Access of services should be provided for equal opportunity allowing disabled people chocie in the organisation of daily life. IL requires accessibility of the built environment, accessible transport, availability of technical aids, access to personal assistance and access to community-based services.

Personal Assistance (PA):

PA is a tool for IL. PA is earmarked cash allocations to disabled people for the purpose to pay for the assistance needed. PA should be provided on the basis



of individual needs assessment depending on the life situation of each individual and in consistency with the domestic labour market. Disabled people should have the right to recruit and manage their assistants as well as the choice of the employment model. PA allocations should cover the salaries of personal assistants and other performance costs, such as all contributions due by the employer, administration costs and peer support for the user.

Deinstitutionalisation (DI):

DI is a political and social process, which provides for the shift from institutional care and other isolating and segregating settings to IL. Effective DI is attainable when a person placed in an institution is given the opportunity to become a full citizen and take control of his/her life. This through the provision of: affordable and accessible housing in the community; access to public services; personal assistance; and peer support. DI is to ensure that children are able to grow up in families and that people are not institutionalised.

Universal Community-based Services (CBS):

Universal CBS is both a political and social approach as well as policy measures for making all public services, such as housing, education, transportation, health care and others, available and accessible to disabled people in mainstream settings. Universal CBS mean the provision of appropriate accommodations to ensure that disabled people can access mainstream services and opportunities and live as equal citizens. Universal CBS eliminate the need for parallel services, such as residential institutions, special schools, long-term hospitals for health care, para-transit facilities for transport, sheltered jobs etc.

Adopted at the ENIL board face-to-face meeting in Norway June 2011.

