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Profile

Human Rights Defender - I have been promoting the rights of the disabled since 1993 in Sweden and abroad. Swiss-American-Swede, 55+, mother of two girls, wife, country counsellor with many interests

Work Experience

2009 - present Executive Director - European Network on Independent Living
2008 - 2009 Research Developer - Swedish Disability Federation
2003 - 2008 Evaluator - Swedish Institute for Disability Research
1998 - 2005 International Officer – The Swedish International Aid Association
1975 - 1991 Assistant Accountant - Trading Companies in Geneva Switzerland

Education

- 1973 - 1975 Akron University, Ohio, USA. Languages
1992 - 1998 University of Stockholm, Sweden. Masters Social Anthropology
2001 - 2012 University of Örebro, Sweden. Doctorate Disability Studies (still enrolled)

Appointments

- 2009-2012 Advisory panel member of the European Fundamental Rights Agency
2004 - 2009 Vice President of the Swedish United Nations Association
2002 - 2005 Member of the Board – Swedish platform for Concord
2002 - 2011 Board member Sunnerdahls Disability Fund
1996 - 1998 President of STIL - Stockholm Independent Living
2002 - today Board member Furuboda Folkhigh School

Posts within the Green Party in Sweden

- 2011 - 2105 Member of the County Council – Västernorrland Sweden
2007 - 2009 Member of the Green Party National Board
2006 - 2008 Member of the City council of Härnösand
2005 - 2008 Member of the Social Committee of Härnösand
2002 - 2005 Member of the Social Committee of Stockholm
2002 - 2005 Chair for the Stockholm Green Party

Presentations

- January 23, 2012 – Need for new legislation for Just legislation – Zero Project, Vienna
November 4, 2011 – Disability Services – Conference held by the Galway University
October 26, 2011 – EC Work Forum CRPD – grass roots and monitoring of the CRPD
October 14, 2011 – Independent Living and the Freedom Drive – Valencia
May 5 – 6, 2011 – Personal Assistance in Europe – ENIL International Conference in Rome
February 17, Are we proud? – Speech at the Scottish Independent Living Festival in Glasgow
October 13, 2010 - Personal Assistance in Europe – Conference held by the Irish National Disability Authority – Promoting Independent Living and Community Participation for People with Disabilities: A whole systems approach
August 26 – 27, 2010 – Disability Pact Promotion or Development? – ENIL Northern Regional Conference – IL-movement in Northern Europe
June 3-4, 2010 – What is ENIL?– International Conference held by the Belgium Independent Living Expertise Center – The power of direct payments
June 3-4, 2010 - Independent Living – International Conference held by the Belgium Independent Living Expertise Center – The power of direct payments

Papers

- 2007 Brukarstödscentra – verktyg till empowerment och full delaktighet? (Disability User Support Centers – tool for empowerment and full participation?)
2007 Delaktighet, Diskriminering och demokrati (Participation, discrimination and democracy)