

- Invitation -

**Disability Rights Super Seminar &  
Disability Rights Defenders Network Meeting**

We kindly invite you to the **Disability Rights Super Seminar** and the **Disability Rights Defenders Network Meeting**, organized by the Law Firm Kumpuvuori Ltd in Åbo/Turku, Finland in May, 25th and 26th 2020.

The Disability Rights Super Seminar will take place on Monday 25th May 2020 from 8.30 until 17.30 CET. The morning will be held in Finnish and the afternoon will be carried out in English, chaired by Mr. Paul Lappalainen, Swedish and American Jurist.

The Disability Rights Defenders Network Meeting will take place on Tuesday 26th from 9.00 to 15.00 CET.

Place: Scandic Julia, Eerikinkatu 4, Turku, Finland.

Program:

**Disability Rights Super Seminar, English session on Monday 25th May 2020**

11.45 - 13.15 Lunch + mingle

13.15 - 13.30 The Difference between Having Rights and Realising Rights – Access to Justice

- Mr. [Paul Lappalainen](#)

13.30 - 15.00 Are international disability human rights a vehicle for social change? How?

- Mrs. [Jamie Bolling](#), Executive Director, Independent Living Institute, Sweden
- Mr. [Michael Stein](#), Executive Director, Harvard Law School Project on Disability
- Mr. [Tuomas Tuure](#), Abilis Foundation
- Mrs. [Anne Waldschidt](#), Professor of Disability Studies, University of Cologne

15.00 - 15.20 Break, snacks

15.20 - 16.45 Why litigate disability rights?

- Mr. [Ola Linder](#), Lawyer, Independent Living Institute, Sweden
- Mr. [Adolf Ratzka](#), Pioneer of Disability Rights Movement, Sweden
- Mr. [Gerard Quinn](#), Professor Emeritus in Law, University of Galway
- Mr. [Sid Wolinsky](#) Founder, Disability Rights Advocates, Berkeley, California

16.45 - 17.30 Cocktail and mingle

## **Disability Rights Defenders Network Meeting on Tuesday 26th May 2020**

9.00 Breakfast available

9.30 - 9.45 Opening (tbc)

9.45 - 10.45 Challenges and Possibilities of Disability Rights Litigation in the Nordic Countries - Legal and Disability (NGO) Policy Perspectives

10.45 - 12.00 Round Table on Experiences of Disability Rights Litigation in Different Countries (from Nordic countries etc) - experiences from the participants

12.00 - 13.00 Lunch

13.00 - 15.00 Discussion and follow-up, goodbyes

About the Disability Rights Defenders Network:

**Disability Rights Defenders (DRD)** is a network of individuals and organizations with an interest in disability rights and disability law. The network was established in Stockholm in May 2018 during the ["Law as a Tool" Conference](#) (read the founding report [here](#)).

The purpose of the DRD network is to spread and deepen legal expertise about disability rights among disabled persons, disabled people's organization, lawyers and law schools.

By sharing information, knowledge and resources to defend disabled people's rights the network members empower each other in strategic litigation to combat disability discrimination. The network invites people interested in disability rights to join the [closed facebook-group "Disability Rights Defenders"](#) and to share their experiences, methods and advice. The network welcomes contributions in the form of brief descriptions of legal cases, court decisions, references to legislation, publications, reports as well as announcements of events, learning and funding opportunities. The content shared in the facebook-group is summarized in a newsletter four times a year. You can subscribe to the newsletter [here](#).

The network will convene in Turku to discuss various topics on defending disability rights and how to further develop the DRD Network.

If you have any questions concerning the DRD Network and the meeting please contact [drdn@independentliving.org](mailto:drdn@independentliving.org)

Price:

### **Disability Rights Super Seminar:**

- 248 € Early Bird Ticket, registration no later than 31st of January 2020
- 310 € Standard Ticket, Monday morning and afternoon
- 186 € English Session Ticket, Monday afternoon inc. lunch

### **Disability Rights Defenders Network Meeting**

- **For free**
- Sponsored by Coloplast Ltd.

Registration:

- Until **Monday 11th May 2020** the latest by writing an email to [superseminaari@kumpuvuori.fi](mailto:superseminaari@kumpuvuori.fi)
- Please send the following information:
  - Name and organization
  - Billing address
  - Special diets
  - Are you accompanied by personal assistant / speech-to-text interpreter / sign language interpreter? (we need the information for catering purposes, no fee for such persons for those in need of such)
  - Any special requirements
  - Do you participate in the Disability Rights Super Seminar on Monday 25th May 2020, the whole day or only in the afternoon?
  - Do you participate in the Disability Rights Defenders Network Meeting on Tuesday 26 May 2020?

You can also find all the information and the program [here](#). Further, you are welcome to join the facebook events on the [Disability Rights Super Seminar](#) and the [Disability Rights Defenders Network Meeting](#).

We invite disabled people, DPOs, lawyers, law professors, law students and everyone interested in disability rights to join the Disability Rights Super Seminar and the Disability Rights Defenders Network Meeting.

We are looking forward to your participation and contribution. You are welcome to share this invitation with other interested people!

Kind regards,  
DRD Team

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