

World Congress Accessibility Sub-Committee

How to Apply

What is this document about?

This is a document that explains what the Accessibility Sub-Committee is.

They are a group that will help plan the World Congress.

This document explains things like:

- Who we want to join the group
- What type of work the group does together
- How to apply to be in the group

It helps everyone who is in the group understand what to expect.

What is this work about?

The World Congress Accessibility Reference Group is a group that gives advice about inclusive conferences.

They will help make sure that Inclusion International's 2025 World Congress is accessible to everyone.

The World Congress is Inclusion International's big conference that happens every 4 years.

Self-advocates, families, and organisations from around the world come to the World Congress.

What will the group do?

The group will work together to:

- Think about things that make big conferences inaccessible

- Make plans for how Inclusion International's World Congress can be accessible to everyone
- Make sure that any information about the World Congress is easy to understand
- Give advice to the Logistics Committee and the Programme Committee about accessibility

The group will work in English.

Who are we looking for to be part of this group?

We are looking for self-advocates who have been involved in a conference before.

So everyone can be a part of the conference and feel included.

We are looking for 3 self-advocates who have an intellectual disability to do this work.

We are looking for self-advocates who:

- Have been part of a big conference before
- Are willing to look at things like the program and make sure it is easy to understand
- Are comfortable giving advice
- Speak English

How will the group work together?

- The group will meet about once per month, starting in March. They will meet every month until September.
- There might be some work to prepare for meetings, like reading information.

- Any accommodations will be provided to make sure you can take part.
- Each meeting will last 1 hour.
- All of the meetings will happen in a way that is easy to understand. The group will speak in plain language during the meetings.

Why should I take part?

Self-advocates might want to be part of this work because:

- It is important that everyone is always included and feels welcomed in our work.
- We all know what it feels like when we go to a conference and we are not included - like if we can't understand and read a program

- We can help make sure it is a great conference where people will feel included and tell others about the wonderful time they had.
- You may want to teach others how to do this for the conferences they have.

This group is made up of volunteers.

This means that you would not be paid to do this work.

What should I do if I want to join the group?

To apply to be part of this group, please send us a video explaining:

1. Why you would like to be part of this work
2. How you have all the things we are looking for
3. A time you went to a conference, and what you wish was different

The video should be less than 10 minutes long.

You can send your video to Kimber and Tia from Inclusion International:

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You can also contact Kimber and Tia if you have more questions.

You must submit your video by March 19th.