



Inclusion International is launching a new global network for survivors of institutions.

This will be called the Survivors Network.



What is an institution?

An institution is any place where people with disabilities are separated from the community.

It is any place in which people do not have control over their lives and the day-to-day decisions like who cares for them and what they do with their time.



When people live in institutions their rights are not respected.



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An institution can be large when many people live together in the same place. Or small with only a few people.

Institutions can have many different names, a few examples of names might be:

- Long stay hospital
- Nursing home
- Protected living centre



Who is a survivor?

Survivors of institutions are people who have lived in institutions and have left and now live in the community.

Or people who still live in institutions but are trying to leave.



Inclusion International wants to help people who live in institutions to move out and get good support to live and be included in their communities instead.



This is called **deinstitutionalisation**.



You can find some videos about deinstitutionalisation made by self advocates [here](#).



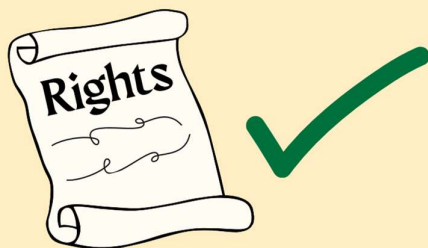
There is a lot of work happening on deinstitutionalisation around the world.

It is important that survivors share their lived experience of deinstitutionalization and their ideas to make sure work on deinstitutionalisation is good.

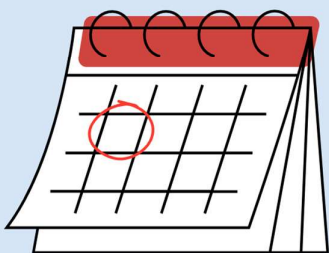


The survivors network will:

- Exchange experiences between countries
- Raise awareness about why institutions are wrong
- Talk about how to help people who want to leave institutions



The big goal of the network is to support people with intellectual disabilities live in the community and have their rights respected.



The first meeting will be on **Tuesday 12 November 2024** at **7am** (UK time).

[You can check the time for you here.](#)



We think it is a good idea that survivors bring someone that they trust and who gives them good support to Survivors Network meetings.

If you want to be a part of the Survivors Network you can register for the [meeting by clicking this link.](#)



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