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International Day of Persons with Disabilities

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Support IF in raising awareness on the rights of persons with disabilities!

WHAT DOES THIS TOOLKIT CONTAIN?

- Description of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- Key messages to share on your social media channels on the International Days for Persons with Disabilities
- Key infographics to share on your social media channels on the International Days for Persons with Disabilities
- Key links to resources, posters, hashtags and visual materials to share through your social media channels



International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD)

On 3 December, the International Federation for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus (IF) will **celebrate the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD)**.

The United Nations General Assembly declared this day in 1992 (by resolution 47/3) with the goal to promote the rights and well-being of people with disabilities in all aspects of society and development, as well as to raise awareness about their position in political, social, economic, and cultural life.

IF advocates for the rights of persons with disabilities. IF takes this day as an opportunity to support the European Union and **raise awareness on Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus (SBH)**, which is a complex physical condition that touches many aspects of the persons affected by it.

Promoting disability inclusion and amplifying the voices of those with lived experience can empower the SBH community to move forward and be heard.



International
Day of
**Persons with
Disabilities**
3 DECEMBER

Source: <https://www.un.org/en/observances/day-of-persons-with-disabilities>

Some facts

- Of the one billion population of persons with disabilities, 80% live in developing countries.
- An estimated 46% of older people aged 60 years and over are people with disabilities.
- One in every five women is likely to experience disability in her life, while one in every ten children is a child with a disability.
- Persons with disabilities in the world are among the hardest hit by COVID-19.



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Building Bridges: How Service Clubs Can Drive Change for Persons with Disabilities

Webinar | 3 December | 2PM CET

Service clubs like Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis, and others have a long and proud history of driving impactful community projects worldwide. Their networks, resources, and commitment to service uniquely position them to support vulnerable populations, including people affected by Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus (SBH), conditions that often require specialised care, mobility support, and inclusive social services.

Join the webinar to learn more on how Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis, and other service networks are advancing equality and empowerment through community action and collaboration.

Register here: bit.ly/IDPDSERVICECLUBS

Reference: [Read the IF Statement on Service Clubs Here](#)

The poster is for a webinar titled "Building Bridges: How Service Clubs Can Drive Change for Persons with Disabilities". It is part of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (3 December) and the International Federation for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus (IFSBH) event. The date is 3 December 2025, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM CET. The poster features six speakers: Dr. Sylvia Roozen (Secretary General of IFSBH), Tanyaradzwa Shanitah Nzvengende (Director of Initiatives and Budgeting at Special Olympics International), Sonia Uribe (Director of Fundación Mónica Uribe Por Amor & Rotary Club of Nuevo Medellín), Dr. Ken Whitmore (Executive Director of I-I District Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation), Dr. Rizwana Peerbhoy (Chief Executive Director of Lions SightFirst Eye Hospital), and Dr. Kribanandan Gurusamy Naidu (Chairman of the District Action Group on Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus). A QR code is provided for registration. The bottom of the poster lists logos for ParAmor, Rotary District 3300, SPIN: BIFIDA & HYDROCEPHALUS, Lions SightFirst Eye Hospital, Rotary Club Nuevo Medellín, Kiwanis, and Rotary Club Elsloo-Maaskant.

**Building Bridges:
How Service Clubs Can Drive
Change for Persons with Disabilities**

Join service clubs worldwide in celebrating International Day for Persons with Disabilities

3 December 2025 | 2:00 - 4:00 PM CET

Speakers:

- Dr. Sylvia Roozen**
Secretary General
International Federation
for Spina Bifida and
Hydrocephalus & Rotary
Club Elsloo-Maaskant,
The Netherlands
- Tanyaradzwa
Shanitah Nzvengende**
Director, Initiatives and
Budgeting, Special
Olympics International &
Lions Clubs International
Zimbabwe
- Sonia Uribe**
Director Fundación
Mónica Uribe Por Amor &
Rotary Club of Nuevo
Medellín, Coordinator
Polio Zone 25A, Colombia
- Dr. Ken Whitmore**
Executive Director,
I-I District Kiwanis
Neuroscience Research
Foundation,
USA
- Dr. Rizwana Peerbhoy**
Chief Executive Director
of the Lions SightFirst Eye
Hospital,
Nairobi
- Dr. Kribanandan
Gurusamy Naidu**
Chairman of the District Action
Group on Spina Bifida and
Hydrocephalus,
Rotary District 3300,
Malaysia

**Register now to
join this global
conversation
and inspire global
change!**

Logos: ParAmor, Rotary District 3300, SPIN: BIFIDA & HYDROCEPHALUS, Lions SightFirst Eye Hospital, Rotary Club Nuevo Medellín, Kiwanis, Rotary Club Elsloo-Maaskant.

European Day of Persons with Disabilities (EDPD)









The European Day of Persons with Disabilities (EDPD) is an annual conference organised by the European Commission in partnership with the European Disability Forum. This two-day-long conference marks the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. This year the conference will take place in person in Brussels, Belgium, on **4-5 December 2025**.

This year, we will explore the path toward a fair, resilient, and inclusive Union through three strategic panels, each addressing the critical challenges and opportunities shaping the rights and daily realities of persons with disabilities. It is a unique moment to share perspectives, exchange best practices, and ensure no one is left behind in Europe's social and economic future.

[Check out the webpage for more information here](#)

Key messages

-  The International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) is celebrated in the EU with the #EDPD25, an annual conference where EU policy makers and disability advocates come together to discuss #EUDisabilityRights. #IDPD25
-  The #EDPD25 will focus on critical challenges and opportunities shaping the rights and daily realities of persons with disabilities. Persons with #SpinaBifida and #Hydrocephalus (#SBH) are active champions at both national and international levels, advocating for #inclusion, #accessibility, and #empowerment. #IDPD25
-  #IndependentLiving is the foundation for people with #SBH to fully realise their human rights, to access #employment, #education, training and social #inclusion! #EDPD25 #EUDisabilityRights #IDPD25
-  People with disabilities including #SBH must be guaranteed equal rights and opportunities and be able to access the support they need to realise their full potential. #EDPD25 #EUDisabilityRights #IDPD25
-  #IndependentLiving does not mean doing everything alone; it is about having choices and agency over one's life. #EDPD25 #EUDisabilityRights #IDPD25
-  The EU's vision of a #UnionOfEquality can only become a reality through the full implementation of the #UNCRPD by the EU and its Member States — in line with the General Comments and Guidelines of the UNCRPD Committee. #EDPD25 #IDPD25

*International Days for
Persons with Disabilities*



Let us know what *Equality for persons with disabilities* means to you...

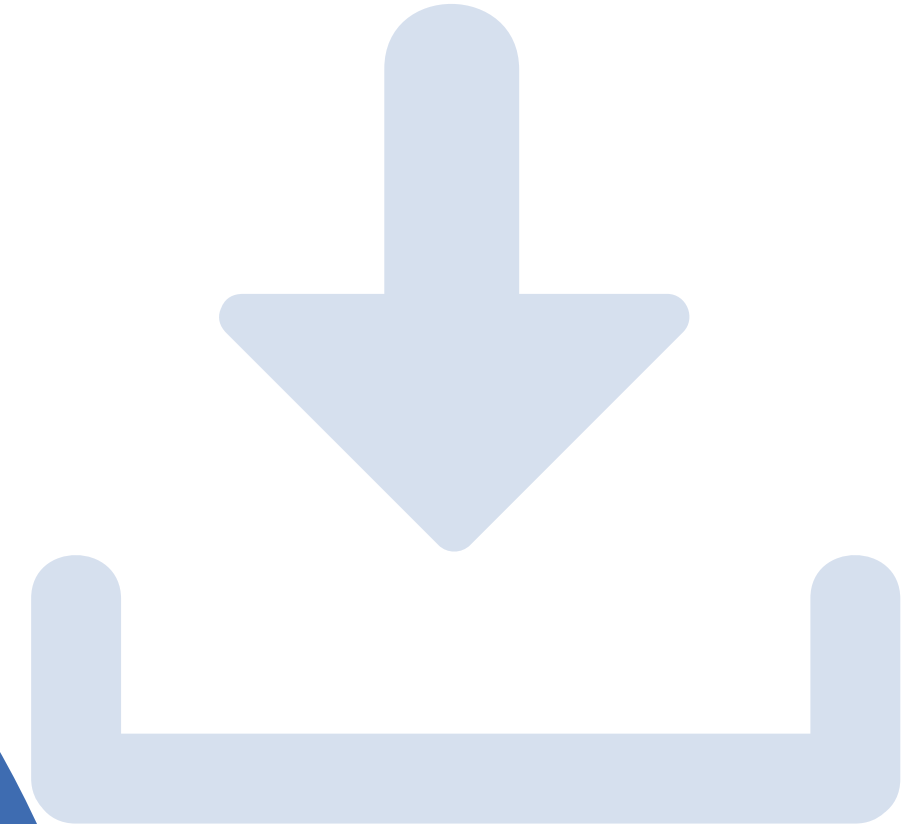


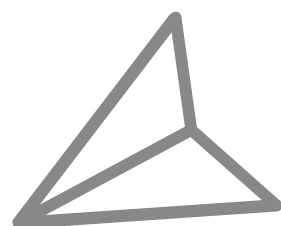
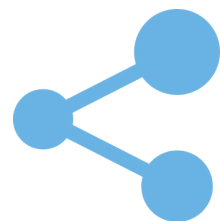
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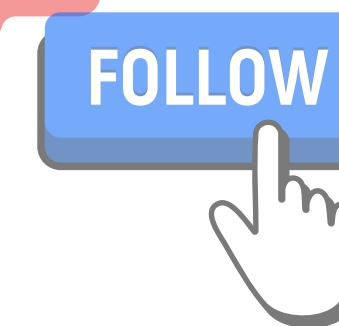
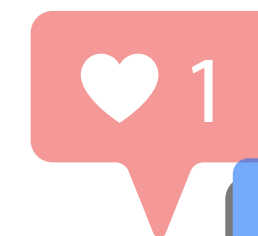


- The #EDPD Banner
- The International Days for Persons with Disabilities - Save the Date Banner
- Social media quote frame





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Share, use the hashtags:

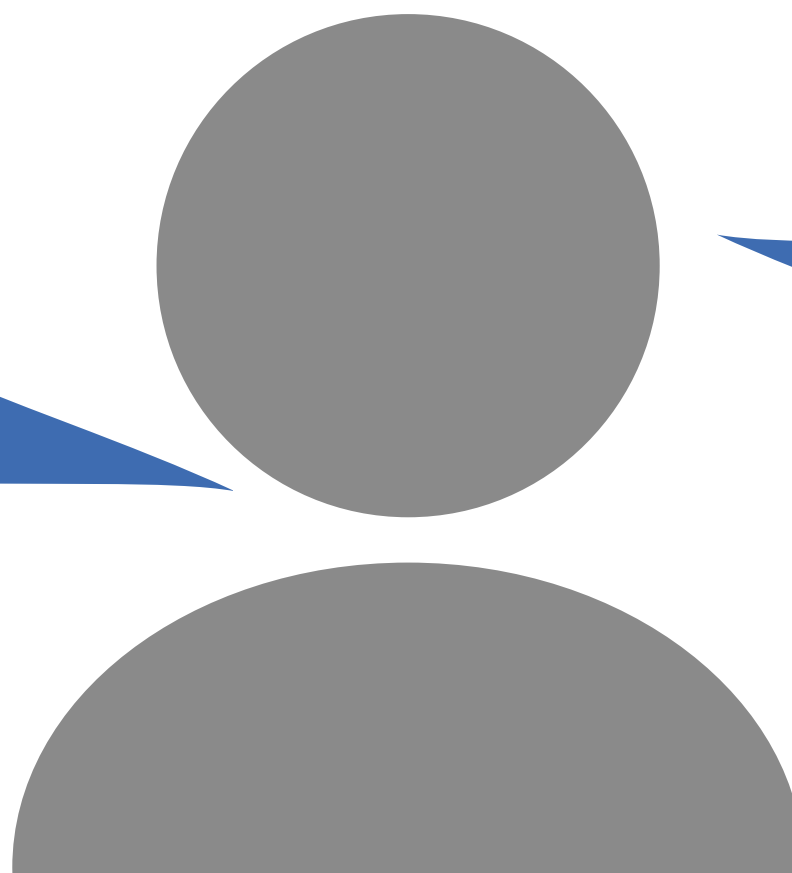
#EDPD25

#EUDisabilityRights

#UnionOfEquality

#EUAccessCity

#IDPD25



**And Follow
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Resources

- Global Disability Summit Commitments. See [here](#).
- World Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Day Policy Brief. Click [here](#).
- IF Statement on Mental, Physical and Sexual Health for Youth with SBH. Click [here](#).
- IF Statement on Multidisciplinary Care for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus. Click [here](#).
- IF Statement on Technologies and Accessibility in Education. Click [here](#).
- IF Statement on Conflict and Humanitarian Crisis. Click [here](#).
- IF Information Package on the European Union. Click [here](#).
- IF Information Package on the European Strategy for Persons with Disabilities. Click [here](#).
- IF Information Package on the UNCRPD and Reporting Cycle. Click [here](#).
- IF Statement on EU Reporting to CRPD. Click [here](#).



THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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