

Open up! Workshop on Inclusive Education in Development and Emergencies

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13.00 – 17.00 hrs

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If you are a programme officer working in education, you are contributing to raising both access and quality of education. But how can you be sure that you didn't overlook certain groups of children? Are your projects truly accommodating for all? Are you trying to get children with disabilities in school, but are not sure how to do it? Do you have trouble making inclusive projects financially sustainable? Do you find it difficult to anchor inclusion in the policy of your organisation? Have you been involved in a successful project and would like to share your experiences? Do have some strong opinions on inclusion based on your expertise?

Then join the **Open Up! Workshop** to share your questions and doubts *and* your tips and tools on inclusive education. It is aimed at both programme officers who are experts *and* those who wish to learn more about inclusion in development and emergency situations. And at anyone who is concerned about this theme.

At the workshop:

- You will get a detailed outline of **EU funding opportunities** for inclusive education
- You will get a better perspective on the various **barriers** that restrict access to education for children with disabilities
- ...and learn about the **practical steps** you can take to overcome those.
- You will be able to share **questions and ideas** on such themes as 'inclusive' education versus 'special' education, stigmatisation, and the concept of inclusion itself.

If you are looking for more knowledge and advice, you can meet the experts and get tips for your own projects and organisation - so be sure to bring your project along! A short paper summary of your project would be ideal.

If you are an expert, you will be able to share your thoughts and ideas, help others to make their projects more inclusive, and find out more about what is hindering them.

Programme

13.00 – 13.30 hrs	Lunch, introduction, welcome
13.30 – 14.15 hrs	‘European policy on inclusive education’ - by Lars Bosselman , EU Liaison Office Advocacy Manager at CBM. CBM is an international Christian development organisation committed to improving the quality of life of people with disabilities in the poorest communities of the world.
14.15 – 15.00 hrs	Workshop Together we briefly map out the challenges and solutions to inclusive education at project and programme level
15.00 – 16.00 hrs	Group consultation Experts and starters meet to exchange views, questions and ideas on the main dilemmas.
16.00 – 16.30 hrs	Plenary discussion We gather thoughts on challenges and solutions to inclusive education at a higher level: organisations, institutions, governments. And on how we can facilitate further exchange of expertise on IE.
16.30 – 17.00 hrs	Drinks

This workshop is organised by: GCE-Netherlands, The Dutch Coalition on Disability and Development, Gushi Foundation, Edukans and War Child Holland.