

Deinstitutionalisation of Childcare: Investing in Change

5-8 ²⁰¹⁹
November



Reflective Sessions

5th November
16.00-17.30

Informational Centre of the European Commission in Sofia

1. „INSIDE OUT“ : What makes the transfer of children from institutions to residential care services of new type successful?

Galina Bisset, Equilibrium Association – Ruse, Bulgaria

The author invites the participants in the pre-conference day to see the film *Flowers from Paradise* and to discuss the importance of positive identity of the children who have been living in specialized institutions for their social inclusion and also the role of the professionals from the new residential care services.

6th November

17.30-18.30

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2. DEINSTITUTIONALIZATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS – Part 1 (Hall 7)

- Independent living and residential care: legal aspects and problems

Aneta Genova, legal consultant at Validity Foundation, Bulgaria

- The deinstitutionalization as in instrument for social inclusion and development of the children with disabilities

Kapka Panayotova

Facilitator: **Prof. Andy Bilson**

3. WHY IS THE UNIVERSITY NOT READY TO BE A PARTNER OF DI? (Lobby, Hall 7)

Rumen Petrov, New Bulgarian University, Bulgaria

The author invites the participants to discuss the role of the universities in the reforms and policies' implementation.

7th November

17.30-18.30

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4. DEINSTITUTIONALIZATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS – Part 2 (Hall 7)

- Human rights of children with disabilities in small residential care

Dragana Ćirić Milovanović, Judge Robert M. Levy, Lazar Stefanović, Mental Disability Rights Initiative MDRI-S, Belgrade, Serbia Disability Rights International, Washington DC, USA

5. REFLECTION, LEARNING AND CHANGE: CO-CREATING A STRATEGY FOR CHILD CARE REFORM (in the shadow of DI) (Lobby, Hall 7)

Barry Percy-Smith, University of Huddersfield, UK

The author invites the participants to co-create – through applying the Action Research methodology – conditions to reflect on the debates, the questions, and the expectation towards the conference and to address the key question of How do we invest in change?

6. IN SERVICE AND IN LIFE – CROSSING POINTS (Glass Hall)

Radostina Antonova, Know-how Centre for Alternative Care for Children, New Bulgarian University

Teodora Tomova, Nikolay Zlatev, Boryana Madzhova, Foundation for social change and inclusion, Bulgaria

Elitsa Stanina, social worker at Paisii Hilendarski Family-type placement centre for children Bulgaria