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International Day of Persons with Disabilities

Council of Europe Secretary General Thorbjørn Jagland called on governments today to use Council of Europe standards to protect and empower the millions affected by disability as he marks the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. "Governments already have effective means to combat those barriers in the Council of Europe's Revised Social Charter and the 2009 recommendation on universal design. Our Disability Action Plan 2006-2015 offers specific ways in which governments can dismantle existing barriers and avoid the creation of new ones. This work is essential to improve lives not only for the estimated 15% of the world's population which has some form of disability, but also for their families and friends, and for the wider community. Let us move now to make this, the world's largest minority, a full part of society."



T-Kit No. 12 - 'Youth transforming conflict' is out!

As a theme and as a reality that is challenging for society, conflict comes high on the political agenda everywhere in Europe. In addressing youth, conflict is an inevitable topic, both as a transversal theme and as a specific area of work. Youth work readily engages with conflict, whether because its participants are dealing with different kinds of conflict or because it takes place in conflict regions.

Hence, this T-kit takes the position that the role of youth work in addressing conflict is to prevent the negative consequences of conflict and optimize its positive potential through management and transformation activities for, by and with young people. By providing opportunities to question reality and the status quo, by supporting young people to find the answers to their questions, by helping young people to develop their critical literacy, youth work makes a contribution to positive and constructive social change and therefore to conflict transformation.

http://youth-partnership-eu.coe.int/youth-partnership/publications/T-kits/T_kits

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The EU Skills Panorama

The Commission has officially launched the EU Skills Panorama, which integrates in one single database information on skills needs and mismatches from several

different national, European and international sources. This is accessible through a dedicated dynamic website where users can browse the information according to four different entry points: occupation, sector, country, skills. These allow users to contextualize the information according to their specific needs.

The Panorama provides two more tools:

- A set of analytical highlights, focusing on occupational trends as well as on specific sector or on transversal skills.
- An inventory of existing information sources at national, European or international level.

You can access the Panorama at:

<http://euskillspanorama.ec.europa.eu>



Youth employment: Commission proposes package of measures

Measures to help Member States tackle unacceptable levels of youth unemployment and social exclusion by giving young people offers of jobs, education and training have been proposed by the European Commission.

As requested by the European Council and European Parliament, the Commission's Youth Employment Package includes a proposed Recommendation to Member States on introducing the Youth Guarantee to ensure that all young people up to age 25 receive a quality offer of a job, continued education, an apprenticeship or a traineeship within four months of leaving formal education or becoming unemployed.

The Commission will support Member States through EU funding, by promoting exchanges of good practice, monitoring implementation of Youth Guarantees in the [European Semester](#) exercise and awareness-raising.

More info

http://ec.europa.eu/commission_2010-2014/andor/headlines/news/2012/12/20121205_en.htm



Country reports on measures to combat discrimination 2011

These reports were drafted for the European Network of Legal Experts in the non-discrimination field (on the grounds of Race or Ethnic origin, Age, Disability, Religion or belief and Sexual Orientation), established and managed by the Migration Policy Group and Human European Consultancy.

The reports are available to download here:

http://www.migpolgroup.com/publications_detail.php?id=363&utm_source=Migration+Policy+Group+E-newsletter&utm_campaign=5a29cfc26e-MPG+E-newsletter++No.+30++November+2012&utm_medium=email