



Subject: Invitation to Lumos and MEP Adam Kosa's Joint Conference on Deinstitutionalisation

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From: Georgette Mulheir [<mailto:Georgette.Mulheir@lumos.org.uk>]
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Subject: Invitation to Lumos and MEP Adam Kosa's Joint Conference on Deinstitutionalisation

Dear Emma

I am delighted to inform you that the MEP Adam Kosa and Lumos are organising a joint conference **'From the Kennedy Law to the Berlin Wall: Ending the Institutionalisation of Children'**. The conference will take place at the European Parliament from 13.00 till 15.00 on 6th November at the Jozsef Antall building, room 6Q1. It will mark the beginning of a year-long global campaign to end the institutionalisation of children, starting with the 50th anniversary of the US Kennedy law that began the DI process in the US and ending with the 25th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin wall, which as you know sparked a wave of deinstitutionalisation across Central and Eastern Europe.

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- raise awareness among key decision makers and human rights advocates about the negative effects of institutionalisation, and the alternatives which exist.
- celebrate the success of decades of reform in institutional care from both a European and American perspective.
- present examples of good practice, highlight the risks and challenges in a deinstitutionalisation process.
- gain specific commitments from Parliamentarians, Commission officials and civil society to prioritise ending the institutionalisation of children.
- include the voices and opinions of children and young people with disabilities in discussions

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Please find enclosed a draft agenda with more information on the conference programme. The language of the conference will be English with international sign language interpretation and captioning provided for those who are deaf or hard of hearing.

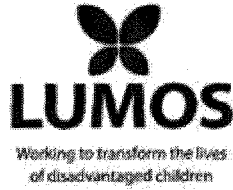
We would be grateful if you would confirm your availability to Irina.Papancheva@lumos.org.uk before the 27th October. A standing lunch will be served at 12.15 in front of the conference hall. Please note that places are limited. We encourage all interested parties to confirm their attendance at the earliest opportunity.

We look forward to seeing you at the event.

Sincerely yours,

Georgette Mulheir

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No child should have to live in an institution, exposed to harm. You can help 1 million children in Europe – please sign our petition: <http://wearelumos.org/get-involved/take-action>



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MEP Adam Kósa and international children's NGO Lumos, founded by J K Rowling, are delighted to invite you to their joint conference

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Yours sincerely,

Adam Kósa MEP

Georgette Mulheir
Chief Executive Officer, Lumos

DRAFT PROGRAMME

From the Kennedy Law to the Berlin Wall: Ending the Institutionalisation of Children
Joint Conference hosted by Adam Kosa MEP and Lumos Foundation
13.00 – 15.00, 6th November 2013,
Jozsef Antall Building, room 6Q1, European Parliament, Brussels

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| 11:45 – 13:00 | Registration of participants and standing lunch |
| 13:00 – 13:30 | Opening Session: <i>Ádám Kósa, Member of the European Parliament and Georgette Mulheir, Chief Executive Officer, Lumos Foundation and the Participation of Two Self Advocates.</i> |
| 13:30 – 13:40 | ‘Deinstitutionalisation, Lithuania and the Lithuanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union’ <i>Raimundas Karoblis, Ambassador of the Lithuanian Permanent Representation [invited]</i> |
| 13:40 – 13:50 | ‘The Importance of the Structural Funds as a Tool for Realising the Rights of Children and Ending Institutionalisation’ <i>Michael Ralph, Advisor, Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy [invited]</i> |
| 13:50 – 14:00 | ‘Speech TBC’ <i>Dr Lieve Fransen, Director for Europe 2020: Social Policies, European Commission, Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion</i> |
| 14:00 – 14:10 | ‘Future Perspectives on the Deinstitutionalisation of Children in the EU and Neighbouring Countries’ <i>Maire Geoghegan-Quinn, EU Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science [invited]</i> |
| 14:10 – 14:20 | ‘50 years on from the Kennedy law: Key Achievements to Date’ <i>Robert A Wood, Chargé d’Affaires ad interim, U.S. Mission to the European Union [invited]</i> |
| 14:20 – 14:30 | ‘Civil Society: A Force for Change For the Deinstitutionalisation Process’ <i>Carlotta Besozzi, Co-chair of the European Expert Group on Transition from Institutional to Community-Based Care and Director of the European Disability Forum</i> |
| 14:30 – 14:40 | ‘Completing the Deinstitutionalisation Process in Europe and Preventing Re-institutionalisation’ <i>Representative from UNICEF</i> |
| 14:40 – 14:50 | ‘The Power of the CRPRD in Ensuring the Rights of Children and Adults with Disabilities: Deinstitutionalisation as a Prerequisite for Full Community Inclusion and Rights Enjoyment for Disabled Persons’ <i>Dr. László Lovász, Advisor to MEP Ádám Kósa & Member of the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities [invited]</i> |
| 14.50 – 15.00 | Questions |

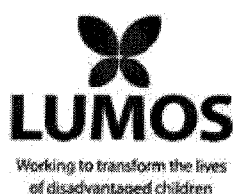
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I hope this finds you well.
All is fine here. We are preparing for the second Transnational Workshop that is planned to be in Prague on 25th of January.
It would be great if you could join us? Would you say it is possible?

Best Regards,

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Child Participation Officer, Lumos



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Turning Words into Action

Transnational Workshop Agenda

24th - 25th of January, 2013, Prague, Czech Republic.

Objectives:

- To learn how the Turning Words into Action (TWIA) project is developing in each country.
- To learn and share about main achievements of the project and what is coming soon.
- To discuss what action will be needed to promote the rights and inclusion of children with intellectual disabilities in the future.

Participants:

- Steering Committee Members
- National Working Group Members from Bulgaria, Czech Republic and Serbia.
- Children and young people from the Child Participation groups and their carers.
- CHANGE, project partners facilitating inclusive and accessible meetings.
- Project team and Project External Evaluator,
- Czech Policy Maker: M.....to be confirmed.
- Representatives of the European Union

Day 1. Thursday 24 January, 2013 at the Hotel Amarilis.

		Participants
12:00 – 13:00.	Welcome lunch.	Self-Advocates, their families or assistants, CHANGE, Local Coordinators, project team and facilitators.
13:00 – 16:00.	<p>Parallel preparation session for young Self Advocates.</p> <p>Getting to know each other; Remembering what the Turning Words to Action Project is about; Ground rules and ways of working well together; Talking about the plans for the workshop; Finding ways to make sure that Children and Young Adults have their say; Practicing for taking part in the transnational opening session the next day; learning about project in each country.</p> <p>Facilitated by Change and Local Coordinators.</p>	Self-Advocates, carers, CHANGE and Local Co-ordinators responsible for Child Participation.
15:00 – 16:00.	<p>Parallel practical preparation session for the Project Team, Facilitators and Expert Mentors.</p> <p>Update on project progress and agree priorities and working methods of the workshop.</p>	Expert Mentors, Serbian LC, External Evaluator, Lumos project team.
17:00 – 18:00	Sightseeing in Prague.	All volunteers.
19:00 – 20:00.	Dinner.	All staying at the hotel.
20:00- 22:00.	Informal joint activities for self-advocates and other participants.	All staying at the hotel.

Day 2, Friday 25 January, 2013 at the venue of the European Commission.

10:00 – 10:20.	Opening by children and young people with intellectual disabilities and their families. <i>TWIA in my life.</i> Facilitated by the Local Coordinators.	20 min.
10:20- 11:00.	Implementation of the BHBL Declaration and the TWIA project. Speakers: Czech Policy Maker to be confirmed EC representativeto be confirmed. Welcomed and facilitated by Georgette Mulheir, CEO of Lumos (tbc).	40 min.
11:00 – 11:05.	Overview of the Workshop's agenda.	5 min.
11:05 – 11:20.	Coffee – Break.	15 min.
11:20 – 11:50.	Journey of the TWIA project in the Czech Republic summarising: 1. Key achievements of the project in the country. 2. Lessons we want to share with others. Presented by the Czech National Working Group	30 min.
11:50- 12:00.	Warm –up activity.	10 min.
12:00 – 12:30.	Journey of the TWIA project in Serbia summarising: 1. Key achievements of the project in the country. 2. Lessons we want to share with others. Presented by the Serbian National Working Group.	30 min.
12:30- 13:20.	Lunch.	50 min.

13:20 – 13:50.	Journey of the TWIA project in Bulgaria summarising: 1. Key achievements of the project in the country. 2. Lessons we want to share with others. Presented by the Bulgarian National Working Group.		30 min.
13:50 – 14:35.	1. Reflection time. - Today I learnt... - I would like to draw people's attention to...or I am a bit anxious about... - I've got an idea or a suggestion I would like to share..... - I have a question.....	3. Reflection time. Parallel session for Young Self Advocates to prepare for the joint session in the afternoon. Facilitated by CHANGE.	45 min.
14:35 – 14:50.	Coffee Break.		15 min.
14:50 – 15:40.	Looking to the future in each country and internationally. Working in 4 groups. Where are we now, with what achievements and what strengths? Where would we like to be in two years' time? What actions would need to be taken to get there?		50 min.
15:40 – 16:20.	Presentations.		30 min.
16:10 – 16:30.	Conclusions and closure.		15 min.

Day 3, Saturday 26 January 2013, at the Hotel Amarilis.

09:30 – 12:00.	<p>Follow up meeting for project team.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Sharing Feedback and lessons learn from the Workshop.- Follow – up plans for 2013,- Co-production as a possible way to sustainability. '	<p>Participants: Expert mentors, all Local Coordinators, External Evaluator, CHANGE, Lumos project team, UK.</p>
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