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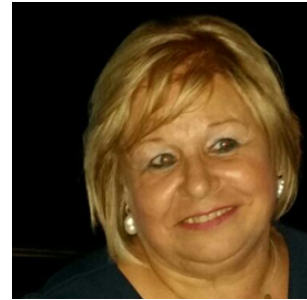
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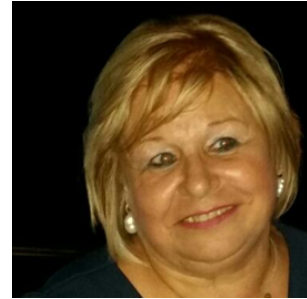


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DISABILITY IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY

Problem: despite progress in the recovery and social integration of the disabled, the current cultural attitude is of segregation of people with disabilities. This is confirmed by the high unemployment rate, the discrimination of roles. In this sense, the disabled woman is **twice** discriminated against, because she is disabled, because she is a woman.

Activities

People with disability have innate, sacred and inviolable rights, we must strive to break down not only architectural and physical barriers, which are the easiest to change, but above all socio-cultural-social barriers.

Operation:

- 1) **Promote** the inclusion of the disabled child from early childhood in school activities, with the same pedagogical and cultural pathways of normality.
School must lay the foundations for a mindset open to diversity
- 2) **Raise awareness** among political institutions, associations and other persons responsible for the problem of disability to spread inclusive culture through new regulations and new behavioral models that offer the same opportunities in the field of work, recreational and relational.
- 3) **Stimulate** the movements of people with disabilities to believe in a new dimension of "equals", focusing on the affirmation of their rights recognized by national and international conventions.

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Means and resources

We need to create informal networks that involve simple citizens, institutions, churches, cultural centres and associations in projects, which means taking care of the territory to treat the person. The economic and material resources for welfare, rehabilitative and inclusive problems are different because the energies and resources used are predominantly human (Doctors, lawyers, Pedagogues, Teachers, Psychologists, Rehabilitators , Social Workers, Politicians, Religious figures etc.) All means of communication in different fields are valid.

Rating

Several discussions have already been dedicated to the subject in the BPW-Italy. We quote: "We include disability; Experimental course white hands; We include disability in sport (Sez. Di Casarano); Initiative on the issues of reception and inclusion of children with different skills (Section of Gela), Project "MusicAbile", experiences taken from the laboratory of integration of young diversabili (section of Terra d'Otranto); Meeting with Laura Rampini, paratrooper over disability (section of Pordenone)

Initiatives

The motion presented by the chair in the various sections will be supported