



European Platform of Self-Advocates

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“Our lives, our policies!”

Study Visit on Policy engagement for Self-Advocacy organisations

Glasgow, Scotland, **18-22 November** 2007

The European Platform of Self-Advocates organizes a study visit to Scotland. A study visit is an opportunity to

- learn new things on some specific topics
- visit other organisations to understand how they work
- meet important persons
- exchange your thoughts and ideas with others about something

This study visit will be in Glasgow, Scotland, between 18 and 22 November 2007.

All members of the European Platform of Self-Advocates can apply to take part in this study visit.

The specific focus of this study visit will be “policy engagement of self-advocacy organisations”.

Policy engagement means to be able to

- meet decision-makers;
- influence policies and programmes;
- have a say about things that concern us, even in terms of policy;
- be listened to.

This is very difficult for all organisations.

It is also very difficult for self-advocacy organisations.

If you take part in this study visit, you will:

- hear about successful projects and activities;
- learn new things about policy engagement;
- learn how you can better engage in the policy of your country;
- learn how your self-advocacy group can become more powerful;
- know better what other self-advocacy organisations are doing in Europe in terms of policy engagement;
- present some of the campaigns that you did with your self-advocacy groups;
- ... and of course, you will have fun!

Unfortunately, we have only a limited number of places. So you have to apply for it and explain why you would like to join. You can do that by completing the form below. Then we will select the best candidates.

The European Platform of Self-Advocates will pay for hotel and other costs in Scotland.

All participants will have to pay for their own travel and for the travel of the support person.

If you are interested, you should apply soon! Please send your application to:

- Inclusion Europe
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We need your application **before 15 July 2007**. Please make sure to send your application in time.

If you have questions, you can write an e-mail to: self-advocacy@inclusion-europe.org

We are really looking forward to get your applications!

Yours sincerely,

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