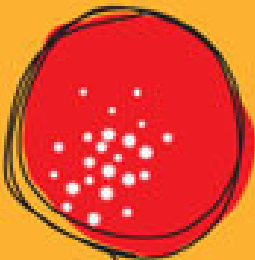


Because disability is an issue that concerns us all,
Join us at the massive outdoor gathering on 4 October 2007,
from 13H00 to 15H00, Rond Point Schuman in Brussels.
By all means, come all!



4/10/2007

ROND-POINT SCHUMAN

BRUSSELS 13:00

LET'S DEFEND OUR RIGHTS
WITH OR WITHOUT DISABILITY
WE ARE ALL CITIZENS

www.1Million4Disability.eu



Why ?

This massive gathering will be the focal point of the European citizenship campaign « 1million4disability ».

Let's all gather to make ourselves visible as citizens in their own right, to make ourselves heard and to call for European legislative measures against discrimination towards disabled persons in all aspects of their lives.

**STOP to discrimination,
YES to equal rights and
opportunities.**

Be all there to call for a discrimination free Europe for citizens with disabilities!



Let's mobilise for our rights!

When? Where?

Who ?

We need **YOU** for the success and the visibility of our gathering.

More than 1000 participants are expected : delegations of persons with disabilities from all over Europe, disabled persons, their families and friends from all the regions of Belgium

and neighboring countries, official EU and national representatives, civil society representatives and many others.

**The more we are, the
more chances we have to
make our voice heard.**

Date : 4 October 2007

Time : 13h to 15h

Venue : Rond Point Schuman (1040 Brussels), strategic venue in between the official EU institutions buildings.

Metro : Schuman

Parking bus : Av. de la Joyeuse entrée / Av de la Renaissance

What ?

A festive, coloured and positive gathering ... The festive atmosphere will be guaranteed by live music and a simultaneous release of thousands balloons

Each participant will be invited to write a personal message to be delivered to the EU institutions

Programme

12h30 : Arrival of participants

13h00 : Official opening of the gathering (speeches and live music)

13h30-14h30 : Meeting with the President of the European Commission, the President of the European Parliament and the EU Portuguese Presidency.

14h30 : Results of the meeting with the EU institutions High Representatives. (Speeches and live music)

14h45 : Simultaneous release of thousands balloons

15h00 : End of gathering



How ?

Help us to make ourselves visible in the gathering



All participants are invited to bring the flag of their country and/or the banner of their organisation as well as various banners addressing mainly non-discrimination and equal rights for persons with disabilities.



The « 1million4disability » campaign in brief



It is estimated that there are more than 50 million disabled citizens in Europe, in other words 1 out of 10 citizens. This figure shows even higher if we consider that 1 out of 4 families in Europe includes a disabled family member.

According to these figures, how is it possible that we do not often meet disabled persons at the supermarket, in public transport, at school, in the movies or in the restaurant? Simply because our society is full of obstacles for disabled persons : high pavements, silent traffic lights, fast turning doors, inaccessible buildings,

inaccessible technologies and websites, cars wrongly parked as well as daily prejudice and discrimination.

Since January this year, we launched a European wide campaign collecting signatures in favour of disability rights in all aspects of life. Our objective is to collect 1 million signatures and to hand them over to the European and national decision-makers. Such a citizenship initiative cannot remain ignored!

Do not wait to sign and widely disseminate this campaign :

Who are we?

The **European Disability Forum (EDF)** is a European non-governmental organisation including 130 national and European organisations. Since 10 years, all together we have been working to protect and promote the rights of disabled persons in Europe. The **Belgian Disability Forum (BDF)**, EDF national Belgian representative organisation, closely cooperates in the organisation of the 4 October gathering in Brussels.

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