



## HUMANISING JUSTICE DAY 1:

### Deinstitutionalisation and Justice Seminar

**Meeting point:** Outside the European Parliament at the Place du Luxembourg entrance at 1pm, 20<sup>th</sup> June

**Venue:** European Parliament, Spinelli 1G1, Brussels

**Date and time:** 2 – 4 pm CET, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Register here:** <https://bit.ly/3lXhhuf>

#### **Purpose of Seminar**

The seminar focuses on the relationship between institutionalisation, justice and the rights of people with disabilities. People with disabilities are living in institutions across the EU – some in large residential settings, others in small group homes. In many cases, people are given little or no option on where to live, and in other cases they are detained against their will. Either way people have very little control over what they can do and when, who they live with, or how they live their lives. Over the past two and a half years, the COVID-19 pandemic has shone a harsh light on the risks experienced by people living in institutions, from increased levels of infection, to higher incidence of violence, harm, human rights abuses and torture. Yet, de-institutionalisation in the EU is progressing slowly, and EU funding continues to support institutions.

The seminar brings together people with disabilities who have been living in institutions with policy makers and advocates in order to identify priorities for progressing de-institutionalisation and providing justice to people who have experienced human rights abuses in institutions within the European Union. There will be short presentations, followed by a longer discussion. The aim is to set a clear and prioritised agenda for steps that a coalition could take. The discussion will be moderated by Steven Allen (Co-executive Director of Validity Foundation).

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#### **Welcome**

Marisa Matias, Member of the European Parliament

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#### **Experiences of living in institutions**

Self-advocates

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#### **The urgency of deinstitutionalisation**

Ann Campbell, Co-executive Director of Validity Foundation

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#### **EU funding of institutions**

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#### **Questions and Discussion**

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#### **Conclusions and agenda for future action**

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## HUMANISING JUSTICE DAY 2:

### Child-Friendly Justice

June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022

**Venue:** Mundo B, Rue d'Edimbourg 26, 1050 Brussels

**Time:** 8:45 am – 5:15 pm Central European Time

**Format:** Hybrid, Sign Language, Captioning, Language Interpretation (ENG, BG, IT and RO) and Recordings will be available

**Register here:** <https://bit.ly/3z5lxzD>

<b>8.15 - 8.45</b>  <b>30 mins</b>	<b><i>Arrival and registration</i></b> Tea and coffee
<b>8.45 - 9.00</b>  <b>15 mins</b>	<b><i>Welcome and Introductions</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steven Allen – Validity Foundation</li> </ul>
<b>9.00 - 10.30</b>  <b>1h 30 mins</b>	<b><i>International Policy Standards and Recommendations</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Panel 1: Why does individual assessment matter in criminal proceedings?</u>                      Moderator: Bruno Monteiro – Validity Foundation                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mariama DIALLO – European Child-Friendly Justice Network</li> <li>○ An MICHELS – International Criminal Court – Victims and Witnesses Section</li> <li>○ Mariateresa VELTRI - Defence for Children – Italy</li> <li>○ Nicolas JONCOUR – Youth Activist and Self-advocate – ENIL</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>10.30 - 11.00</b>  <b>30 mins</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>11.00 - 12.30</b>  <b>1h 30 mins</b>	<b><i>Children Deprived of Parental Care in the Criminal Justice System – Bulgaria case study</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Panel 2: Humanising Justice for Children Deprived of Parental Care</u>                      Moderator: Bruno Monteiro – Validity Foundation</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Zahari IANKOV – Bulgarian Centre for Not for Profit Law</li> <li>○ Bulgarian Youth Self-Advocate;</li> <li>○ Aneta GENOVA – Chance &amp; Support</li> <li>○ Bruno MIN – Fair Trials</li> </ul>
<b>12.30 - 1.30</b> <b>1 hour</b>	<b>LUNCH – Catering will be available for participants attending in-person</b>
<b>1.30 - 3.00</b>  <b>1 h 30 mins</b>	<p><b><i>Children with intellectual and/or psychosocial disabilities in the Criminal Justice System - Romania case study</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>Panel 3: Humanising Justice for Children with Disabilities</u></li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Paola Grenier – Validity Foundation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Georgiana PASCU - Centre for Legal Resources</li> <li>○ Mihai ENACHE &amp; Romanian Youth Self-Advocate - Terre des Hommes - Romania</li> <li>○ Charlotte ORRELL – Advocate’s Gateway</li> <li>○ Katarina FICKO - IRSSV</li> </ul>
<b>3.00 - 3.30</b> <b>30 mins</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>3.30 - 5.00</b>  <b>1h 30 mins</b>	<p><b><i>Children in Migration and Intersectionality in the Criminal Justice System – Italy case study</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>Panel 4: Humanising Justice for Unaccompanied Children</u></li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Bruno Monteiro – Validity Foundation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Matylda POGORZELSKA – European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)</li> <li>○ Dr. Markus SCHEFER - UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;</li> <li>○ Anthinea INTERBARTOLO &amp; Ahmed ISAAC HUSSEIN – PRISM IMPRESA SOCIALE S.R.L</li> <li>○ Francesca PAOLA DI MARIA &amp; Carmela POLIZZI – Juvenile Justice Court – Italy (USSM)</li> </ul>

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**5.00 - 5.15**  
**15 mins**

***Conclusions, next steps and highlights for next day***

- Bruno Monteiro – Validity Foundation

**Project name**

Child-Friendly Justice: Developing the concept of social court practices (878552 – CFJ-DCSCP)

**Grant Information**

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## HUMANISING JUSTICE DAY 3:

### Voices for Justice: Humanising Justice

June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

**Venue:** Mundo B, Rue d'Edimbourg 26, 1050 Brussels

**Time:** 9:15am – 4:15 pm Central European Time

**Format:** Hybrid, Sign Language, Captioning and Recordings will be available

**Register here:** <https://bit.ly/3NJSx4y>

<p><b>9.15-9.45</b></p>	<p><b>Arrival and registration</b> Tea and coffee</p>
<p><b>9.45 -10.15</b></p> <p><i>30 mins</i></p>	<p><b>Welcome and introductions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paola Grenier, Validity Foundation</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Access to Justice for persons with disabilities</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Video message from Commissioner Helena Dalli</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Introduction to the Voices for Justice project</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ann Campbell, Validity Foundation</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Humanising justice: what it means for people with disabilities, and why it is important</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gábor Gombos, former member of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Senior Adviser to Voices for Justice project (pre-recorded video presentation)</li> </ul>
<p><b>10.15-11.00</b></p> <p><i>45 mins</i></p>	<p><b>Experiences of victims with disabilities in the criminal justice system</b> Presentations of the two case studies from the Lithuania and Bulgaria national reports, by the persons with disabilities who were crime victims</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mindaugas Dvylaitis from Lithuania</li> <li>Sofia Stoyanova Georgieva from Bulgaria</li> </ul> <p>Chair: Paola Grenier, Validity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Questions and discussion</li> </ul>

<b>11.00-11.20</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>11.20-12.50</b>  <i>1½ hours</i>	<p><b>The international legal framework: Access to Justice for persons with disabilities in Europe - understanding the intersection between the Victims' Rights Directive and the CRPD</b></p> <p>Chair: Steven Allen, Validity Foundation</p> <p><b><i>International report findings and recommendations</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joanna Perry, Legal Consultant to Voices for Justice project</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Victim support services perspective</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aleksandra Ivankovic, Victim Support Europe</li> </ul> <p><b><i>International perspective</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professor Markus Schefer, Member of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Disability rights perspective</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shantha Rau Barriga, Human Rights Watch</li> </ul>
<b>1.00-2.15</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>2.15-4.00</b>  <i>1¾ hour</i>	<p><b>Barriers to justice: A series of remote and in-person presentations focused on the barriers that persons with disability experience when accessing justice</b></p> <p>Chair: János Fiala-Butora, National University of Galway, Ireland</p> <p><b><i>Access to justice for persons with disabilities from the European Ombudsman perspective</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marta Hirsch Ziembinska, European Ombudsman office (Zoom presentation)</li> </ul> <p><b><i>The inherent risks of total institutions</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lucy Series, University of Cardiff (Zoom presentation)</li> </ul>

	<p><b><i>Injustice for people with disabilities facing justice</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amalia Gamio Ríos, Member of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Zoom presentation)</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Capacity and capacity assessments as a barrier to accessing justice</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charles O'Mahony, National University of Galway, Ireland</li> </ul>
<p><b>4.00-4.15</b> <i>15 mins</i></p>	<p><b>Conclusions and next steps</b></p>

Project name

Information and Communication: Cornerstones of justice for victims of crime with disability (878604 — InfoComPWDs)

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