

Project Partners:

Jagiellonian University is the oldest and one of the largest Polish universities, currently offering 46 fields of academic pursuit to more than 44 thousand students. Since 1999, the Disability Support Team has been anchored in the university structure assisting students in accessing new technologies as well as providing professional consultancy in the form of modern supportive services.

Learning-Difference Limited (United Kingdom) is a company providing consultancy services and training in the field of Disability Awareness for corporate clients, local government and educational institutions.

University of Padua was founded in 1222 and is composed of thirteen faculties currently offering educational opportunities to 60 thousand students. The university is open to assisting disabled persons, the proof of which is its Disability Support Unit set up in 1996.

Euroinform (Bulgaria) is a consultancy specialising in the adaptation and development of modern educational materials based on multimedia and interactive techniques.

FEPAMIC (Spain) is an umbrella organisation bringing together forty associations representing in total nearly four thousand disabled people.

DARE Project

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DARE Project:

Disability Awareness

A New Challenge for Employees



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Project goals:

The main objective of the project entitled **DARE Disability Awareness: a New Challenge for Employees** is to enhance the qualifications of academic teachers and public administration staff. It will do this by raising their awareness of disability and current challenges related to the ever greater presence and activity of disabled people in social life.

Lack of such knowledge may be one of the main causes of social exclusion. Negative attitudes and various stereotypes can lead to explicit or hidden discrimination. That is why it is critical that knowledge be acquired of specific needs of disabled people and forms of support that might be appropriate.

The materials developed in the course of project will include information concerning types of disability as well as: psychological and physiological consequences, language etiquette, ways of breaking the barriers (including mental ones), adaptation of places of study and work. The project materials will enable an active approach to the challenges related to the presence of disabled people in the daily life of modern societies.

Other Project Goals:

- The high-quality substance of the materials to be developed is guaranteed by systematic evaluation performed by experts dealing with all aspects of disability.
- Training will feature multimedia.
- The project is consistent with the idea of inclusion of disabled people into all areas of life.

You are kindly invited

to participate in

the Project Summary Conference

to be held

in the main auditorium of the Jagiellonian University Collegium Novum building

in October 2009

Information on the conference and the project itself is available at:

www.DareProject.eu

The DARE consortium is working towards developing training programmes for:

- university teachers
- administrative staff

They will raise awareness of disability by:

- providing the target groups with reliable knowledge concerning disability, its types, its physiological and psychological consequences, as well as the barriers faced by disabled people in their daily lives and ways to eliminate them;
- developing in the target groups an active attitude supporting disabled persons based on reliable knowledge acquired in the training;
- equipping the target groups with the skills of making correct and effective contact with disabled people;
- eliminating negative attitudes related to disability, stereotypes and withdrawal attitudes;
- improving the image of disabled people as students, applicants and work colleagues.