



Summary of the conference

*The Role of Families in Education:
Kick-off for independence*

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Key conclusions

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1) We have a long road to go





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Still a lot of children are excluded from mainstream education
They may even get no education at all when they have complex needs
We have to realize that there are a lot of similarities between countries and that we can learn from each other

AND Europe has changed over the past decades

In the past 20 years, we have achieved some important developments
The movement towards inclusion is getting stronger
The passion we share is more determined and stronger
We have changed the mainstream political opinion
Most people won't say in public that they are against inclusion



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We have the evidence that it is possible
to include pupils with complex needs
in mainstream schools

We have to make them visible in our communities

We have to be aware about
what we are doing well and share it

They also have the right to develop their capacity



3) Pathways to Parent Leadership





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Our network needs to

- share available stories of success inside Europe
- share knowledge
- deal with challenges in a productive way
- build awareness
- build capacity
- empower parents in order to promote the CRPD
- connect parents and organizations
- have shared feelings

It empowers each of us



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4) Pathways towards Self-advocates leadership





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Need to let self-advocates speak up at schools
Need to empower them to explain CRPD in schools
Self-advocates are more present in an authentic way
They should play a key role in schools
They should be a role model in schools
for example working as teacher assistant
Develop their capacity to have their voices heard
We have to share available success stories
inside Europe

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5) Voices of other children inside school



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Compartir con amigos



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We have to reflect on their positive impressions

We have to promote peer support

They seem to be the only group without fears

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6) Quality of Education





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Inclusion is about being present
but it is also about achievements
Inclusion is not about going through a door
it is about participating
Inclusion is good for all children as it improves the quality of education
We need achievement of social learning
It should be taught how to be a citizen

We have to sort out what quality of education means



7) Sharing





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It is the way how we can progress

It is the way how we learn

It is the way how we learn from mistakes of ourselves and of others



What is the most important for you in order to making it happen

- 1) We have a long road to go
- 2) All means all: Complex needs
- 3) Pathways to Parent Leadership
- 4) Pathways towards Self-advocates leadership
- 5) Voices of other children inside school
- 6) Quality of education
- 7) Sharing