CRPD Committee 15th Session side event

**Follow the Money:
Financing Independent Living in the Community**

**Date:**  Tuesday 19 April 2016
**Time:** 9am - 9:45am
**Venue:**  Room XXII, Palais des Nations, Geneva

**Partners:** Mental Disability Advocacy Centre
Inclusion International
Centre for Disability Law and Policy (CDLP), National University of Ireland Galway (NUIG)
University of New South Wales
The Centre for Disability Studies, University of Iceland

*How can personal independence payments contribute to a successful deinstitutionalisation plan?
What are the legal implications of Article 19 for national budgets? How can international cooperation contribute to independent living in the community – and what happens when it goes wrong?*

**You are warmly invited to this side event drawing on the combined knowledge and expertise of universities and advocacy organisations working globally on the rights of persons with disabilities.**

**Speakers:**

* **Connie Laurin-Bowie**, Executive Director, Inclusion International. “*Deinstitutionalisation and gaining independence*”
* **Gerard Quinn**, Professor of Law and Director of CDLP. “*Putting your money where your mouth is – the legal obligations in Article 19*”
* **Emily Loughlin**, PhD candidate at CDLP. “*Independence for older persons*”
* **Kelley Johnson**, Professor of Disability, Social Policy Research Centre, University of New South Wales. “*The personalisation of financial and other supports – recent innovations from Australia*”
* **Rannveig Traustadóttir**, Professor of Disability Studies, University of Iceland. “*From ‘golden standard’ of independent living to cut-backs in costs – Lessons from Sweden*”
* **Oliver Lewis**, Executive Director, MDAC. “*International cooperation: The case of EU Structural Funds*”

Presentations will last for 20mins. Following this, discussion is warmly invited.

*The event will have live captioning and sign language interpretation.
Light refreshments will be provided.*