

Disability Rights in Rhetoric and Reality: Bringing the Hungarian EU Presidency Home

The Mental Disability Advocacy Center – an international human rights NGO based in Budapest – is facilitating an English-language constructive dialogue on the rights of people with disabilities in Hungary, during the lunch break of the “New Challenges in the European Disability Strategy 2010-2020” conference.

Date: Wednesday 20 April 2011, 13:00-14:00. Briefing followed by open discussion.

Venue: London Room, Hotel Mercure Metropol, Rákóczi út 58, Budapest. *This is across the street from the EU-Presidency conference hotel!*

We welcome to the constructive dialogue:

- **Representatives of the Hungarian government**
- **State delegations participating in the “New Challenges” conference**
- **People with disabilities and NGO representatives**
- **Embassies in Budapest**
- **Foreign and Hungarian media**

The topics for discussion will include the new Hungarian Constitution and the discrimination against people with disabilities contained in it; the lack of coordination and monitoring of disability law and policy; the lack of participation of civil society in policy-making; the exclusion of people with psycho-social (mental health) disabilities from the disability law; the fact that there are 67,000 Hungarian adults with disabilities stripped of their legal capacity, the 24,000 people with disabilities in long-term institutions who are denied the right to live in the community, and whose rights are not monitored.



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