

# Leverhulme International Network Symposium Combating Young Disabled People's Worklessness: An International Network

**Third Meeting Network expert group  
Casa 400 Amsterdam, Tuesday May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

## *Program*

This meeting will highlight the Dutch situation on Inclusion in society and Participation in Employment of Young People with disabilities from the Disability Studies (DS) perspective. In collaboration with colleagues from Disability Studies at the University of Leeds, Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands the symposium will showcase What is 'Good Practice' and what 'Needs to be improved' in the Netherlands, as well as examples of good practice in Germany and Belgium. Topics we like to discuss with you are the importance of Personal budgets, employment and inclusive education.

The Leverhulme Trust, a major international philanthropic trust has supported a new network which aims to critically explore the nature, dynamics, knowledge base and possible solutions to young disabled people's worklessness. The network will bring together key researchers, disabled peoples' organisations and key policy stakeholders to further our understanding of the barriers and successful pathways to paid employment for disabled people. The network aims to bring together expertise from sociology, social policy, psychology, rehabilitation studies, labour market economics, public health, health geographies and youth studies to aid both substantive advances in knowledge and to reflect on the future value of inter-disciplinary working to address barriers to paid work. To do this the network will explore employment, labour markets, post-school education, transitions and vocational guidance and their intersection in supporting better pathways to paid work and valued alternatives. The network began with an international symposium at Durham University (UK, Sept 2013). Other meetings are at Cornell University (USA, New York, Mrt, 2014) and Prague University (Jun. 2014). Details of the symposium are attached.

Network Chair: Prof. Alan Roulstone  
Organising Committee Amsterdam: Alan Roulstone (University of Leeds), Edwin L. de Vos (DSiN)  
and Sarah Woodin (University of Leeds)

Voor nadere informatie <http://disability-transitions.leeds.ac.uk/>

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### **10:00 Welcome by Alan Roulstone**

Introduction on the Leverhulme expert group project on 'Young people with disabilities and employment' and the day

10:20 Sarah Woodin – the Network and European Developments in Employment and Transition

### **10:30 Inclusion and Participation**

10:30 Geert Van Hove, Prof. Disability Studies VUmc Amsterdam: Co-creation: Participation in the sense of all involved (inclusive Belgium practice)

11:15 Edwin L. de Vos, senior researcher: Active Inclusion of Young people with disabilities in the Netherlands

12:00 Short break

### **12:30 Empowering People and Supporters**

12:30 Jacqueline Kool, Knowledge manager DSiN: "Does anyone want some more cake? " A disability studies view on the complexity, fragility and creative power of participation.

1:00 Lineke van Hal, Zorgbelang Gelderland, former researcher University Maastricht: Disempowering consequences of the rhetoric of empowerment in labour market activation: findings from a qualitative study about vocational rehabilitation of people with disabilities in the Netherlands.

1:30 – 2:30 LUNCH Break

### **2:30 Building Professionalism**

2:30 Harald Miedema, Ass. Prof. University of Applied Sciences Rotterdam: Improved work participation and occupational performance of young adults with a physical disability after a new vocational rehabilitation intervention.

3:00 Alice Schippers, Director DSiN, senior researcher Disability Studies VUmc Amsterdam: The Inclusive City through the lens of Quality of Life.

### **4:00 Alan Roulstone: Results of the day**

Discussion: What is next?

### **6:00 - INFORMAL 'DINER PENSANT'** (location: Café-Restaurant Dauphine)

Arriving later at dinner table: Lisa Pfahl, Prof. Disability Studies, Humboldt University Berlin.

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APPENDIX: THREE TOPICS

