



### The Congress Impulse

In many countries, the daily lives of persons with disabilities are still characterised by discrimination and intolerance. They hardly ever get the chance to exchange ideas with other people in similar situations and to communicate their needs, interests and abilities to the public. At our congresses persons with disabilities take an active part.

Changes in society's attitude can be achieved by involving the civil society, authorities, academic community and media. In many countries, congresses led to sustainable improvement of the living conditions of person with disabilities.



### Worldwide Congresses

In the last 30 years, seven big congresses with up to 700 participants were held in Europe under the slogan "Living in the Encounter". During 18 years, numerous congresses took place in South America, Asia and Oceania, so that in some countries there were several events at different locations. In 2017 the First World Congress even took place in Russia with participants from all continents and with different types of disabilities.

At our website you will find articles, photos and films about these events. These materials will help you experience the significance and value of our projects for an empowerment of individuals and the worldwide congress movement.



### Future Projects

Preparations for future congresses in different parts of the world are in progress. Whether these projects will be realized, however, depends, above all, on the financial means. Since many events take place in so-called developing countries, the financial resources are extremely limited. Will it be possible to convince enough people to help, so that congresses could be realised?

The organisation socialartist.support e.V. in Berlin supports the global expansion of this congress impulse, which has been carried out as an individual initiative since 1998. Get active and join a worldwide congress community. Future participants will be extremely grateful to you!