

The World Congress will be held 30th May – 1st June 2018 in Birmingham, UK, in partnership with Inclusion Europe and sponsored by Mencap.

We are currently accepting expressions of interest from potential speakers to lead or be part of sessions for the World Congress. You can submit your expression of interest to lead or be part of a session using the [form](#). Please read the guidance below before submitting your expression of interest. **Deadline for submissions is 31st October 2017.**

Guidance for sessions:

All sessions of the World Congress must be in one of three styles that fit with our theme of **Learn, Inspire and Lead**. There should be clear outcomes for the people attending the sessions.

LEARN

Learn and share experiences from around the world about important issues for people with intellectual disabilities and their families. Session Format: 'How-To' style workshops on global standards for inclusive practice. A session may be on how to:

- start a local self-advocacy group,
- close institutions in a country,
- deliver inclusive education training for teachers.

INSPIRE

Inspire and be inspired by sharing success stories, new ideas and new ways of working for inclusive policy, programs, and practices. Session Format: TEDx style sessions where self-advocates, parents, service providers, or policy experts may share their experiences on:

- the pathway to an inclusive practice,
- a personal story about overcoming barriers to inclusion,
- share how change was achieved in a community.

Or you could have an idea or topic unrelated to the disability movement, but think it's great learning for people. Pitch it in an Inspire session!

LEAD

Lead the way as a global movement in promoting inclusive communities for all.

Session Format: Discussions and presentations that answer the question: How are we going to move the global disability agenda forward? Sessions may be in the format of:

- panel-style policy dialogues,
- key issue discussions,
- multi-country presentations on inclusive practices for change.