

The Latvian Presidency of the EU Council Conference “Deinstitutionalisation Practices and Further Development of Social Care Policy in Europe”

INDEPENDENT LIVING FOR ALL

*“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful,
committed citizens can change the world.
Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”*

Peter Lambrechts

ENIL Senior Officer & EEG Co-Chair

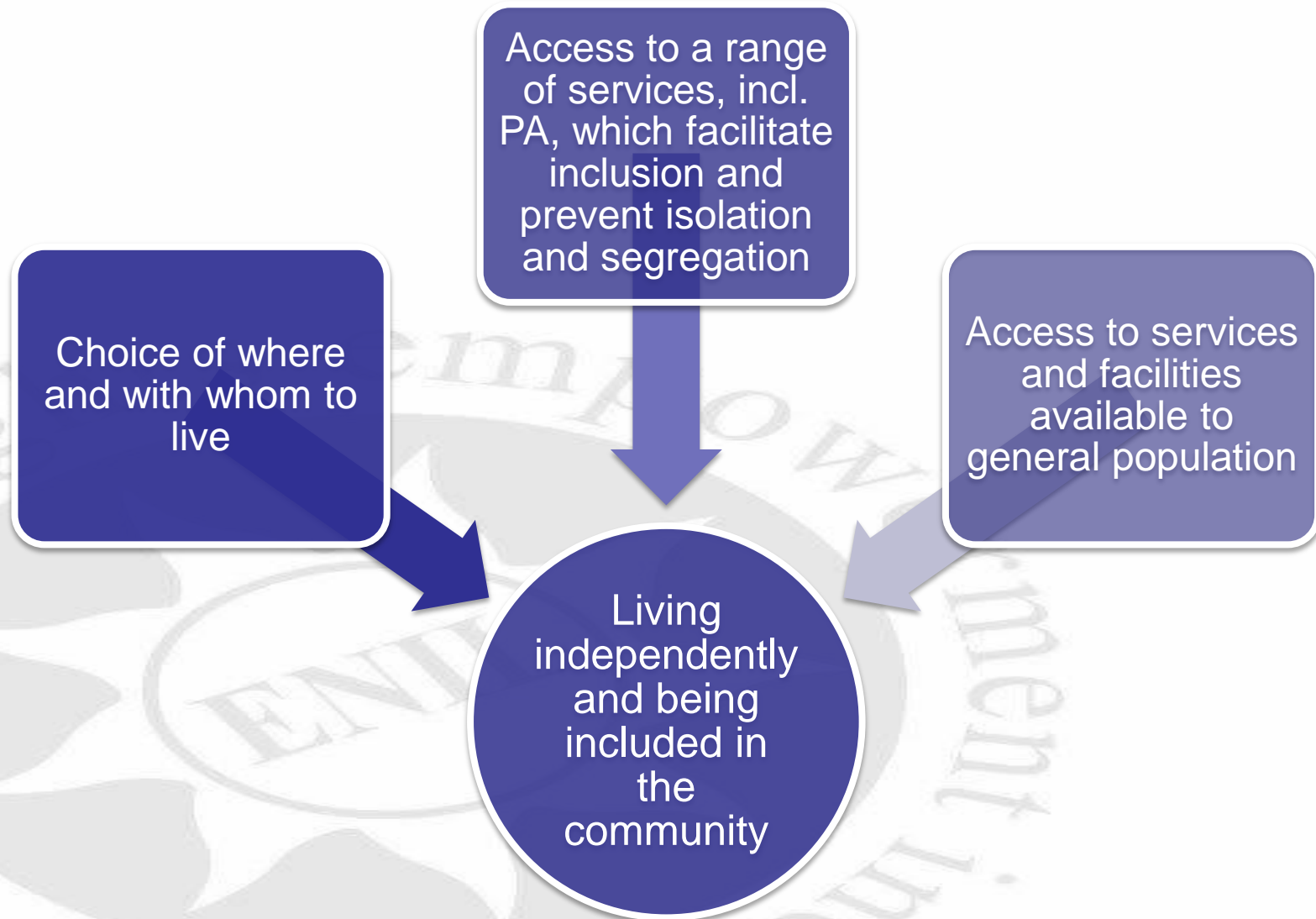
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article 19 of the UN CRPD



key principles for DI of disabled people

- Social model on disability
- UN CRPD article 19 (*Personal Assistance!*)
- Empowerment & emancipation
- Peer to peer counseling / peer support / importance of role models
- Co-production of support services & policy
- Community building
- Reallocation of public investment, from care in kind towards direct payments

Jorik & Hilde

“without a Personal Assistance Budget I would be forced to place Jorik in an institution or to sacrifice my own career and my life”



Dominiek

“I lived in an institution for 39 years. I had no friends left until I came in contact with Jan-Jan. He got me out of that place. On that day my life really started”



Magnus Andén & the JAG-model

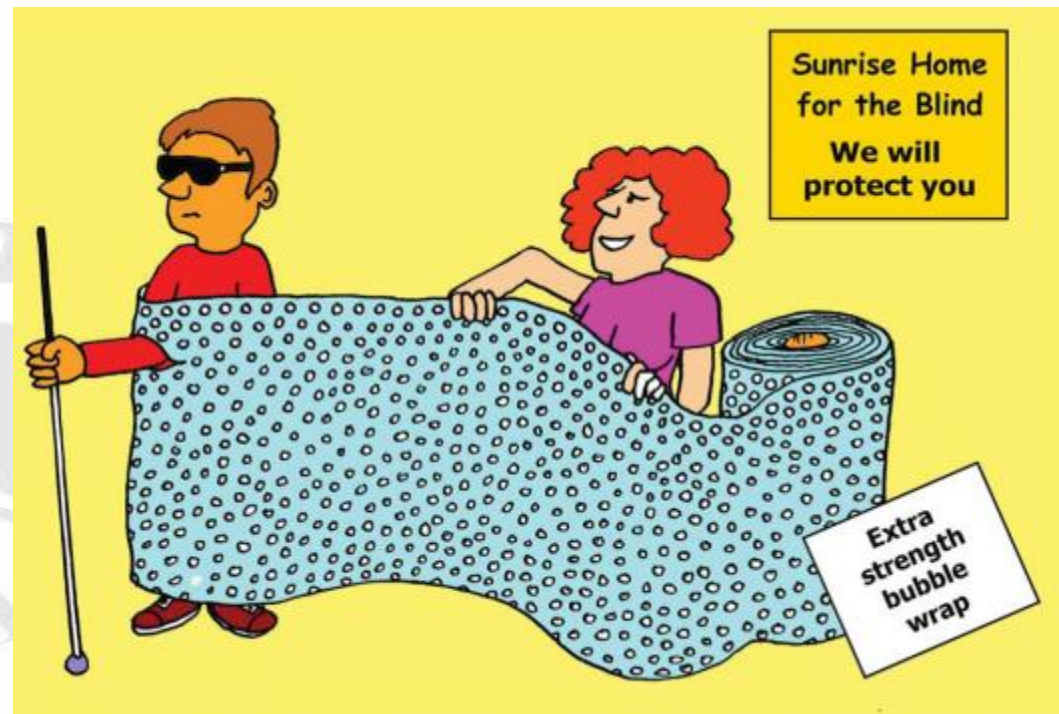


http://www.jag.se/sites/default/files/Pa-manual_ENG.pdf

“When I was a child, I experienced the old cruel system where disabled persons were imprisoned in institutions. I lived in an institution from age 4 until 7 and was severely hurt because of this. In 1972 I got personal assistance for 40 hours a week from the municipality where my family lived. Now I have personal assistance around the clock, paid by the government through the Swedish Security System. I am living in my own apartment, like other grown up people.”

My provocative statement

"Some disabled people are better off in high-quality institutions, living in the society is too dangerous for them"





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Thank you!