



**Invitation to attend the Disability & Development UK Seminar
'Sharing learning for Inclusive Communication for Development'**

March 26th, 2007, 9:30 – 4.00pm

Healthlink Worldwide, Development House, 56-64 Leonard Street, London EC2A 4LT, UK

Healthlink Worldwide and partners has pleasure in inviting you to participate in this knowledge sharing and learning seminar. The aim of the event is to share learning and experiences about developing innovative communication opportunities in the context of disability in development and identify good practices in inclusive communication.

Under the EU Disability Mainstreaming in Development Co-operation project, Healthlink Worldwide recently carried out a mapping study about perceptions of disability in development amongst a sample of UK and EU non-governmental organizations and disabled-focused organizations.

Findings from this study and the results of the earlier DFID Disability Knowledge and Research programme point to a need for more dialogue and shared learning about mainstreaming of disability in development and about developing inclusive communications. (A background paper has been prepared for the 'Sharing learning for Inclusive Communication for Development' Disability & Development UK Meeting. Please see attached and/or via the Healthlink Worldwide website. www.healthlink.org.uk.)

'Some of the international organisations could learn a lot from national disability organisations about expertise in the disability area, and likewise national disabled organisations can learn from development practices in the field', Disability & Development Mapping study interviewee.

Participants at this seminar will be drawn from both the development sector and the disability sector, to share knowledge and experiences. Guest speakers will include representatives of both development organisations and disability organisations who have learning to contribute and share about innovations in promoting inclusive communication. It is anticipated that the event will be small and focused, with 20 – 30 participants for maximum discussion and exchange.

The seminar will be hosted by Healthlink Worldwide, and held at Development House, 56-64 Leonard Street, London EC2A 4LT. (Nearest tube Old Street, for directions please see the

Healthlink Worldwide website (www.healthlink.org/contact.html). Lunch will be provided. Please do notify us in advance if you have any specific dietary requirements. Tel: +44 20 7549 0240.

The event will be in the form of a 'learning' day for sharing practice for inclusive communication'; with presentations, discussion and case studies. The experiences, learning, and successful approaches from this forum will go towards developing a reference guide for other NGOs when addressing this issue.

Provisional schedule:

Time	Seminar programme	
9:30 – 10:00	Session 1: Welcomes and introductions	
10:00 – 10:30	Session 2: Introduction to Inclusive Communication for Development	
10.30 – 11:00	Session 3: Innovation in inclusive communication – some case studies	
11:00 – 11:15	Tea	
11:15 – 12:00	Continuation of Session 3	
12:00 – 1:00	Session 4: Discussion / small groups re case studies	
1.00 – 2.00	Lunch	
2.00 – 3.00	Session 5: Group presentation and discussions in plenary	
3.00 – 3.15	Tea	
3.15 – 4.00	Continuation of Session 5: Good practices/codes of conduct	
4.45	Wrap up	

If you wish to attend the seminar please RSVP as soon as possible to:
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If any of your partners from the South are in the UK at the time, it would be very useful if they too could attend the event. Please let us know if the participants have any special requirements.



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