International Conference on Future Just Policies:

Disabilities

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Persons with Disabilities

in Vienna, Austria, 22-23 January 2012
Promoting Future Just Policies to change the world

The Essl Foundation, the World Future Council and Bank Austria are working together to organize an international conference in Vienna on future just policies which successfully implement the rights of people with disabilities.

VISION
In May 2008 the United Nations Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities came into force. However, many states, regions and cities still lack expertise on how to plan and execute government policies and strategies that successfully implement the rights of persons with disabilities. Outstanding examples of political responsibility - future just policies - that actively promote the rights of persons with disabilities both now, and for the future, are fairly rare. Countering this trend, the Vienna conference will present international policy examples that have successfully dismantled existing social, legal, economic, political and environmental barriers for people with disabilities. We envision the joint conference as taking an important step towards disability mainstreaming.

TOPICS
At the conference “Future Just Policies: Persons with Disabilities” the six most encouraging examples of political responsibility will be presented and discussed. The policies presented will be on topics such as education, personal assistance, employment, voting rights, anti-discrimination, accessibility and independent living.
PARTICIPANTS
We are happy to invite policy makers, academic institutions, practitioners, public servants, disability rights activists, NGO and foundation representatives, media and enterprises worldwide to this conference. We are working to make the conference an attractive meeting place for participants and speakers from all over the world.

PARTNERS
The Essl Foundation, the World Future Council and Bank Austria are cooperating on the organization of the conference.
DO YOU WANT TO COOPERATE?

The Essl Foundation, the World Future Council would like to get in touch with policy makers, international academic institutions and practitioners, NGOs and foundations to cooperate in the planning process of the event.

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