

Newsletter November 2013

We present here a short overview of activities undertaken in 2013. At the end of December we will publish a full annual report :

Masters Module in Portugal

This MA module was about community based approaches and health inequalities for young practitioners in Occupational Therapy who had to develop a project for social inclusion. Their experience is reflected by all of them more or less in the same way:

“When I started this module, I seemed inflexible to the change and resistant to the facts that were presented and discussed. Several realities about occupational deprivation and occupational injustice were revealed, which were part of research, and reflected, how these concepts could grow in our current reality. There were several difficulties in this learning processit is still a challenge, the difficulties, obstacles and doubts that seem to have no resolution are countless. And yet despite the gaps that remain, this has been a crucial moment of learning that enriches the nature of an Occupational Therapist.”

Bachelor Module in Georgia

During the second semester of the 3rd year Nino Chincharauli, a new teacher in the Bachelor course in Occupational Therapy in Tbilisi had asked Hanneke van Bruggen to supervise her by teaching the module Community Based Occupational Development Focusing on inclusion of Disadvantaged groups.

The students and the teacher were supervised in weekly skype sessions and in week 10 of the module Hanneke visited all projects of the students in Tbilisi.



Nino visiting a project of her student.

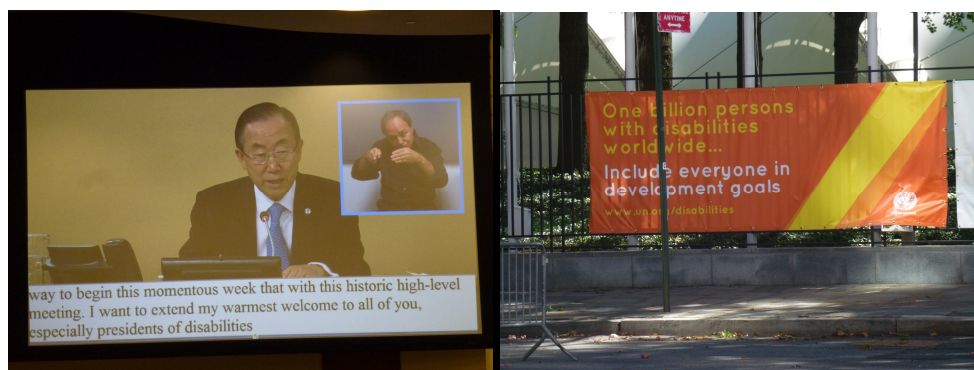
Jemmimah Mweu has started the BA in Education (Early Childhood)

Jemmimah has received a grant from FAPADAG for a Bachelor study in Education (early childhood) at the St. Paul University, Limuru, Kenya. It is very important for her to do this degree study in order to guarantee the quality of the Shammah Centre and her own position. She wrote after her first week of study: "I am very happy; for me it was always a dream, but now it is reality".

Workshop in OTARG (Occupational Therapy African Regional Group)

In September an introduction workshop in strategic thinking in Occupational Therapy took place during the OTARG conference in Zimbabwe. Participants were practitioners, educators and policy makers, but all of them were enthusiastic about what they had learned and were convinced that they should use the "new insights".

Participation in the UN-HLM on Disability and the New Millennium Goals



The organizational profile for "Facilitation and Participation of Disadvantaged Groups" (FAPADAG) has been accepted in DESA's (Department of Economic and Social Affairs) Civil Society database of the United Nations.

The application for accreditation of the CV of Hanneke van Bruggen to attend the High-level meeting of the General Assembly on disability and development has been approved in September 2013.

Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General said: "We are here to break the barriers".

1 billion PwD's- 80% is of working age and living in developing countries; women and children are double discriminated. Excluding people from the labour market costs 7% of the GDP.

Disability is not Inability.

Build Capacity and do research- lift barriers physical as well as attitudinal. Give full meaning to the outcome document of this meeting.

“In this meeting MDG’s, Post 2015 Goals and the CRPD are combined-it is a model for Human Rights in this century- a model including diversity and disability, whereby international cooperation is absolutely crucial!” said **Ms.Maria Soledad Cisternas Reyes**, Chair of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities of the UN.

The general expression in this meeting was: LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Developing the website

This whole year FAPADAG has worked hard to develop the organisation and the website. In particular over the last month CREJA Ontwerpen (www.creja.nl) and Mach3builders have made the website reality. If you have any suggestions for improvement or you want also to contribute please contact j.e.van.bruggen@gmail.com

Urgent need for financial support to build a safe and inclusive Shammah Centre



The Shammah Centre in Kibera will one of these days be destroyed by Kenyan Railway Company. Since FAPADAG has already bought two years ago, we like now to contribute in building an inclusive school.

You can support FAPADAG with a financial donation or organising a solidarity event. Please fill in the donation form!!!.