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## EU FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The European project **A MANUAL ON WORK AND HAPPINESS** is launching a **call for workshops and lazyshops**. The call is open to artists from Europe.

Two projects will be selected to become part of the line-up of the upcoming **International Seminar on Work and Happiness**, which will be held during the Pergine Spettacolo Aperto Performing Arts Festival (Italy), on the **14th and 15th of July 2017**.

Projects must be submitted in English via the [digital platform](#) by the **16th of April 2017**.

European artists are invited to design two kind of '**training' activities**: workshops and lazyshops, which will respectively examine, through an artistic approach, the meanings and practices of work and non-work.

This **call for workshop / call for lazyshop** is an opportunity for artists, cultural practitioners and researchers from any artistic field, to conceive and design training or research activities or test new creative methodologies in relation to the topics.

<http://amanualonworkandhappiness.eu/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/regulation-manual-call-workshops-lazyshops.pdf>

## WHAT'S NEW

### COLLETTEY'S COOKIES VOTED THE BEST COOKIE



Since 2011, Collette, a young woman with Down Syndrome, has been creating her own recipe for cookies for fun! But after rejection over and over again when applying for a job and being told she had great skills but was not "a good fit" she was determined to own her own business, despite any disability, and show people how able she is. Collette was not only determined to show everyone how capable people with (dis) abilities are, but her mission is to open production facilities across the country and employ thousands of *different abilities*! ONLY 17.5% of the population of people with disabilities were employed in 2015.

Collette's story was picked up by CBS local Boston, and aired as a "feel good" story for the holidays. Well it became more than that!! Within 10 days, she had over 9.5m views of FB, and over 50,000 cookies ordered. She received over 65,000 letters from people all over the world within 10 days, admiring her determination and ambition and finding her inspirational offering them hope. The letters are such incredible stories and shared personal experiences. She also received over 100 letters from people from all over offering their skills and services as a gift to help her.

Collette is being featured on CBS Nightly News and Good Morning America. She has been interviewed by Self Magazine, Boston Food

Journal, local Universities, Canadian Radio Station, Pop Sugar, and the list continues daily. Collette has been told she is causing a Global Movement for people with *different abilities*! Collette now has over 17m viewers, a HUGE fan club cheering her for success, has been written up in newspapers in Germany, Australia, Nigeria, China, Japan, France, Argentina, England, Spain, and of course all over the US.

Collette's plan moving forward, is to increase production and build her professional team in Boston as Phase I. Which she has started! Collette is already in discussion to replicate this first phase across the country in different states, so she can offer employment to thousands of people with *different abilities*. This is one strong, young lady!

Watch the video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=43sUj79ZMIM>

Read more <http://www.colletteys.com/>

## MARA WANTS TO VOTE - HELP HER RECLAIM HER RIGHT!

Dear friends of Inclusion Europe,

The right to vote is one of the fundamental rights of every citizen – **we call on you to help protect it.**

In Spain, the Constitutional Court has recently declined a request from a family to allow their daughter, Mara, to vote.

**This is unacceptable.**

It **violates her right** to participate in a democratic process in her country and to take part in deciding her and her country's future.

It is also a **violation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**, which Spain signed and ratified. Article 29 states clearly: "States Parties shall guarantee to persons with disabilities political rights and the opportunity to enjoy them on an equal basis with others (...) Ensure that persons with disabilities can effectively and fully participate in political and public life on an equal basis with others, (...), including the right and opportunity for persons with disabilities to vote and be elected."

Our Spanish member Plena Inclusión is co-organising a protest this Wednesday at 11am (Spanish time) to **demand a change of the current law**. You can learn more about the protest in our [press release](#). **Inclusion Europe fully supports this protest – and I would strongly encourage you to join us too.**

**This is significant not only for Spanish people who are denied the right to vote. There are hundreds of thousands others across Europe in the same situation. We should demonstrate the scale of the issue and show our Spanish friends our solidarity.**

**There are several ways you can participate:**

Spread the news with your friends, members and colleagues.

**Share our [press release](#) now.**

Retweet and share what we will be publishing on our [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

Encourage others to express their solidarity with Mara and support the right to vote on social media.

Use the hashtag **#MiVotoCuenta** ("My vote counts") when posting (copy-paste the hashtag and put it at the beginning or end of your post) As an idea, you could take a picture of yourself holding a placard with "[#MiVotoCuenta](#)" written on it to accompany your post.

**Some suggestions for posts or tweets:**

#MiVotoCuenta – I demand voting rights for people with an #intellectual #disability in Spain and all over Europe! <http://bit.ly/2jYsd8y>

Mara wants to vote – why does the Spanish state keep her from doing it? #MiVotoCuenta: Voting rights for everyone! <http://bit.ly/2jYsd8y>

Voting rights are for everyone! How would you like to be tested before casting a vote? #MiVotoCuenta – My vote counts! <http://bit.ly/2jYsd8y>

**Let's make Europe hear our voice on this important issue.** Let's help our friends in Spain and show them our solidarity. I count on you to joint this action.

Your action counts!

Maureen Piggot, Inclusion Europe President

# NEWS FROM EDSA MEMBERS

## DOWN'S SYNDROME ASSOCIATION UK

### My Perspective 2017

Our photography competition is now open for people with Down's syndrome from around the world.

We would like to invite people from your country to send us their entries for our special Stephen Thomas Award. The winner of this award will have the opportunity to join us in London at our prestigious ceremony.

**The winner of the 2017 Stephen Thomas Award will receive:**

2 x flights from their home country to London, UK

2 x nights accommodation for themselves and one person to accompany them



This year's competition closes on Friday 28 April 2017.

The shortlist of 25 images will be announced on Friday 12 May and the winners will be awarded their prizes at our very special awards ceremony in the summer at [Kew Gardens](#), London (date to be confirmed).

Photographs can be entered via our [online application form](#) or by posting them with [the entry form](#) to us at:

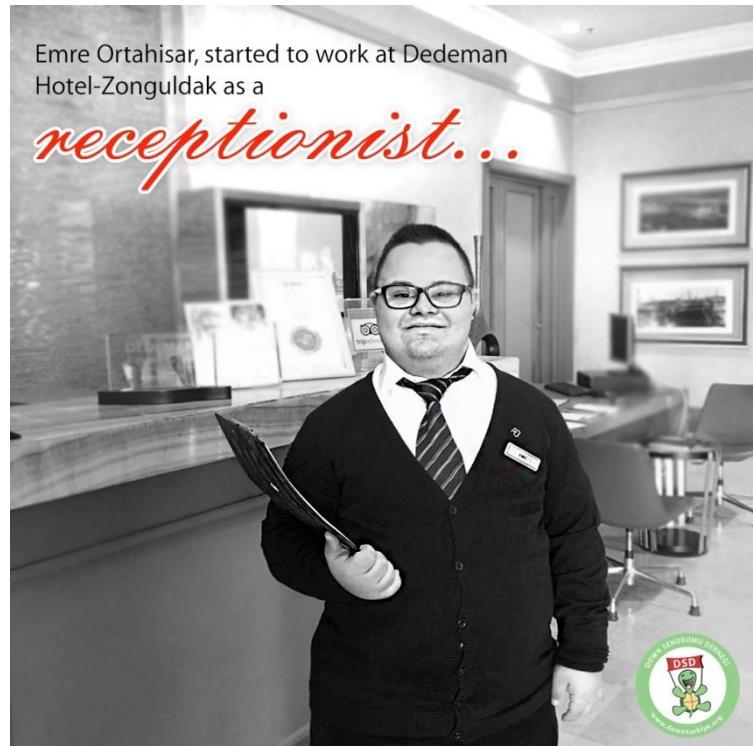
My Perspective 2017  
Down's Syndrome Association  
Langdon Down Centre  
2a Langdon Park  
TEDDINGTON  
TW11 9PS  
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Full details of how to enter the competition [can be found by visiting our website.](#)

## DOWN TURKEY

Down turkey Association wants to share with Edsa members last news about their activities....

1. We run Job Coach Supported Employment Program since 2012, placed 42 youngsters with Down syndrome into 13 different companies. We work on job coach training program with Anadolu University Special Education Department with the financial support of Sabancı Foundation. We completed academic part of training between 23-28 January 2017. People who took academic training will make a job placement in the following months.
2. We want to introduce you Emre Ortahisar. He started to work at Dedeman Hotel-Zonguldak as a receptionist at 9 January. He makes guest-welcoming, takes room numbers in the restaurant and tidies tables after breakfast and lunch.



Emre Ortahisar, started to work at Dedeman Hotel-Zonguldak as a

*receptionist...*

3. We run in the Runatolia Marathon for fundraising in 5<sup>th</sup> of March 2017 in Antalya Turkey. The name of our project is "Step by Step for Autonomy". Our goal is that even heavily disabled young people can be able to act on its own and also mild and moderate disabled people can be able to spend days by self. Also we provide in theoretic and applied education to young people with down syndrome for using of public transport and travelling, using money and shopping, sexuality and friendship, make an organization and leisure time, able to use computer and phone, and managing of time for 4 full of days in a week during 10 month. You can follow the link in order to make donation for the project: <https://www.ammado.com/fundraiser/192581>

4. We are partner of an Erasmus+ Project called "Let's Try ICT". Let's Try ICT is a European project within the frame of Erasmus+ Strategic Partnerships. From 1.10.2015 until 30.9.2017 the project focuses on the usage of mobile APPs and other helpful IT-Tools in the context of ECEC (Early Childhood Education and Care). The usage of these tools shall be increased by information tools (e.g. web based 'APP Advisor') and information campaigns. The goal of Let's try ICT is

- a. To increase skills, knowledge and awareness of ECEC professionals with regard to learning-support APPS for vulnerable children towards higher effectiveness of ECEC services
  - b. Enabling blended learning processes within a community of practice, using prior experience with community of practice approaches in other sectors (comparable e.g. to 'trip advisor').
  - c. To narrow the observable gap between available research/technology in ICT for vulnerable children and operative lack of transfer towards professionals in ECEC by tutoring pathways - in order to increase the quality of services and their output (e.g. preacademic skills)
- You can follow the link for detailed information: <http://letstry-ict.eu/index.php?menupos=0>

5. We made a presentation about “Job Coach Supported Employment Program” in the conference of Zero Project of ESSL Foundation in Vienna in 23<sup>th</sup> of February. They chose 56 practices among 236 applications. Our “Job Coach Supported Employment Program” was one of them and awarded as Innovative Practice. You can follow the link for detailed information about the conference: <https://conference.zeroproject.org/>



## MAKE THIS NEWSLETTER REALLY YOURS!

Have you got any news that we could publish in EDSA newsletter?  
Please send us any information you would like to announce and we shall be happy to disseminate it all over Europe!

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