

Meeting on North South Cooperation

Disabled People Led to Disabled Led International Co-operation. Meeting to discuss taking this issue forward

3pm Room B Friday 28th January

A number of disabled state delegates and NGO delegates from Disabled People's Organisations are very concerned at the way money and support for development, in the area of disabled people and the realisation of their rights is being channelled.

Projects and money go Government to Government or to large international NGOs, which are not controlled or run by disabled people themselves.

The Disabled People's Movement is based on a number of principles and methods of working which are not being reflected in the way disability issues are currently being addressed.

Our deliberations will be based on the following principles:-

- Nothing About Us Without Us;
- Cross Impairment organisations which recognise our common oppression, whatever our impairment, are the best way of challenging the social oppression all disabled face;
- Disabled people from the South must lead supported by disabled people and their organisations from the North .
- Disability Equality Training must be delivered disabled people themselves

We will discuss:-

Ways to get collaboration between North and South Disabled Led Organisations including emergencies;

Ways to mobilise state support to our joint endeavours to develop and improve the position of disabled people South and North.

Called by British Council Disabled People, Italian National Council on Disability, DPI North America and Caribbean Region, Federation (Kenyan) of and for People with Disabilities .Namibia National Association of People with Physical Disability.