NORWEGIAN DIRECTORATE OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY AFFAIRS
THE DIRECTORATE FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY AFFAIRS (BUFDIR)

- The Ministry of Children and Equality (BLD)
- Activities and services related to:
  - Childrens’ upbringing, youth information and participation
  - Child welfare, child protection/care
  - Parenthood, family welfare, family counselling, adoption
  - Domestic violence (prevention, protection)
  - Equality and non-discrimination
How we work

- Cooperation with relevant actors
  - Ministries
  - Directorates
  - The Equality and Anti-discrimination Ombud (LDO)
  - Research Centers (with focus on gender, LGBT, disabilities, youth at risk)
  - Civil society, NGOs
A short overview of the situation of people with disabilities in Norway
Paradigm shift

- A change in ideology and policy
  - Normalization
  - Integration
  - Inclusion
  - Empowerment
  - Enrichment
  - Anti discrimination
  - Equality
What has happened?

• In the background
  – Normalisation
  – Integration
  – Inclusion
  – Anti discrimination

• First and foremost
  – Empowerment
  – Enrichment
  – Democratic participation
    • From shame to pride and strength.
Situation for persons with disabilities

- The relational model
- Focus on documentation, knowledge and statistics
  - “Slik har jeg det I dag” Report about the living conditions to people with intellectual disabilities 2013
  - “Levekårsstatus”
  - CRPD
Living conditions and outcome indicators

• Data and indicators from Statistics Norway
• Collection of data from other sectors (work/social, health, education, culture/leisure, transport, etc.)
• Documentation from ongoing and comprehensive surveys (e.g. Citizen survey)
• Research and development
Challenges for persons with disabilities

- Segregation in school and after-school activities
- Access to labor market
- Fragmented service system
- Access to society (including digital society)
Children with disabilities

49,000

8%, or 49,000 children received special education in 2016

3 out of 4 children receive special education outside of ordinary class

18% of people with disabilities report that they participate little in social activities

The parents of children with disabilities participate less in social activities

1 out of 4 children with disabilities has been at a psychologist last year
People with disabilities in the workforce

Employment rate, aged 15 to 66

*Population in general*  *People with disabilities*

Kilde: Labour Force Survey
A universally designed society - Status in Norway

• 52% of public enterprises have universal design as part of their ICT strategy (2015).
• 25% of public buildings in Norwegian municipalities have entrances for mobility impaired people. (21% for the visually impaired) (2014).
• 45% of municipal authorities currently have a plan for universal design (2014).
• 3% of Norwegian railway stations (10 stations) were universally designed as of 2015.
The government’s action plan for universal design (2015 – 2019)

- Main focus on ICT and welfare technology
- Monitor ongoing activities on other important sectors
- Totally 47 measures in the action plan
- 10 ministries involved (sector responsibility principle)
Thank you!

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