

# E-Dimension of Staff Development in Disability Services Sector

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## Speakers Overview



### **Luk Zelderloo**

Secretary General, European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities (EASPD)

Mr. Luk Zelderloo has been professionally active in the disability sector for more than 32 years. He holds a Master's degree in Management, Social Science & Philosophy. For more than 13 years he was active as a manager of a social service organisation for persons with disabilities in Flanders. For the last 19 years, he has been working at the European level in the field. He is one of the founding fathers of the European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities (EASPD) where he is the Secretary General. Mr Zelderloo is also the President of Job-Link, a service providing vocational training and job coaching for persons with disabilities; the President and a Board member of Social Services Europe as well as a Vice president of the European Federation for Family Employment (EFFE). Mr Zelderloo has an extensive knowledge of managing EU funded projects. He has acted as a speaker and organiser of conferences on topics such as: education and employment of persons with disabilities, staff training, state aid, poverty reduction, combating sexual abuse, social policies, capacity-building in EEC and stakeholder cooperation.



### **James Churchill**

Hon President of the Board of the European Care Certificate and chairs the EASPD Interest Group on Workforce and Human Development

Mr. James Churchill was the Chief Executive of the UK provider umbrella body ARC for 23 years. For six years he served as the chair of United Response and was also a board member of Skills for Care (England). He is a member of the First Tier Tribunal (Health, Education and Social Care Chamber) and chairs Fitness to Practise panels for the Nursing and Midwifery Council.

He is the Hon President of the Board of the European Care Certificate and chairs the EASPD Interest Group on Workforce and Human Development. He currently leads Social Care Training Ltd as a partner in two new Erasmus+ projects, the European Mentoring in Social Care (EMISC) and Sharing the European Pathways (STEPS). He writes, advises and evaluates European projects and has a longstanding interest in staff training, especially at entry level for social care staff.



### **Carlo Scatoli**

**Team leader – Strategic instruments and frameworks, Vocational training and adult learning Unit, DG Education and Culture, European Commission**

Mr. Carlo Scatoli has been working for more than 15 years on European instruments for the transparency of skills and qualification, first developing the Europass framework, then managing the European Qualification Framework and finally ECVET. He has also been involved in the coordination of the Euroguidance network, the EU Skills Panorama and ESCO.



### **John Wells**

**Head of the School of Health Sciences, Waterford Institute of Technology (WIT), Ireland**

Professor John Wells qualified as a Registered Mental Health Nurse in 1988 and worked in a number of London based clinical services before transitioning to an academic career. He holds a PhD from King's College London. John lives in County Kilkenny and works in Waterford City, Ireland. He is Head of the School of Health Science at Waterford Institute of Technology, where he also sits on the Executive Board as part of the Institute's senior management team.

John is an active researcher and writer with an expertise in Policy and Systems Analysis; Quality Improvement in clinical services; the relationship of Work Related Stress with Work Engagement and supporting stressed workers through ICT based interventions. Methods expertise includes Case Study Design; Soft Systems Analysis, Participatory Research and Frameworks Analysis.

John has been awarded research grants as both principal investigator and collaborating researcher to the value of: €3,461,273; £77,500 (Ir) and £5,180(stg). He has been appointed to the executive board of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland from 2013 to the present. John has served on various Irish national advisory committees in the health and nursing arena, including the undergraduate review of nurse education, the national research strategy for nursing and the national advisory panel on drugs (training subcommittee). In addition he was chairperson of the nursing panel for the Undergraduate Awards in 2011 and 2012.

John is visiting Professor in Mental Health and Social Integration at Lincoln University; a Senior Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow; editorial board member of The International Journal of Leadership in Public Services; International Ambassador Vision 20/20 initiative, Drexel University, USA; Review panel member, Division of Humanities and Social Sciences Swiss National Science Foundation.



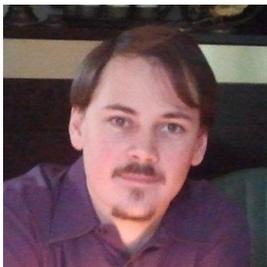
### **Jillian Sexton**

**Human Resource Training & Development Co-ordinator, National Federation of Voluntary Bodies**

Ms. Jillian Sexton works with the National Federation of Voluntary Bodies Providing Services to People with Intellectual Disability as Human Resource Training & Development Co-ordinator. Jillian works closely with Human Resource Personnel across National Federation Member Organisations. A chief aim of Jillian's role is to enhance the knowledge, skills and abilities of staff in delivering quality, person centred services and seeking to ensure that the interests of member organisations are addressed at a national level by the appropriate agencies. Jillian has represented the National Federation of Voluntary Bodies and its Member Organisations on a range of national committee's aimed at developing on-line opportunities for staff including the HSE's National eLearning Project and the Steering Committee for the development of Competencies for Support Service Staff / Managers which were established by the HSE Health Management (former Office for Health Management).

Prior to working with the National Federation of Voluntary Bodies Jillian was employed in the Community / Local Development Sector. Over an 11 year period Jillian was involved in establishing government funded Community Development Projects / Family Resource Centres, supporting community based projects, developing networking opportunities between projects and delivering training to community groups.

Jillian holds a Social Science Degree from University College Cork (1991) and an MA in Community Development from NUI Galway (1993); she has also completed a Diploma in Human Resource Management, Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology (2003).



### **Timothy Ghilain**

**Project and Development Officer, EASPD**

Mr. Tim Ghilain holds a Master degree in European studies from the Catholic University of Louvain. He is active in coordinating European projects on inclusive education for persons with disabilities. He is currently facilitating the work of EASPD's Standing Committee on Education and Interest Group on Early Intervention. He is involved in various European projects including INVESTT, ALDO, DELAROSE, iVET4D and takes part in the European Alliance for Investing in Children.



### **Wolfgang Ruf**

Research assistant at the Department of Physical Activity and Public Health, Institute of Sports Science, University of Graz

Mr. Wolfgang Ruf has been working as a Research assistant at the Department of Physical Activity and Public Health, Institute of Sports Science, University of Graz, Austria since 2013. During this period he has been a project partner of EU project DELAROSE (Delivering E-Learning Accreditation to Reduce Occupational Stress in Employment). Between 2013 and 2014, he managed the project “pro move Austria” and between 2008 and 2014, he was employed as a project manager in “pro move Graz, sport for people with mental health problems.” From 2009 until 2011, Wolfgang was actively engaged in the EU project ROSE (Reducing Occupational Stress in Employment). He holds degrees in Sports Science from the University of Tartu, Estonia, and the University of Graz, Austria.



### **Gloria Ortiz**

Ms. Gloria Ortiz has been working since 2007 as a coordinator of European projects at CIEF (Valencia, Spain) within different programmes such as INTERREG, LIFE and FP7. She has previous experience as financial auditor of EU projects at BDO Spain and as assistant at INTERACT Tool-Box Secretariat and Unioncamere Lombardia’ Brussels office. Since September 2014, she is EU project manager at IPERIA L’Institut (Paris, France), where she has coordinated Carenet, Carer+ and TRACK EU projects.