

## EASPD Webinar: Creative connections during COVID-19

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 14h00 CEST, via Zoom**

### Context

The Coronavirus has forced billions of people into lockdown or sent them to the front lines to battle the pandemic. Efforts to contain the virus have also resulted in personal containment, enforced containment and separation from the world we all knew. UNESCO recently stated 'In times of crisis, we need culture to make us resilient, give us hope, remind us that we are not alone'. European citizens of all ages and abilities are using arts and culture to express experiences, maintain wellbeing and find creative solutions to the impact of COVID 19 .

As the COVID-19 pandemic further isolates and threatens the lives and rights of people living with a disability, we are seeing creative solutions and resilience from Service Providers, Cultural Organisations and People with Disabilities, working with, through and in the arts. Arts and Cultural activities are filling the days of many European citizens feeling isolated. Service providers are finding arts based solutions for maintaining social connection, a sense of belonging whilst instilling hope. Some cultural organisations are maintaining their commitment to inclusion through remote and accessible arts based initiatives, and the creativity and voice of arts practitioners, professional and amateur is giving us insight into the experiences and responses from the arts and disability family.

The "Creative Connections During COVID 19" webinar will host a panel of expert representatives including, Arts Practitioners, Disability Service Providers and Cultural Organisations that are on the COVID 19 Creative Journey.

### Programme

14h00	Welcome and Introduction by the moderator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Eoin Nash</b>, Cope Foundation, Ireland</li> </ul>
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14h05	Panel Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Alexia Chamodraka</b>, Cerebral Palsy Greece/Open Door, Greece</li><li>• <b>Ana Rita Barata</b>, CiM - Companhia de Dança, Portugal</li><li>• <b>Kriszta Welsh</b>, Sérültekért Foundation, Hungary</li><li>• <b>Simon Mckeown</b>, Teesside University, UK</li></ul>
14h40	Questions and Answers with Participants
14h55	Concluding Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Jim Crowe</b>, President, EASPD</li></ul>

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