



Site Visits

Visiting a Dutch Organization for Care and Support of People with intellectual disability.

Organization	De Hartekamp Groep
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Registration	Registration required by email After registration you will receive detailed information about the visit.
Theme	Responsibilities of the organization towards clients and society
Date	Wednesday 2 nd September 2009
Duration	2-3 hours
Maximum	15 participants (including maximum 3 Dutch)
Languages	English French translation possible for the first part of the visit. The discussion during the second part will not be translated into French.

After a guided tour through part of the organization we'd like to facilitate some discussion and professional exchange among the participants. The discussion will focus on persons with mild intellectual disability

The topics of this exchange will be:

- What responsibilities does a professional organization hold to protect the society or to prevent any harm inflicted on society and caused by the organization's client?
- And what responsibilities does the organization have to protect the client from disappointments and risks that inevitably come with participating in society?
- Can we say that, for society, it is just part of normal life to deal with 'difficult' people?
- Can we likewise say that, for clients, it is just part of normal life to deal with disappointing and frustrating events?

Jan (24, client of de Hartekamp Groep) lives in a 'normal' Dutch street in one of the suburbs of Haarlem. He has mild intellectual disability and Tourette. Children in his environment are scared by his behaviour (shouting when he walks in the streets). The neighborhood is complaining. To what extent is the organization responsible?

Henriëke (21, client of de Hartekamp Groep) lives in the same street. She has mild to moderate intellectual disability and is easily influenced by others. She likes expensive clothes. She wouldn't say 'no' when she can get money in exchange for sex. To what extent is the organisation responsible?