

SPECIALISED COURSE ON REHABILITATION ENGLISH

18 June – 1 July 2007, Malta

Summary Report

Workability Europe and partners organised a two-week English Language Course for professionals working in the disability sector. The Course took place on the island of Malta and was attended by 10 participants from Austria, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway and Poland. The tailor-made programme combined study of general and specialised rehabilitation English as well as exciting social, cultural and learning activities.

The academic part covered subjects such as

- The language of disability: usage/pitfalls
- An Inclusive Society: school, work, leisure, living together
- Independent Living: Philosophy and practice
- The Language and Function of Advocacy
- The Function of NGOs
- Disability in Practice: Learning Disabilities
- Disability in Practice: Cognitive/Neurological
- Evaluation & summing up

The interactive programme featured plenty of discussions and practical exercises. Professionals also had the chance to talk about their daily work and to exchange experiences.



Participant Annette Nilsen from Norway said: "I really enjoyed Malta and our stay at the Language Plus School. We had two pleasant and interesting weeks. The course participants also got along very well. We want to keep in touch in future."

The Maltese trainer Godwin Scerri shared his own view: "This was of course an unusual 'class'. I was dealing with mature people, proficient in their own field, who needed

to learn the English language side of things. Eventually I discovered that some of them were quite proficient in English but they loved discussing the terminology as well as some of the concepts. I trust the Course answered the expectations of the 'students'. Personally, as one can expect from such people, I enjoyed it too and would be delighted to be involved if such an opportunity arises again."

Given this successful experience, Workability Europe will consider organising the Course again in 2008.