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International Federation Assembly 2023

Criteria for selecting Community delegates

The role of the Federation Assembly is to determine the vision of the Federation, reflecting on the experience and concerns of the Communities and Countries. Because of this, the participants should reflect our diversity. The coming Assembly will be held online and not in person.

Even though all members of L'Arche are invited to participate in the assembly, communities are asked to choose two delegates, one with and one without an intellectual disability, who will participate in several meetings before the Assembly and attend the entire program of the Assembly. For confirmed communities, one of the two delegates will be casting the vote on behalf of their communities. It is the community who chooses who will be casting the vote. A second registration specific for the voting delegate will be opened in Spring of 2023.

Criteria for selecting Community delegates, both people with and without disabilities:

- They should represent the diversity of L'Arche vocational and professional realities, that is, people with disabilities, assistants, leaders, board members, office staff, and others who are fully involved in the Community.

- As the event will be experiential as well as intellectual, they will need to be fully prepared to participate in all aspects: celebrations, virtual encounters, non-verbal and verbal expressions, work and sharing.
- They represent the experience of their Communities and Countries and must have a future commitment. They will be responsible for encouraging everyone's participation to the Assembly, sharing its content with their Communities and Countries. Therefore, they must be motivated to participate, learn and take the experience and decisions back into the daily life of their Communities and Countries.
- They will take part in the preparation for the Federation Assembly 2023, including the different consultative processes leading up to it. They also have the task of informing their communities of the information concerning the Assembly.
- They should be open and committed to the diversity and the global reality of L'Arche; its new Charter, Identity & Mission, vision, and challenges.
- During the preparation and the Assembly itself, a key aspect of the work of the delegates will be to act as the link between the Assembly and the members of their communities. To inform in order that the delegates' opinions reflect the opinions of their communities.
- Active languages of the Federation Assembly will be English and French. English, French and Spanish translation will be provided. Non-English, French or Spanish-speaking participants need to ensure subsequent translation. However, translations for some parts of the program, such as the opening and closing celebrations, will be offered in other languages of the Federation.

Members of the International Leadership Team need to work with their Countries and Communities to apply the criteria.

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