DAY TWO | Water Edition

The things we make...

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IFA 2023 | Charting a new course

Dear Community members:

A new Charter! L’Arche now has a new Charter!

After 3 years of beads, and listening, speaking, sharing, L’Arche has taken a massive and confident step into deciding its future. In the words of a community member from Namur, Belgium, “we need to revive the value of L’Arche - give it a new meaning. We need to share our story.”

Every day, we highlight our Federation Assembly events as well as the glowing conversations and exchanges happening on our platforms.

As all our communities are busy living the Assembly in their homes and cities, we have two great news stories for you!

Remember we talked about Gerson and Alejandra from Honduras yesterday, who are competing in the Special Olympics in Germany? Well they did it! They won the Bronze medal in the Bocce team event! Congratulations.

By now you all know Nick Herd, artist and daily video presenter at the Federation Assembly:

vimeo.com/838114013

Well Nick was in New York city last week to represent L’Arche at a United Nations international Conference. Here is a link to an article he wrote for UN News, the media agency of the United Nations!

bit.ly/nick_UN

PHOTO CREDIT: © L’Arche/Warren Pot Nick Herd in the UN General Assembly Hall.

FEDERATION FRINGE

CHARTING success!

Below is the link to the Charter of L’Arche, which we can now all integrate into our daily lives, and communications.

The purpose of the Charter is to express all that unites us in our great diversity. It is a map, helping us all go forward as a Federation.

bit.ly/IFA_resources

L’Arche Kenya:

For us what is most important is the mission of L’Arche: That people with disabilities are accepted for who they are.

L’Arche Fribourg

Jean Vanier was the founder of L’Arche, but not L’Arche in Fribourg.

Poland

At LArche we have the opportunity to give and take. People with disabilities should speak for themselves. There is nothing bad in being weak.

Quotes from calls with the delegates discussing our Story:
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What has been striking for you in the IFA 2023?

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**BEHIND the scenes @ THE IFA 2023**

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Vote results will be published the day after the vote closes.

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**Tuesday 20th 01.00-23.59 UTC**

1. **Vote on the Charter**
   - Needs a 2/3 majority
   - 288 YES
   - 9 NO
   - 178 Voted
   - 22 Didn’t vote
   - 97% YES
   - 3% NO
   - 89% Voted
   - 11% Didn’t vote

**Wednesday 21st 01.00-23.59 UTC**

2. **Vote on Report of the International Leaders**
   - Simple majority
   - COMING SOON

3. **Vote on report of the ISB chair**
   - Simple majority
   - COMING SOON

4. **Vote on the Finance report**
   - Simple majority
   - COMING SOON

**Thursday 22nd 01.00-23.59 UTC**

5. **Vote on the Mandate**
   - Simple majority
   - COMING SOON

6. **Vote on the ISB Chair**
   - Needs a 2/3 majority
   - COMING SOON

7. **Vote on the ISB members**
   - Simple majority
   - COMING SOON

8. **Vote on the Transition plan**
   - Simple majority
   - COMING SOON

9. **Ratification of the Federation Council**
   - Simple majority
   - COMING SOON

According to the Constitution of the International Federation of L’Arche Communities, each confirmed community has the right of one vote, which counts as two. Individual members (except pastoral ministers mandated by a country and Federation Council members) have the right to vote, it counts as one.