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PRESS COMMUNICATION: 66 YEARS OF ANFFAS
LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER THE XVII^A NATIONAL DAY OF INTELLECTUAL
DISABILITIES AND NEURODEVELOPMENTAL DISORDERS!

How can a vegetable garden become a source of inclusion? How can a city become accessible in terms of cultural information? And how can music, sport, art positively influence the Quality of Life of people with disabilities? All of these questions will be answered on 28 March 2024 during the celebrations of the 66th anniversary of Anffas foundation. On this occasion, we also celebrate the XVII National Day of Intellectual Disabilities and Neurodevelopmental Disorders.

The chosen mode has been that of the **'Marathon'**, which is precisely being held on **28 March from 9 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.**- on the Zoom platform [at this link](#) - and [live on Facebook](#).

During the **'Marathon'**, there will be about **50 testimonials** succeeding each other, which will enable the sharing of innovative solutions with a high inclusive value adopted on the whole national territory, from Bodies adhering to the associative network of National Anffas.

'We celebrate Anffas birthday by continuing our work of promoting a new culture of disability, promoting the affirmation of a new biopsychosocial model based on rights and Quality of Life, firmly anchored to the individual, personalised and participatory life project' says **Roberto Speziale**, national president of Anffas.

'People with disabilities, families and those who collaborate and work in various capacities fight so that people with intellectual disabilities and neurodevelopmental disorders and their families are guaranteed dignity and rights. Rights that find concrete expression **only if there exists an integrated network of high quality services. Services and interventions which must be, today, accompanied towards their inclusive transition'** the president continues 'and we are sure that this year too **we will be able to see how Anffas is concretely working on this perspective, by sharing and making people aware of the many best practices implemented on the various territories. All of this is to demonstrate that changes are possible and can be done, and this must concern all life domains of people with disabilities, always respecting their wishes, expectations and preferences'**.

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In conjunction with the 'Marathon', **territorial Anffas associations will give life to the initiative: 'Open Day - doors open to social inclusion' through ludic, recreational, convivial moments, conferences, book presentations etc. or simple celebration events to wish happy birthday to Anffas and celebrate the XVII Intellectual Disabilities and Neurodevelopmental Disorders National Day.**

During this day, connections with the various Anffas headquarters will succeed each other, alternating best practices testimonials with divulgation and celebratory events - with live speeches and the involvement of self-representatives, families, operators and guests - which will enable a 360° overview on the many initiatives and activities which Anffas create on the whole national territory.

Thus continues Anffas commitment in making alive the paradigms introduced by the UN Convention on the rights of people with disabilities, continuing its unceasing work to create a fully inclusive society where people with disabilities and their family members will have equal rights and opportunities, just like all other citizens, and where nobody is discriminated anymore because of their disability.

We look forward to seeing you on 28 March 2024!

All the information about the event are available on www.anffas.net

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