

GFPH Resolution for the DPI World Assembly

(Original in french)

A large proportion of the disabled persons are children.

We, adult disabled persons, who are organized in DPI, know the importance of striving for independence as the only way to attain a free choice of our way of life and to participate actively in society. To prepare children, and particularly disabled children, for their future, their education for competence and independence should begin as soon as possible after birth. Recognizing the fundamental role of parents in this task, adult autonomous disabled persons, who are important role models for disabled children and show the future which they may attain, should support parents in this effort. Through our common effort, we the disabled, as well as parents who are committed to fight for the independence of their children, should reinforce our political weight in the struggle for the dignity, independence and participation in society of the disabled.

Since an inalienable principle of DPI is that disabled persons must speak for themselves, the associations of disabled persons and of parents who accept our principles have joined together in the GFPH (French Grouping of Disabled Persons, Member of DPI) and propose that a working group be established of disabled persons and parents who share our objectives, to draft action proposals and recommendations with respect to our common efforts for the right of disabled children to education and their preparation for an independent life.