

CCGHR/ICDR Theme Group on Inclusion and Disability

Background

On 15 November 2011, the International Centre for Disability (ICDR) and the Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research (CCGHR) co-hosted an open meeting at the 2011 Global Health Conference in Montreal to bring together people with a shared interest in global health research issues related to disability and rehabilitation. Approximately two dozen people participated in this meeting with enthusiasm to generate further action to advance these issues. A decision was taken to formally launch the “Theme Group on Inclusion and Disability”. A subset of the meeting participants agreed to prepare a synthesis of ideas to advance this group, which was discussed at the Skype teleconference on 9 December 2011, and modified into the ideas below.

What is the Theme Group on Inclusion and Disability?

A network of people interested in how research [\[1\]](#) can advance global issues in disability, inclusion and rehabilitation

Who is involved?

This is an open network that welcomes people with disabilities, people working with DPOs, researchers, students, clinicians, policy-makers and others in government, people working in civil society orgs/NGOs, and anyone else who shares this interest.

What does the network aim to do?

- Facilitate connections and collaboration among people and organizations in order to produce, use, disseminate and advocate for research on inclusion, disability and rehabilitation in the context of global health
- Act as a space to participate for people with interest in these issues and a gateway for those who may be new to the topic
- Share information, ideas and opportunities arising in this field

What is the timeframe for the Theme Group on Inclusion and Disability?

This Theme Group will operate from November 2011 – November 2013. In November 2013, we will evaluate whether there is still need for this Theme Group, whether it is time to transition into a new form to meet new needs, or whether it is time to close.

What is the structure of the Theme Group on Inclusion and Disability?

The Theme Group has a broad membership open to anyone interested in these aims

A small working group drives the central activities of the Theme Group. Ad hoc Task Groups comprised of members advance various activities identified within the Theme Group

Please see our most recent [TGID Member List](#)

How does the Theme Group on Inclusion and Disability communicate?

- The primary location of information for this Theme Group is the website of the CCGHR and ICDR
- The primary mode of communication among members is via e-mail and Skype
- Additional strategies for communication may include:
 - A Facebook page
 - Links to other pages as appropriate

[\[1\]](#) Note that “research” is understood broadly to include not only the creation of knowledge, but also use of knowledge including evidence-informed advocacy.