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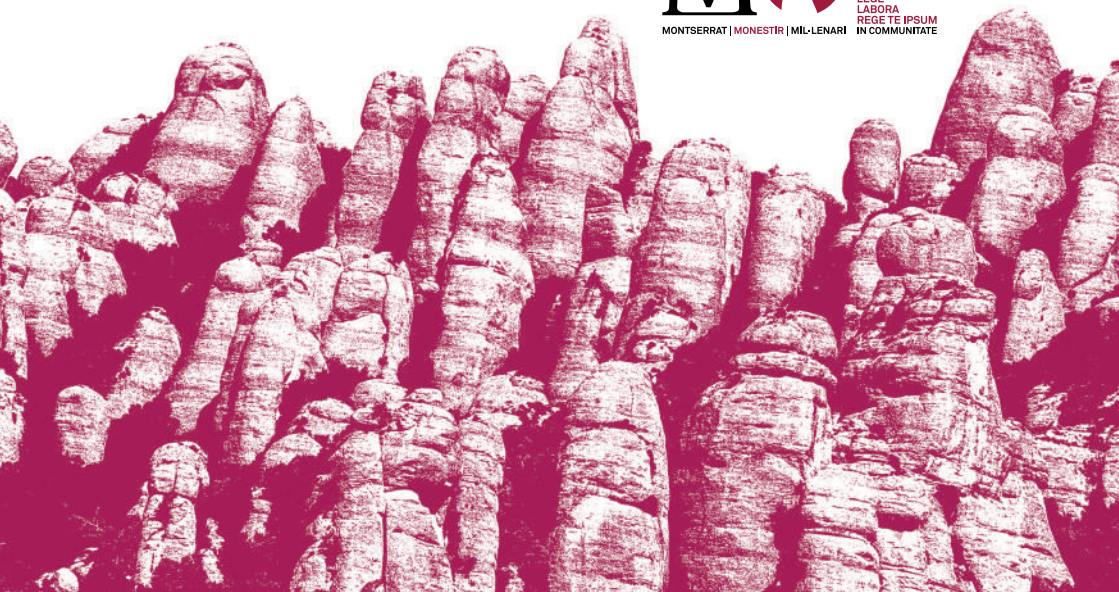
International Conference on Human Rights

Dignified Lives, a Human Rights Issue

Montserrat Abbey | Barcelona

March 13 and 14 / 2025

#DignifiedLivesHumanRights



Support-Girona is pleased to invite you to the international conference "**Dignified Lives, a Human Rights Issue**", which will take place on March 13 and 14, as part of the Montserrat Millenary at the Monastery of the Abbey. This event will bring together national and international experts to discuss the human rights of people with disabilities and ways to guarantee them.

The main objectives of the conference are:

- **Analyze advances in respect for the human rights of people with disabilities**, highlighting the progress achieved and the challenges still present.
- **Explore innovative models of personalized care and support**, with the presentation of successful experiences and good practices at an international level.
- **Give a voice to people with lived experience**, to understand first-hand the barriers of everyday life and propose appropriate and effective supports and safeguards.
- **To foster collaboration and knowledge exchange between institutions, organizations, professionals and activists**, with the aim of generating practical and viable recommendations for inclusive policies.
- **Highlight the transformative role of work, education and culture**, addressing the use of inclusive language and social awareness as key tools to combat stigma and promote equality.
- **Promote cultural and structural change** that ensures dignity, equality and self-determination, with a focus on inclusion in the community.

With the participation of United Nations representatives, academics, activists with lived experience, and leading professionals in the fields of human rights advocacy, health, social issues, new models of care and support, and justice, this conference will be a unique platform to share knowledge and reflect on the path ahead.

This event will represent an opportunity to advance toward a fairer and more inclusive society, working together to ensure dignity, equality, and self-determination for all people.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Josep Maria Solé i Chavero

General Director
Support-Girona



Programme

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Self-determination for an inclusive life:

a matter of dignity

Ora, lege, labora. Rege te ipsum in communitate

7.30 a 8.00 h *Morning Prayer Laudes (optional)*

9.30 a 10.00 h **Official Welcome**

Mònica Martínez Bravo, Minister of Social Rights and Inclusion, Government of Catalonia.

Pare Manel Gasch i Hurios, Abbot of the Monastery of Santa Maria de Montserrat.

Pere Cornellà Valls, President of the Board of Trustees of the Support-Girona Foundation.

10.00 a 11.00 h **Keynote Speech: “The Evolution of Human Rights: From Violation to Recognition”**

Moderator: **Josep Maria Solé i Chavero**, General Director of the Support-Girona Foundation.

Facundo Chávez Penillas, Human Rights lawyer specializing in disability rights.

11.00 a 11.15 h **Coffee Break**

11.15 a 12.45 h **Panel discussion: “Capacity and autonomy: a challenged right in Mental Health”**

Moderator: **Victor Aparicio Basauri**, Psychiatrist, MD, PhD.

Speakers:

Claudi Camps Garcia, Director of Mental Health and Addictions Network of Girona Counties, Institut d'Assistència Sanitària.

Cecilia Gómez-Salvago Sánchez, Member of the Spanish Bioethics Committee and Professor of Civil Law at the University of Seville.

Tina Minkowitz, Human rights lawyer with expertise on the CRPD, and a survivor of psychiatric institutionalization.

Natalia Kazah Soneyra, clinical psychologist at the Specialized Hospitalization Unit for Intellectual Disability (UHEDI). Parc Sanitari Sant Joan de Déu.

Beatriz Pérez Pérez, Research Officer at ActivaMent Catalunya Associació, Ph.D. in Person and Society from the Autonomous University of Barcelona.

Bernabé Robles del Olmo, Neurologist. Coordinator of the Bioethics Unit at Parc Sanitari Sant Joan de Déu. Member of the Standing Committee of the Bioethics Committee of Catalonia.

13.00 a 13.30 h *Salve and Virolai Prayer*

13.30 a 15.00 h **Lunch**

15.00 a 17.00 h **Workshops**

1. ***Work (labora)***. Led by **Núria Martínez Barderi**, Director of the Drissa Foundation.
2. ***Education (lege)***. Led by **Josep Tresserras Basela**, Executive Director of Som-Fundació. Postgraduate in Management and Direction of Social Services. Degree in Geography and History. Ph.D. in Theology.
3. ***The Importance of Language (Ora)***. Led by **Inma Gómez**, Technical Director of COCARMÍ (Catalonia). Social Worker. Postgraduate in Conflict Resolution. Postgraduate in Couple and Family Studies.
4. ***Community (rege et communitate)***. Led by **Sílvia Simoes Rubio**, Head of the Person Care Area at the Support-Girona Foundation.

Evening Activities (optional)

17.30 h **Visit to the Virgin Mary (*Moreneta*)**

18.45 h ***Vespers Prayer***

Hike to Montserrat Mountain - *The Path of the Degotalls*

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Living with dignity in the community:

challenges and perspectives

Rege te ipsum in communitate

7.30 a 8.00 h ***Morning Prayer Laudes*** (optional)

9.30 a 11.00 h **Keynote Speech: *“Enabling supports for Lives Worth Living”***

Moderator: **Josep Maria Solé Chavero**, General Director of the Support-Girona Foundation.

Speakers:

Thomas Bignal, Secretary General of EASPD (European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities).

Naomi Brickel, Project Director for Supported Decision-Making New York (SDMNY).

General Directorate of Personal Autonomy and Disability, Government of Catalonia.

Victoria Monell Renart, Managing Director of FMMC and President of the Encaix Association.

F. Torcuato Recover Balboa, Lawyer and Legal Advisor of Plena Inclusión Andalucía and the LIBER association.

11.00 a 11.30 h **Coffee Break**

11.30 a 13.00 h **Panel Discussion: “*Personal Experiences in Community Support*”**

Moderator: Margarida Saiz Lloret, Spokesperson for the Independent Living Movement of Garraf.

Speakers:

Xevi Benzal Ventura, Communication Team Professional at the Drissa Foundation.

Xavier Orno Latre, Evaluator and Quality Certificate Consultant for Disability Organizations at Plena Inclusión. Trainer at Dincat.

Thierry Noël, expert by experience at UDAF 82 Montauban in Occitania. Departmental Union for Family Support. Member of Capdroits.

Stephanie Wooley, Member of the EDF Council (European Disability Forum). Alternate Member of the ENUSP Council (European Network of (Ex-) Users and Survivors of Psychiatry). Director of the Advocacy-France Association’s International Relations Council.

13.00 a 13.30 h **Closing Remarks of the Sessions**

13.30 h **Closing Ceremony**

Josep Rull i Andrés, President of the Parliament of Catalonia.

Evening Activities (optional)

17.45 h **Visit to the Museum**

Hike to Montserrat Mountain - *The Path of the Degotalls*
(without accessibility measures).



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