



## Extra info-sheet **DELEGATES**

### **IFA 2023 is now only four months away!**

I am delighted you have received the first of our five monthly Newsletters.

This **Delegates-extra** both gives a progress report and says what to look forward to in the coming months.

### **Pre-Assembly delegates program**

- 1 Registration:** We are now almost done with the registration of the IFA 2023 community delegates.
- 2 Yellow T-Shirts:** more communities are posting photos of their delegates wearing yellow T-shirts on to the **L'Arche Members Facebook page**, so that we can all get to know each other. Come along down and join the fun! Let's see how many photos we can get up to by March.
- 3 Pre-Assembly program:** We have now organized the delegates into **small groups of four communities** in readiness for the Pre-assembly program. I encourage you use this **link** to get to know your small group of delegates. We encourage you to meet up together sometime in February for the first time and then each month after that: enjoy getting to know each other and telling the others about your own community. Why not give your small group a unique name that all members could identify with? And finally, please take a moment to tell the rest of us about your group activities, by uploading pictures and videos onto the **open forum** on the website and on other social media platforms.
- 4 A big group meeting for delegates** with the IFA 2023 planning team is planned for Wednesday 22 February. For your convenience, we propose three different times; **0600 UTC, 1400 UTC** and **2100 UTC**, so that you can choose which meeting suits you.

In all the activities before, during and after the IFA 2023, please take this special opportunity for us as members of the Federation to reconnect, discover and share the gifts in each of our communities, rekindle our links of solidarity and renew our Federation together.

## Inclusive Video conferencing

Between 13<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> February, some delegates participated in two 2-day formation sessions on inclusive Video conferencing organized by Anne Chabert.

We encourage those who have received the training to pass on the skills and knowledge they've learned to the other three pairs of delegates in their small groups. We know that passing on know-how like this is not easy, but do have a go. You may surprise yourself, and discover a new gift for teaching!

The small group calls would clearly benefit from a bit of facilitation: who, in your small group would like to take this on? Or perhaps you could do that in turns, as delegate pairs...

## IFA 2023 Program

The IFA 2023 comprehensive program has now been shared with you. **We encourage you to share this program with your communities.** Help the members to start to imagine the activities/plans for the Assembly week in your individual communities as they look forward to our time together at the Assembly in June.

## Newsletter Articles

**Each month, we will be publishing a short (100 word max) article from two communities.** In February it was the turn of Uganda and Brazil. In March, it could be your community! Please send us your article via [assembly2023@larche.org](mailto:assembly2023@larche.org) by 30<sup>th</sup> of every month. Tell the world about your Delegate pair! Here are some starting ideas: your community activities, as you prepare for the IFA 2023; your expectations; your experience as a delegate, your concerns, inspirations, reflections etc. Please write your article inclusively as a pair. Pictures of you both with your yellow T-shirts are very welcome!

## IFA 2023 website

The IFA 2023 website is now up and running. That is your 'go-to place' to visit for news, resources or updates on the IFA 2023. **Here's the link.**

# March - things your Delegate pair can do

- **create consultation groups within your community**, with the help of your community leader. The aim is to support these groups to transmit the assembly documents, for instance, Mandate, Charter, Nomination and other reports, to the rest of the community members in the most accessible way.
- **receive the new proposed Mandate and share it with your community** with the help of the consultation group on the mandate.
- **organize a meeting for your small group** (see above).
- **upload the Assembly related activities of their communities** on the IFA microsite – Interactive forum and the various social media platforms.



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