

VAMLAS

EUSE EUROPEAN SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT



Shortly about Vamlas

- Vamlas: Supporting Foundation for youth and children with disabilities
- Founded in 1889 to promote education and employment of children and youth with disabilities
- Today Vamlas provides expert services, training and projects (employment, services, participation)
- Housing services for students in Helsinki, Lauttasaari (Hoas)
- www.vamlas.fi

What is EUSE



- Established in 1993 to promote Supported Employment throughout Europe
- 19 member organisations representing 16 nations in Europe
- Platform for exchange of information, developments, good practises
- President Margaret Haddock, Northern Ireland
- 3 Vice presidents: Treasury Robert Elston, England, Bertil Johanson, Sweden and Fernando Bellver, Spain
- Council consists of 2 representatives/member organisation

Main activities

- Bi-annual conference
- Researching and developing models of
 - good practice, staff training, quality standards, self-advocacy, capacity building and legislation both on national and European level
- Scholarship programme
- Lobbying
 - National governments by members
 - European Commission and Council by EUSE
- Networking with other organisations
 - Member of European Disability Forum



What is Supported Employment?



- “Providing support to people with disabilities or other disadvantaged groups to secure and maintain paid employment in the open labour market”
- Process with 5 stages to get and keep a job:
 - Engagement, vocational profiling, job finding, employer engagement, on and off support
- Evidence based practise with best results
 - Place - train - maintain instead of more traditional train - place -model

20th Anniversary Conference Dublin 2013



- Building an Inclusive Europe through Supported Employment
- Themes:
 - Broadening the Reach
 - Working Creatively with Employers
 - SE for Individuals with Autistic Spectrum Disorders
 - Models of Transitioning
 - Human Rights, Equality and Employment
 - Independence Through New Technology
- Over 600 participants also from U.S. and Australia and Argentina

Contact and information

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- Toolkit
<http://www.euse.org/supported-employment-toolkit-2/EUSE%20Toolkit%202010.pdf>

