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ONE DAY SEMINAR

Disability, Psychology & Learning Difficulties: Working Together, Working for Self-Advocacy

August 9th 2007 (Thursday)
8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Kompleks Masyarakat Penyayang, Penang

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OVERVIEW

The **Self-Advocacy** movement started in Europe and US in the late 60's. It has proven to be an effective approach for assisting persons with learning disabilities to be independent. The components of **Self-Advocacy** include: speaking up for oneself; standing up for one's rights; making choices; and taking responsibility for oneself.

The **Self-Advocacy** movement in Malaysia was initiated in 1993 by Dignity and Services, a non-governmental organisation. United Voice which was then a club finally became the first registered Self-Advocacy Society of Persons with Learning Disabilities Selangor and Kuala Lumpur in 2005.

While there are over 800 such groups in US; 500 in UK and about 200 in Japan, there are only 8 known self-advocacy groups in Malaysia. Lack of awareness is a key reason for the movement to be in its infancy stage.

Hence, the aim of this seminar is to create awareness on the importance and impact of self-advocacy in improving the quality of life of persons with learning disabilities.

This seminar will be useful for parents, teachers, staff and community workers, board and management of NGOs, those in institutions of higher learning and all other interested parties.

SPEAKERS

Prof Dr Dan Goodley

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PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

8.15 am	Registration
9.00 am	Opening and Introduction
9.10am	Keynote Address: Why and What is Self-Advocacy? <i>by Prof Dr Dan Dan Goodley</i>
10.10am	Model A: The Self-Advocacy Movement in Malaysia <i>by Mr James Lim</i>
10.30 am	Morning Tea Break
11.00 am	Session 1: Understanding the Self Advocacy Movement <i>by Prof Dr Dan Goodley & Dr Rebecca Lawthom</i>
	Q & A Session
12:40 pm	Model B: The Impact of Self-Advocacy Movement in Japan <i>by Dr Kenji Kuno</i>
1.00 pm	Lunch Break
2.00 pm	Session 2: Empowering the Self-Advocacy Movement <i>by Prof Dr Dan Goodley & Dr Rebecca Lawthom</i>
3.30 pm	Session 3: Challenges Ahead <i>by Prof Dr Dan Goodley & Dr Rebecca Lawthom</i>
	Q & A Session
5:00 pm	Tea & End of Seminar