

Enabling access to various events

Intro vzw makes all kinds of events accessible to persons with disabilities. It offers solutions to practical problems and provides services for event organisers and for persons with disabilities who attend the events.

«Persons with disabilities who can enjoy cultural performances, sports events, festivals,... without any barriers - it's not a dream.» (Katrien GELDERS)

Intro vzw

Organisation:	Intro vzw
Country/region of origin:	Belgium
Beneficiaries targeted:	Persons with disabilities
Approach/model/solution:	Making events accessible to persons with disabilities; advocacy

FACTS & FIGURES

- Starting from one festival in 1999 to more than 200 each year
- More than 3,000 beneficiaries per year enabled to participate in events
- More than 500 volunteers provide the necessary assistance

PROBLEMS TARGETED

Persons with disabilities wish to participate in a growing number of events, but they are often confronted with practical discomforts. Intro vzw wants to tackle these issues by targeting the accessibility of the information and the environment.

PROJECT

Intro vzw makes any kind of event accessible to persons with

disabilities: festivals, shows, sports events, fairs, training courses, conferences etc. Intro vzw offers solutions to practical problems and provides services for event organisers and for the persons with disabilities who attend the events. These can be translation tools, interpreters, ramps or technical equipment. For persons using hearing aids, a looping system removes disturbing ambient sounds - the guest only hears the relevant sound.


CURRENT SITUATION & OUTLOOK

Intro vzw also launched the 'feeling chair' in Flanders. This is a large cushion that can be placed on a chair and transforms sound into vibrations. With the help of a Flemish sign language interpreter, both the content and emotions of the music are expressed in spoken language in addition to the 'feeling chair'. Blind and visually impaired persons can enjoy concerts, movies, and football games by means of a headset which enables the guest to receive additional information from a live commentator. Since an event's floor is not always flat, Intro vzw offers metal ramps to overcome small level differences.



The 'feeling chair' transforms sound into vibration and makes music, spoken language or other sound 'feelable' to persons with hearing impairments.

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EXPERT VOTING Top marks from:


- all voters

 Top marks for:

- targeting all persons with disabilities

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