# Application event Fundamental Rights Forum 2021

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## Session

Virtual online session direct to the Forum event platform

## Title of the session

Youth and independent living in time of COVID-19

The right of young people with disabilities to live independently. What did the pandemic taught us?

## Thematic Strand

Social rights are human rights

Fighting hate and discrimination

## Umbrella topics

Young people and Europe’s future

Human rights compliant responses to the pandemic

## Session type

Panel debate

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| An interactive panel discussion with one facilitator and up to five speakers. These well-structured discussions will be open to an unlimited number of participants online. They should be critical and encourage an engaged exchange of different views on a pressing human rights topic. Diverse and inclusive panel debates should encourage live chat and polls. Translation: TBC. | * Time: 75-minutes * Interactive Q&A to engage audience online * Avoid visual aids or presentations * No breakout rooms |

## Duration

75 minutes

## Detailed description of your proposed session

Living independently is now more challenging for young people. Expensive housing, economic and financial difficulties, unemployment, underpaid jobs, are some of the challenges faced by young people today. For young people with disabilities additional barriers are added by discrimination, difficulties to get on the labour market, high costs of accessible housing, the lack of community-based services (like personal assistance), and most importantly the threat of institutionalisation. The EU and all its Member States ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), yet living independently is still a dream for many young people. Why is it still the case? Is it possible to live independently when you are a young person with disabilities? What is the role of families? What has COVID-19 to do with independent living? What can be done to improve? Join us to participate to the debate and finds the answers!

## Contributor

Loredana as lead contributor and Marine as co-lead (in case support is needed?)

## Organisation

Civil society

## Session

Purpose and objectives:

* Influence, challenge or support policy making with concrete proposals and solutions
* Call for action develop a strategy and action plan
* Consult / brainstorm with other HR actors/operators
* Share skills – expertise – contribute to mutual capacity building
* Storytelling – making the case or inviting feedback and reaction on a HR issue/ challenge

Expected outcomes:

* Identify and/or flag a critical issue/problem/challenge
* Develop, discuss and/or submit input to policy makers for change – call for policy intervention
* Build or foster partnerships – synergies

Target audience:

* People with disabilities
* Families and allies
* Civil society organisations
* States and policy makers

Link with EU policy:

* CRPD ratified by the EU and all its Member States and the General Comment no5
* Disability Rights Strategy
* Social Pillar/European Semester

Maximum number of participants:

N/A

How will you promote your participation in the Forum?

* Communication on EDF website and twitter
* Advertisement through EDF newsletters and through members

Are you willing to participate as a speaker or contributor in other sessions? Yes

## Support of the proposed session

What technical support will you need from us to deliver your session?

* Accessible platform to persons with disabilities (e.g. Zoom)
* International sign and live captioning