

The First World Cerebral Palsy Day Awards Announced

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More than 60 countries are celebrating World Cerebral Palsy Day on Friday 6 October and this year sees the first World Cerebral Palsy Day Awards presented to projects from nine countries.

World Cerebral Palsy Day celebrates the lives and achievements of people with cerebral palsy (CP) and their families, but also the focus of a growing social movement to ensure that everyone with cerebral palsy has the same rights, access and opportunities as others in their communities

In 2017 the first World Cerebral Palsy Day Awards are presented to projects or campaigns that have achieved real progress to improve the lives of people with cerebral palsy and their families – at a community, national or international level.

Robyn Cummins, World Cerebral Palsy Day Manager, explains: "We have found that there are 6 key issues that affect people with cerebral palsy, irrespective of geography, culture, language and economic differences."

"The Awards are designed to showcase the initiatives that are making an enduring difference in one or more of these areas."

"The international judging panel were impressed and overwhelmed with the number and quality of entries. All the winners demonstrated clear goals, measurable outcomes and lasting benefits. They all also have potential to be adopted in other countries or regions, which is very exciting."

Major Award Winners

- **Civil Rights**: Ensuring of Rights and Entitlements for Persons with Disability in India, a project by Malini Chib and ADAPT.
- Public Awareness: <u>Cerebral Palsy Awareness Film Drama for Kenya</u>, a project by Purple Field Productions and in-country partners.

- Medical-Therapeutic: <u>Bangladesh Cerebral Palsy Register</u>, a project by Cerebral Palsy Alliance, University of Sydney, Australia and CSF Global, Bangladesh.
- Quality of Life: <u>Survival and Inclusion of Disabled Children in Ugandan of Disabled Children in Uganda</u>, a project by Motivation Charitable Trust and in-country partners.
- Education: Project Satyabhama, a project by Aaina in India.
- Employment, including Contribution: <u>High Expectations: A vocational training program for teens</u>
 and young adults with physical disabilities, a project by the Center for Independence Through
 Conductive Education in the USA.

Merit Award Winners

- Dit is CP (This is CP): BOSK, the Netherlands.
- Getting to Know Cerebral Palsy in Ghana: CBM Inclusive Child Development (ICD) West Africa.
- 1000 Wheelchairs Project: Cerebral Palsy Lanka, Sri Lanka.
- Mobile Teams: Dr Ritesh Thapa and partners, Nepal.
- ABAANA Early Intervention Programme: London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, UK.
- <u>Carer-2-Carer Training Programme</u>: Malamulele Onward, South Africa.
- Improving the Life of Persons with CP: Orion Foundation, Kenya.
- Inclusive Child Development Programme: Presbyterian Church of Ghana.

More Details

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