



INFORMATION PACKAGE 1

SOCIAL INCLUSION GAMES 2018

Dear Social Worker,

You/ your organisation is registered and interested in travelling to the Netherlands for the Social Inclusion Games 2018. We thank you for this enthusiasm!

This information package should help you to prepare for the Games at the Diekman Terrain, in Enschede. This is SIGN's second time to host the Games we are very excited to come together and make it a week that you, your clients and your organisation will never forget!

Please read through the following pages carefully to be sure that the Social Inclusion Games is an event you and your organisation is ready and able to participate in. We have provided ample information and tips for getting you and your people to Enschede.

This will be a busy week for all of us. You will see from the draft programme that our days will be full of sport and our evenings will be fun. We will create a positive, collaborative and inclusive space over the course of the week, to make sure everyone feels invited and worthy. There are 1500 participants and around 100 social workers coming over from over 15 different countries.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with us when you have questions: info@sign2018.eu or visit the website www.sign2018.eu

Hope to see you in the summer!!!!

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Social Inclusion Games 2018



1. Project Mission, location and accommodation

Mission

In the summer of 2018, more than 1500 socially marginalized people from more than 15 European countries will come to The Netherlands to participate in the sports event "the Social Inclusion Games 2018" (SIG 2018). This event will be organised by the Foundation Social Inclusion Games Netherlands, in close collaboration with the Danish National Association of Join - In Centres (Landsforeningen af VæreSteder Foundation or 'LVS') and the GEBEWO Verbund" and including Neue Chance (social services in Berlin).

We want to start an international movement to propagate the particular way of offering sports to socially marginalized people. This way of working has started a real sports movement in Denmark and the Netherlands and proved to be a highly successful instrument for the rehabilitation, re - integration and empowerment of socially marginalized people.

Location

The Games will be hosted in the Netherlands, in the city of Enschede. Enschede lies in the eastern part of Overijssel. The Diekman Terrain is a multifunctional sports location in Enschede with a lot of facilities, such as sport fields indoor and outdoor, changing rooms, fitness rooms, etc.

Accommodation

All participants and the social workers are offered a camping space on the Camping Grounds at the Diekman Terrein. You and your participants have to bring their own tent.

2. Participants, selection and supervision, key sending organisations

Selection criteria for participants

The Social Inclusion Games are open to everyone who is marginalised. Nevertheless, we have prepared some guidelines for you/ your organisation to follow, when selecting your clients to participate.

You have to use the following criteria when selecting your participants:

- The participants have to be part of the group 'socially marginalised'¹, (EG. homeless, living in shelters, war veterans, teenage mothers, children rough sleepers, victims of domestic/ honour related violence/ human trafficking, people within the LGBTQ community, etc)
- The participants should be able to adhere to the guidelines for participation (like being able to take instructions from staff in English, are willing to participate for 5 days in sport activities, can act in a respectful manner, is able to adhere to the guidelines of the campsite, etc);
- have a desire to take part in all the sport events at the SIG2018 (so, not just football);
- Have a basic understanding of English;
- Are eligible to travel in the EU, with valid documentation (Passport, ID card).

¹ social isolation and/or inability to be able to fully participate in the standards and way of life of society.

As a sending organisation, the identification and selection process of your clients to become participants, has to be executed by your own organisation. You know your clients well and you are able to distinguish marginalised from not-marginalised. You are able to determine if the possible participant can actually take part in the event, taking into account the practical and social/behavioural issues, like travel, doing sports at different levels, being part of a large group of unknown people and live in a tent for 6 days. You should try to make your team reflect diversity in terms of gender, social problems, minorities and geographical spread within your country.

When desired, participants are able to bring their children with them to the games. There will be a children's' programme available for them to participate in.

Key sending organisation

If your organisation is the only or biggest organisation providing participants in your country, your organisation will be the 'key sending organisation'. This means you are the contact person for us and the other organisations in your country. The following criteria are given to the key sending organisations, in order for you to search for partner organisations you're your own country:

- share the SIG inclusive approach;
- have experience in, or are willing to gain experience in sport in the broadest sense;
- want to be part of a sport movement;
- are able to send participants who fit the criteria;

Social workers supervise the participants

Your team of participants will need to be accompanied, supported and supervised during the games. Your organisation has to be able to accompany and have responsibility over the team of participants *during* the event, by providing experienced and well trained social workers to come to the games. **We ask a minimum of at least 1 social worker per 8 participants, depending on the self-reliance of the participants.**

If your organisation is unable to meet the above-mentioned requirements, but you know another organisation in your country who is able and interested, please forward the invitation of the Social Inclusion Games and this package, so they can get in contact with us.

Mixed teams from different organisations

Your organisation can select and create your own team with your own participants, but you might want to work together with another shelter from your country. You are very welcome to do that, work together and create a new team. You do have to select your participants respecting the above-mentioned criteria and one of your organisations will be the 'key sending organisation' which means you are the contact person for us and your country. In the table, you will find a first draft of the group sizes that are possible.

Country	Maximum participants per country	Minimum required number of staff members	Total
Slovenia	50	5	55
Czech republic	50	5	55
Lithuania	50	5	55
Georgia	25	3	28
Russia	50	5	55
Serbia	25	3	28
Greece	50	5	55
Norway	50	5	55
Croatia	25	3	28
Finland	25	3	28
Hungary	50	5	55
Poland	50	5	55
The Netherlands *	200	20	215
Germany *	200	20	215
Denmark *	200	20	215
Ireland	50	5	55
United Kingdom	50	5	55
Malta	50	5	55
France	50	5	55
Belgium	50	5	55
Austria	50	5	55

* These countries are the organising countries

3. Rules, costs, travel costs, what to bring, meals, etc

Rules

No weapons, no alcohol or drugs are allowed at the sport area and camping site of the Diekman Terrain, during the week.

Costs

Participants and supporting staff are charged a small fee of €45,- per person to cover a part of the costs for the whole week. This is a registration fee and should be paid in advance.

What the costs helps cover

SIG will provide the following for all participants and the supporting staff:

- A safe and inclusive space to participate and play sport;
- A full weeklong programme of sport activities and entertainment;
- A camping site for the week with sanitary facilities;
- Workshops for the social workers to gain knowledge about sport, health and inclusion;

How to help participants save money for the registration fee

- A) In previous years, we have asked participants to save money in the weeks leading up to the games. If your clients can put aside 2€ per week, starting in week 11, this will make sure they have the required € 45,- euro before the week begins;
- B) Your organisation can try to get support from your local government, church or other charity to sponsor you and your team, so you are able to go;
- C) Your organisation can try to collect money by selling homemade items or organise a market and ask fees from the stall owners;
- D) Participants can ask family and friends to sponsor them.



Travel reimbursement

We are able to reimburse travel money to countries who are struggling to find money to travel to the SIGN. If this is the case for your organisation, please contact us for the possibilities info@sign2018.eu

What to bring

For a comfortable stay, we require the participants to bring:

- Single-Tents for sleeping in;
- Sleeping bag and air mattress;
- A little bit of spending money;
- adequate sport clothes, swimming trunks, sun cream. Medical care suitcase in case this is needed;
- Rain clothes (hopefully not needed), warm sweater;
- Sport shoes.

Weather

In the summer, Enschede can be pleasant, sunny and warm, i.e. 20-28 degrees Celsius. However, nothing is less predictable than the Dutch weather, so it is very likely that we will have colder, cloudy and rainy days during the week. Therefore, you need to bring warmer and all-weather time clothes with you, if possible.

Meals

Three meals will be provided, per day for each participant and social worker. All meals are halal, and there will be a variety of food to choose from. Just to let you know, breakfast and lunch are cold, bread meals. Dinner is a hot meal.

Special requirements

If your participants have special requirements (eg. diet, medical, mobility issues) please email us your questions on info@sign2018.eu

Insurance

It is important that you, your organisation and your participants are covered by the necessary insurances while travelling to and from the games and while attending at the Games. This means everyone, including staff, needs to have a travel insurance that covers health and liability coverage, so any accidents or injuries (to yourself or others) incurred while participating in the event will be covered by your own insurance. It is your organisations responsibility to provide this insurance for your participants. In many countries, teams are able to have 1 insurance to cover all team members including the staff.

Sports offered

Depending on the weather and the venues, the following sports are offered:

Soccer, beach volleyball, dodgeball, 3x3 street basketball, swimming, chess, athletics, long jump, javelin, sprint, hammer throw, table tennis, softball, bowling, archery, badminton, darts, petanque – jeu de boules, etc.

Social Media and website

Check us out at:

Website / WWW.SIGN2018.EU

Facebook / <https://www.facebook.com/socialinclusiongamesNL2018/>

Twitter / <https://twitter.com/SigNL2018>

Youtube / https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e5DtnAzgOto&list=PLrVRb5q0dyY9HI5wIP9e_1UBuy-GviObFE

Instagram/ <https://www.instagram.com/signetherlands/>

Letter of intent

In order to commit to the games (and we reserve space and travel money for your attendance), your organisation will be asked to sign a Letter of intent to compete in the games. This way, we know for sure we are on the same page with the selection of participants, staff that can accompany your participants, etc. This letter of intent will be made for your organisation specifically after registration and has to be signed by an officially authorised person, like the director eg.

Final reminders

When you want to attend the games, please send us the following, as soon as possible:

- Register the number of Participants (Final Date is May 1st 2018)
- Sign the Letter of Intent of your organisation
- Implement Saving Strategy for Participants for your own organisation
- Consider Travel Arrangements and investigate options

