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PROGRAMME SYMPOSIUM STAG¹ & ECCE

Saturday May 5th 2012, 9.30 – 17.00h

Asociación San Juan, Centro de Pedagogía Curativa y Terapia /
Tourism Development Centre Costa Adeje, Tenerife (ES)

IMPULSE OF THE CURATIVE EDUCATION AND SOCIAL THERAPY APPROACH

PRODUCING OR CREATING?

Work is essential, because without it we would not survive, would not build up a society, would not develop science, would not have everything we see around us. Man has the need to contribute to the development of the world by work that is perceived as meaningful by others because it contributes to their existence. Also people with disabilities have the inalienable right to work that offers a meaningful contribution to society. Their work needs to be valued and judged positively by others without caring only for economic criteria. They make beautiful handicraft products, act in theatre plays and make wonderful music. Inclusion means the necessity to create adequate possibilities for disabled people in today's Europe. The principle that we should move away from man as a producer, towards man as a creator applies not only to them, but first and foremost to ourselves.

Conference chair: Bernard Heldt (NL), secretary general ECCE

- 09.30h Welcome, preview and programme notes
Brigitta Fankhauser (CH), STAG and Bernard Heldt (NL) ECCE
- 09.40h How meaningful is work for our health? (In German, will be translated)
Dr. Hemmerich, specialised in saluto genesis, Eridanos, Sta Cruz de Tenerife
- 10.30h 'The social dimension of work in social therapy' – 'Die soziale Dimension von Arbeit in der Sozialtherapie' (in German, will be translated)
Juliane Gravenhorst, member of STAG, Troxler-Werkstätten, Wuppertal (DE)
- 11.00h *Break*
- 11.20h Movie 'Von Pflanzen und Menschen, ein Jahr mit der Hofgemeinschaft Weide-Hardebeck', English subtitled. Short introduction by *Hartwig Ehlers (DE)*
- 12.10h Short reflection dialogue, *conducted by Bernard Heldt*
- 12.30h *Lunch*
- 14.00h Examples of creative work from real life
Paulamaria Blaxland-de Lange, founder Pericles (UK)
- 14.45h How does social therapy work in Asociación San Juan?
Fidel Ortega, director Asociación San Juan
- 15.15h Discussion groups (with tea)
- 16.30h Plenary discussion with reports and questions from the discussion groups
conducted by Bernard Heldt
- 17.00h Closure of the meeting, *Bernard Heldt*

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¹ STAG, Sozialtherapeutische Arbeitsgruppe, is a working group of the Council for Curative Education and Social Therapy in Dornach. In the working group experts in coaching persons with disabilities from all parts of Europe co-operate in researching new ways of awakening creativity by working and arts.