

COSP19 Statement

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L'Arche is a worldwide community

L'Arche brings people together from around the world. There are more than 160 L'Arche communities in 37 countries. Together, we work for a world where everyone belongs.



Everyone has a right to be heard and help lead.

People with disabilities have the right to share their ideas, be part of leadership, and help make decisions. Every voice is important.



Some people still face barriers

Many people with intellectual disabilities face barriers that make participation and leadership difficult. We need to remove these barriers.



The right support makes a difference

People need support that helps them feel confident, included, and prepared. Good support makes it easier to participate and share ideas.



People communicate in different ways

People express themselves in many ways.

Art, music, photography, theatre, and storytelling can help people share their experiences and ideas.



Creativity helps people be heard

Creative activities help people tell their stories and show what matters to them.

Art can help others understand what people want to say.



Belonging helps people become leaders

People participate more when they feel welcome and connected.

Strong communities help people build confidence and become leaders.



Everyone belongs

No one should be left behind. Together, we can create a world where every person is heard, valued, included, and able to contribute and lead.