



PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT

“BUILDING ENUSP TOGETHER”

We are excited to announce an upcoming project that aims to build a stronger ENUSP with YOUR vital help.

This November we will start working together on a six-month project to improve communication inside ENUSP and strengthen ties with our members.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

Supported by two survivor workers, the project will begin by setting up a **central telephone contact point** for user/survivor organisations across Europe.

Other important tasks include:

- Renewing links with ENUSP members in 39 countries & creating an up-to-date database of their details
- Making contact with potential members, especially in under-represented countries
- Building a better website
- Sharing the latest news and issues with members through monthly bulletins and a six-monthly newsletter
- Developing a detailed 3-year strategy for ENUSP based on widespread member consultation
- Preparing and submitting another funding application to keep our work going

HOW WILL ALL THIS HAPPEN? WHO WILL BE INVOLVED?

This is a big project, and it will take a lot of work over six months. To make it all happen, and to keep us focused on the local needs of users and survivors across Europe, we want to make sure that EVERYONE is involved - not just the elected representatives on the ENUSP Board.

ENUSP needs YOUR knowledge, YOUR experience, YOUR vision.

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE?

To help people take part, we will be giving a key role to the **ENUSP Taskforces**. These are small teams of users and survivors from across Europe, each dedicated to particular goals and tasks. Some of them were set up at an ENUSP meeting called ACTION NOW! in Brussels earlier this year. ALL of them need new and passionate members.

Here's a quick guide to the ENUSP Taskforces and their aims:

The Strategy-building taskforce will help to plan ENUSP's three-year strategy by suggesting key work areas, principles and goals. This taskforce will also help to draft the questions that we should ask ENUSP members when drafting the strategy.

The Website taskforce will work out the main requirements and priorities for ENUSP's website. Taskforce members will cooperate closely with ENUSP's web designer and give feedback on the new site.

The Representation taskforce will review all the different policy-making forums where ENUSP is now or should be active. This taskforce will also come up with some principles for ENUSP's representation, participation and collaboration in others' forums. These will feed into our strategy.

The Newsletter taskforce will plan and develop the content of the second issue of *Advocacy Update*, ENUSP's newsletter. Sample tasks include suggesting, researching and writing up articles and interviews on topics important to users and survivors, designing the visual lay-out, contributing photos, art, cartoons and other creative work, collecting event listings... The list is as endless as your ideas.

The UN CRPD taskforce will discuss the latest issues and actions around ratification and implementation of the UN Convention, including how to raise awareness among users and survivors across Europe.

The European Mad Pride taskforce will plan and coordinate Mad Pride cultural and human rights events across Europe.

The Research taskforce has not yet set its remit. However the potential for cooperation among user/survivor researchers through ENUSP is very clear.

If you'd like to work with ENUSP, but none of these taskforces quite matches your interest, then please send us a brief description of your volunteering ideas and availability (no amount of time is too short). We are always looking for volunteers with different interests and skills who might like to work with ENUSP. For details about how to reach us, read on!

Right now, ENUSP is also looking for a:

WEBSITE DESIGNER

This person's role will be to create the new ENUSP website based on instructions from the ENUSP website Taskforce and the Board. This is a paid position for someone with significant web design experience.

Depending on the ENUSP Board's decision, the web designer may carry on as ENUSP's webmaster (another paid position) for the rest of the six-month project.

If you are interested in applying for the web designer position, or would just like more information about it, then please send an email to enusp.info@gmail.com by **November 30, 2011** (write "WEBMASTER POSITION" as the subject name.) Applicants should be prepared to submit their C.V. and samples of any previous relevant work. They need not be users/survivors, however personal experience of emotional crisis and of working with users and survivors will be an advantage.

WHAT NOW? I WANT TO JOIN A TASKFORCE!

I HAVE QUESTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS ABOUT THE PROJECT!

Interested in joining one or more of the ENUSP taskforces? Or just have questions and comments about the project? We would love to hear them. **Please contact us at enusp.info@gmail.com.** If you would like to join one or more of the taskforces, then just indicate its/their name(s) in the title of your email.

Please note that the former email address desk@enusp.info is no longer working.

We thank you very much for your time and look forward to working together. Let's make the collective voice of users and survivors strong and loud!

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