

## II-nd International Conference on Inclusive Education

### “Creating Opportunities”

#### General description:

#### *Aim of the conference*

The aim of the II-nd International Conference on Inclusive Education is to introduce the current process, achievements and challenges of inclusive vocational education development in Georgia to all the professionals and stakeholders of inclusive education as well as to the community interested in this area of education. At the same time, the conference will serve as a platform for the field experts and representatives, to define the perspectives and supporting mechanism for the employment of persons with special needs included in the vocational education system.

The aspects of the quality vocational education and provision of the equal opportunities will be discussed based on the analyses of the local context and international vision.

The International conference will provide the platform for discussion of the main trends in inclusive education development.

#### *Participating bodies:*

International and local expert, politicians, representatives of inclusive education, entrepreneurship, vocational education and employment spheres will participate in the conference.

The key speakers of the conference will be **Mr. Stephen Beyer** – The Deputy Director of the Center for Learning Disabilities in the School of Medicine, Cardiff University

**Mr. Christy Lynch** - The founder of the European Supported Employment Union and the member of the Council of World Supported Employment Association.

To insure the comprehensive analysis of inclusive educational services available in Georgia, the representatives of different agencies will participate in the conference: The Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Affairs, Public Defender’s office, State University, local and international NGO-s, DPO-s, representatives of the municipalities, public schools and VET centers, etc. Special focus will be made on involvement and participation of the students with special needs.

### ***Topics of the Conference:***

The Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia will present the report on the accomplishments and activities undertaken in recent years for the introduction and ensuring of quality vocational education for persons with special educational needs. At the same time, the strategies supporting the employment of persons with disabilities/special educational needs will be defined at the conference.

The results of the studies conducted in the field of inclusive education in Georgia will be presented at the conference, serving as an important baseline for determining of the correct course of inclusive education development.

The analyses of the latest international trends and innovations will be discussed at the conference with Georgian and international experts.

***Prioritized topics:*** International trends in inclusive vocational education and employment: achievements and challenges; Local perspectives of inclusive vocational education development: inclusive education policy and practice in vocational education system; International approaches to the employment of persons with disabilities/special educational needs; Supporting Strategies for the employment of persons with disabilities/special educational needs; Entrepreneurship – innovative thinking in education; The role of University education in formation of the sustainable system of inclusive education – local and international approaches.

### ***Conference format:***

Conference format includes the plenary sessions and parallel working meetings

### ***Conference dates:***

April 14 -15, 2015.

**Persons interested to participate in the conference should fill out registration form:**

<http://goo.gl/forms/gNAUD6QRSp>

**Deadline for the registration is January 30**