



Alternative Explanations for Disability: Implications for Advocacy and Activism

A Workshop organized by the Disability and Inclusion Africa Network

**Monday 21 June 2021
9.00-12.30 (GMT)**

Programme

9.00 Welcome

Dr Charlotte Baker (Lancaster University, UK) on behalf of the Disability and Inclusion Africa Project Team

9.10 Panel 1: Disability, Advocacy and Activism

Conceptualizing Disability Advocacy and Activism

Aliyu A. Mai (Modibbo Adama University, Yola, Nigeria)

Conflicting Advocacy and Activism: Not Disabled Enough

Pauline Ogutu (i2i Programme, Kenya)

Persons with Disabilities in Disability Advocacy and Activism in Africa

Jacob Sijaona Ouma (Arise Disabled Persons Self Help Group)

10.10 Comfort break

10.15 Panel 2: Alternative Explanations and their implications

Advocacy as a means of addressing harmful beliefs attached to disability

Monic Rwaheeru (The Champions Route Foundation, Uganda)

I'm not a mad person, I have a disease': The emergence of biomedical framings of mental illness within mental health advocacy in Ghana – what is at stake?

Ursula Read (King's College London), Lily Kpobi (University of Ghana), Lionel Sakyi (University of Ghana), and Annabella Osei-Tutu (University of Ghana)

Political Magic: Advocacy within a Paradox and Violence against People with Albinism in Malawi

Zanna Ramaekers (Leiden University)

11.15 Panel 3: Alternative Models for Disability Advocacy and Activism

Methods and models for disability advocacy and activism in Africa: History, Limits and Prospects

Brian Batto Christopher (Field Officer, Disability Inclusion Advocate, Cornelia de Lange Syndrome (CdLS) Foundation, Uganda)

Panhandling as Alternative Form of Disability and Implication for Advocacy and Activism: The Yoruba Cultural Experience

Dr Olusegun Olu-Osayomi and Dr Babatunde Adebua (Babcock University, Nigeria)

Disability Rights Policy Advocacy and Compliance to Lagos State Disability Law (2011) by Public Institutions in Lagos State, Nigeria

David O. Anyaele (Executive Director, Centre for Citizens with Disabilities – CCD Nigeria) and Victor A. Owoyomi (CCD Nigeria)

Epilepsy Advocacy: Best Practice from Africa

Action Amos (Vice President – Africa, International Bureau of Epilepsy; University of Edinburgh)

12.30 Workshop close