

GLADNET

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The Global Applied Disability Research and Information Network (GLADNET) was set up by the ILO in 1995 to facilitate the international sharing of information on effective training and employment policies, programmes and practices for persons with disabilities. The consultative meeting which proceeded this was attended, at their own expense, by 53 organizations involved disability- related policy, programmes and research in 1995.

Following 2 years of development and operation within the ILO, GLADNET became an international non-profit organization registered in Switzerland in 1997. Initially based at the University of Calgary 1997 – 2004, GLADNET moved its administrative offices to Cornell University at Ithaca, New York. It works largely as a 'virtual' organization, linking representatives of universities, research centres, government departments, organizations of and for persons with disabilities and other stakeholders through its website and GLADMail email service (see below). Annual meetings of member organizations are held in different locations.

GLADNET's objective is to promote disability policy and programme reform with an emphasis on integrated training and employment options for persons with disabilities. These objectives are achieved through collaborative applied research projects and by the global exchange of information thro

The GLADNET website provides a public medium where interested parties share ideas and information with a global perspective. Through its on-line InfoBase, GLADNET collects and indexes a wide variety of documents, both published articles and grey literature produced by government agencies, professional organizations, research centres, universities, public institutions special interest groups and societies with a goal of disseminating current information.

GLADNET also operates GLADMail, a moderated listserv which provides GLADNET members to contact all GLADNET colleagues by sending an email message to the coordinator.

A comprehensive research service on work-related topics is provided, as well as a document delivery from the extensive collection of books periodical and practitioner resources at Cornell University's Catherwood Library.

Today, GLADNET has a world-wide network representing a select group that have committed themselves to creating and working for the vitality of a new kind of virtual organization. There are approximately 600 agencies and individuals on the listserv, and GLADMail messages are picked up and further relayed to a wider audience by several other networks.