

Teaching Exchange Activities...



Yirgashewa Bekele Abdis Visit in Vienna April 17th to April 30th 2012

Next to common teaching Yirgashewa and Michelle had a very tight schedule exploring Vienna and organizing further activities regarding the workshop on CBR – Workers' professional needs in Ethiopia.

In detail our activities included:

Common teaching (approx. 14 hours)

After collecting our ideas on the life of women with disabilities, we developed a seminar called **Supportive Structures for Women with Disabilities in Developing Countries**

We discussed three texts on Ethiopia and other countries to develop different perspectives on the mostly precarious situation of women with disabilities living in different cultural contexts. Yirgashewa held a presentation on Ethiopia and answered questions that arose in the following discussion. Groups of students presented on varied aspects concerning women with disabilities in India, Somalia and Nicaragua.

Furthermore we discussed the interdependency of disability and poverty and collected common bias that exist about women with disabilities (picture) and why these need to be cleared out with. Furthermore Birgit, disability officer from the University of Vienna, her colleague Karen from University of Manchester and Tewodros from Addis Ababa University (currently PhD candidate at University of Vienna), presented the services for students with disabilities at their Universities.



School visit

Yirgashewa and Michelle visited an inclusive school in Vienna and were invited to present life in Ethiopia to some students.

Preparation of further activities in Ethiopia



**Expert Round Table in cooperation with
ÖFSE on**

**COMMUNITY-BASED REHABILITATION IN
ETHIOPIA – CONCEPTS, EXPERIENCES AND
PERSPECTIVES**

After Prof. Biewer elaborated the outline of the project RESPOND-HER, Yirgashewa held a presentation on latest developments in CBR practice in Ethiopia. More than 10 experts from different organizations/NGOs/stakeholders participated and engaged in an interesting discussion.

“Further Activities”



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