

## **Young Voices: Youth with Disabilities, Bringing the CRPD to Life**

**Witness the energy, passion and creativity of young campaigners from Africa and Asia**

**DATE:** 01 SEPTEMBER 2010    **TIME:** 1.15 pm- 2.30pm

**VENUE:** Conference Room A UN HQ, NEW YORK, USA

### **About Young Voices**

Groups of young people with disabilities from 19 countries of Africa, Asia and the Americas are bringing the UNCRPD to life through Leonard Cheshire Disability Young Voices. This global campaign network of young people with disabilities started in 2005. Since then Young Voices groups have been lobbying their parliaments for the ratification and implementation of the UNCRPD and taking up issues of importance to them at the local and national levels. They use film and song to break down barriers and change attitudes and appear on TV and radio.

Learn more & view their films on their new web site: [www.lcdisability.org/youngvoices](http://www.lcdisability.org/youngvoices)

### **About the Side Event:**

**The event is being co-sponsored by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs.** The UN Focal Point on Youth will make an opening statement. 3 young people with disabilities will showcase their advocacy work to bring the CRPD to life in their countries. Short films made by Young Voices members will be screened and disability rights songs recorded by Young Voices will be played. They will offer a real insight into how young people can bring about the “paradigm shift” which the CRPD promises.

Speakers:

- Ms Nicola Shepherd - UN Focal Point on Youth
- Ms. Daintowon D Pay-bayee - Young Voices Liberia
- Mr. Argie Gulariza Ergina - Young Voices Philippines
- Ms. Mariatu Bangura - Young Voices Sierra Leone
- Mr. Victor Piñeda - Victor Piñeda Foundation

(Attendance is free and open to everybody who is registered to attend the Conference of States Parties.)