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**10th ICEVI
European Conference**

Padova, ITALY, May 15-17, 2025 Town Hall and University

**SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENT:**

**What can we do? What can be done?**

# **Conference Theme and Aim**

This conference will focus on the need for a multidisciplinary approach in offering support aimed at ensuring the best quality of life for children and young adults with visual impairment. Presentations will be an opportunity to share experiences on important areas of their lives: medical/psychological care, education, re/habilitation, orientation and autonomy.

Looking forward to 2025, we will involve European professionals in a coparticipatory process. We would like to identify the key principles of the global approach, share what these mean in theory and understand how they can be put into practice. Our final goal is to provide to those professionals who wish to offer a global approach a document of Key Principles which will support their work with children/young adults with visual impairment and their families.

# **Target Audience**

All the people who believe in a multidisciplinary approach when supporting children/young adults with visual impairment:

Staff and professionals from all levels of schools. Educators, Psychologists, Re-Habilitation Specialists, Special Education Teachers, Orthoptists, Optometrists, Paediatricians, Ophthalmologists, Neuropsychiatrists, other interested physicians, University researchers and students. Associations and Organizations representatives. Caregivers, parents and families. Manufacturers and distributors of technologies and equipment. Nongovernmental Organizations and Policymakers and Government Officials.

**Who and Where**

**ICEVI-Europe** is an association of professionals and professional organisations that promotes equal access to appropriate education and re/ habilitation of people with visual impairment, so that they may achieve their desire to actively participate as full members of society. <www.icevi-europe.org>

The **Robert Hollman Foundation (RHF)** is a private non-profit making organization of Dutch. It offers free consultation and support for the development of children (0-14 years) with visual impairment. <www.fondazioneroberthollman.it>

Padova is an historical city dating from XIII century B.C. and it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The **Town Hall** is housed in the Palazzo Moroni which was built in the 16th century.

The **University of Padova** was founded in 1222. It is one of the oldest Universities of the World. Its Aula Magna Bo' (known since 1399) gave hospitality to Galileo Galilei where he taught.

Padova Town Hall and University will host the Conference in their prestigious and historical buildings (Palazzo Moroni and Aula Magna Bo').

*Hoping you will join us to share thoughts and experiences and help us to create a document of Key Principles for supporting children and young adults with visual impairment and their families!*