

## The WILD Training Program



The Women's Institute on Leadership and Disability (WILD) is the signature women's leadership training program of Mobility International USA (MIUSA). Initiated in 1997, WILD is an outcome of the Beijing UN Women's Conference.

This highly selective, intensive three-week training brings together women with disabilities from around the world. The training is held in Eugene, Oregon, a model city that embraces human rights, diversity and inclusion.

Women with disabilities who are selected for the WILD program demonstrate leadership potential. WILD is an investment in that potential which will "trampoline" them to the next level.

### The WILD Training Method

#### ENHANCING KNOWLEDGE

At WILD workshops, critical information on topics such as reproductive health, HIV/AIDS, violence prevention and inclusive education is presented. Historically, this information has not been provided to women with disabilities.

#### SKILL BUILDING

Public speaking, advocacy for policy change, cross-cultural communication, cross-disability organizing and action planning are key skills gained during WILD which are critical for leadership development.

#### FOSTERING NETWORKS OF SUPPORT

WILD is a place for reciprocal exchange and relationship building between WILD participants themselves, as well as with international development professionals. A key goal of WILD is catalyzing development policies and practices to be more inclusive of women with disabilities.

#### EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

WILD is an opportunity for women with disabilities to challenge society's preconceived notions about what is possible and sometimes even their own. They climb 70 feet in the air, raft down rapids, present their ideas to hundreds of people, learn self-defense and adapt to another culture by living with a host family.

*“The contributions of the extraordinary women of the Women's Institute on Leadership and Disability (WILD) not only improve the lives of women and girls with disabilities in their home countries, they also play a critical role in combating discrimination, promoting inclusion, and defending human rights the world over.”*

► Hillary Rodham Clinton  
67th U.S. Secretary of State



WILD women embrace the motto

# LOUD, PROUD & PASSIONATE®

## Today's WILD Network

WILD women are change agents in their communities. They are addressing critical issues, such as civil and human rights advocacy, reproductive health, education, literacy, economic empowerment, HIV/AIDS and gender-based violence.

WILD women are starting their own organizations and businesses, serving as

consultants and advisors to international organizations, drafting policy and legislation, and running for political offices.

WILD women participate in MIUSA's alumni network for continued exchange of opportunities, information and ideas.

SINCE 1997  
MORE THAN

# 200

women with  
disabilities in

# 80

countries have participated  
in the WILD program

## THE POWER OF DIVERSITY



WILD participants represent diverse backgrounds and fields of expertise, but they are all united by their passion and dedication to improving the lives of women and girls with disabilities.

WILD brings together women with different disabilities — women who are blind, women who use wheelchairs, women who are deaf, women who have psychosocial disabilities, learning disabilities and others. For many, it is the first time they have had the chance to feel the power of being surrounded by like-minded activists with different types of disabilities.

To accommodate a more diverse group, WILD is also delivered in multiple languages, including English, Spanish, French, Arabic, Russian and Sign Language.