

Community Based Rehabilitation Conference

The Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Africa Network (CAN) Held their 6th Africa Conference at the Intercontinental Hotel in Lusaka from 7th - 11th May 2018. The conference was officially opened by President Edgar Lungu and was attended by 500 delegates from 45 countries. The delegates included representatives from WHO and UNICEF, Ministers for Disability from Uganda and Zimbabwe and the Zambian Minister for Community Development and Social Services. Many of the delegates were people with disabilities themselves involved in various programmes to improve the lives of people with disabilities. The theme of the conference was **CBR for Resilience Building and Sustainable Development: Leave no one behind.**

The trust of the conference was to high light the needs of the people with disabilities in line with the Sustainable Development Goals, by improving on accessibility in public places, schools, collages and places of work, make more places available for education and build sustainable livelihoods, and leaving no one behind. Many of the delegates shared on micro finance projects. Some were very successful while others failed. It seems projects done with a group were more successful than those done by individuals.

Kay O Neill and one teacher Jane Muma attended from Little Assisi, as well as the two physiotherapists who help us, Esther Mwilenge and Musonda Kabembwa. We all found it very helpful and learned a lot from the presentations of individuals from other countries.

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