

International Day of Person's with Disability Art exhibition

The exhibition

- Held at the **Foyer of Palais Wilson**.
- Artwork by **Bulgarian artists Nadezhda Georgieva** and **Yana Buhner Tavanier**, authors of the *"I decide = I am"*.
- 18 paintings accompanied by text focused **on the system of guardianship, and its impact on persons with mental health issues or intellectual disabilities**.

The artists

Nadezhda Georgieva, a Bulgarian graphic designer and illustrator, is currently based in Sofia. After graduating as a graphic designer in 2007 she went on an exchange program in Milano, Italy for few months. She also worked at the Enthusiasm, studio, based in Sofia, for year and a half. Then she started studying for a master's degree in artistic psycho-social work. She worked for Economedia and lived for half a year in Turin, Italy, where she was studying illustration at IED. After almost a year at Ogilvy & Mather Bulgaria she started freelancing. Over the past few years Nadia has developed a passion for manual screen printing and has founded the most popular printing workshop in downtown Sofia. A link to her works <http://www.nadgraphics.com/tag/illustration/>

Yana Buhner Tavanier is a human rights activist and award winning freelance journalist based in Sofia, Bulgaria. In 2010, she worked with the Bulgarian Helsinki Committee on an investigation which found that 238 deaths occurred in the Bulgarian institutions for children with intellectual disabilities between 2000 and 2010 — two-thirds of which were avoidable. She has recently done a TEDxTalk on her experience, and promoting the issues around institutions for children with intellectual disabilities.

Artwork Sample

