

Details of the plan to observe International Day of People with Disabilities this Sunday, December 3, were unveiled today. Vanessa Parellada, the island's social welfare secretary; Marta Uriarte, the director of the Formentera Day Centre; Camila Tessio, a psychologist at APNEEF, a special needs group for residents of Eivissa and Formentera; and Núria Alandes, head of a group called APMIPTEA that promotes the inclusion of people living with Autism spectrum disorders, seized on a crafts display as the perfect opportunity to present the poster for International Day of People with Disabilities.

From 11.00am to 1.00pm today in Sant Francesc's plaça de la Constitució, a group of adults enrolled at Formentera's day centre for persons with disabilities and the elderly will exhibit ashtrays made of repurposed bottles, aromatic soaps, sponges and massage oils with rosemary, all fruits of workshops held at the centre.

Charity walk

Tomorrow, December 2, the island will host the first-ever Caminada Solidària, "to bring visibility," explained Parellada, "to the island's community of people with disabilities". At 11.00am participants of the "Charity Walk" will set out from jardí de ses Eres on a two-kilometre circuit, which according to the secretary has been specially tuned for walkers of all abilities "in an effort to make the event inclusive". "One of the top priorities at Formentera's day centre is the integration of those who use its services," said Parellada. The last to make it to the finish line are expected to arrive by 1.00pm, where they will be greeted with an array of snacks at jardí de ses Eres. Advance registration for the walk is not required.

Then, on December 3, the two associations, APNEEF and APMIPTEA, will man information booths between 11.00am and 1.00pm in plaça de la Constitució, offering information about their activities and programmes on the island.