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19 Stories of Social Inclusion – Ireland: Stories of Belonging, Contributing and Connecting

Lessons for Policymakers

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19 Stories of Social Inclusion



Social inclusion is not the norm for people with intellectual disabilities in Ireland

We wanted to hear stories of people who, with the right supports, are included in communities



19 stories – Article 19 Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) – the right to live independently and be included in the community

What we learned



Value of social inclusion - being seen in the community – working, in college, active in groups



What makes social inclusion happen - focus on the person - their interests, self advocacy, accessible spaces



What good support looks like - respectful relationships, changing things in the community, advocating for inclusion and support

What does this mean for policy and practice?



Recommendations for policy and practice



National Disability
Inclusion Strategy
2017-2021



- The National Disability Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021 should include supports for relationships, self-advocacy and other types of advocacy
- Decision making supports and resources for the Decision Support Service
- Supports for self-advocacy and leadership



- Person centred supports

- Accessible housing - Department of Housing and Department of Health to work together



The
Public
Sector
Duty



- Use the Public Sector Duty to address barriers to accessing services

Eliminating discrimination, promoting equality and protecting human rights

 Welsh Government
August 2011

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