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Making Inclusion A Reality

Invitation to an Online Forum

Independent Living Movement Ireland (ILMI) is working with South Dublin County Council to support the inclusion of disabled people in developing and implementing housing policy and provision in the South Dublin County area. ILMI would like to support the establishment and capacity building of a network of disabled people, from the South Dublin area, as a central part of this initiative. Through funding from the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (IHREC), Values Lab will be supporting us with this work.

We are inviting you to participate in an introductory online forum for this project. The online forum will provide information on the project and open up a discussion on how best to progress this participation by disabled people in the South Dublin County area.

The forum details:

Date: Thursday, 21 January 2021

Time: 11am to 1pm

To register: Please email info@ilmi.ie We will then send you the link to the event.

Background

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities has opened up new possibilities for disabled people, including:

the equal right of all persons with disabilities to live in the community, with choices equal to others.

Accessible and adequate housing is key to realising this right. Disabled people need to have a say, at a local authority level, to ensure there is:

- real choice available for disabled people in relation to their housing needs; and
- adequate and appropriate social housing provision and housing supports provided for disabled people.

Local authorities are required to:

- prepare a strategy to meet the housing needs of disabled people in their area; and
- establish a Housing Disability Steering Group.

These strategies need to be informed and shaped by disabled people, otherwise our diverse needs will not be met. Disabled people should be active participants on the Housing Disability Steering Groups. This is what the **Making Inclusion A Reality** project hopes to support and achieve. We would like this to be a model for other local authorities.

Agenda

- 11.00 Welcome and Introduction
Damien Walshe, ILMI
- 11.10 Why is housing an equality and human rights issue for disabled people?
Peter Kearns, ONSIDE Coordinator, ILMI
- 11.20 Housing policy: local authorities responding to the needs of disabled people
James Cawley, Policy Officer ILMI
- 11.30 Questions and Comments

- 11.45 Introducing the project: **Making Inclusion a Reality**
Rachel Mullen, Values Lab
- 11.55 Group discussions
How could disabled people network together to inform housing policy and provision in the South Dublin County area?
How can disabled people be enabled to have a real say in the South Dublin County Council steering group?
- 12.25 Feedback from the groups
- 12.45 Next Steps
- 13.00 Close



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