



# **MAKING A WILL**

An easy to read guide to making a will



**INCLUSION IRELAND**

National Association for People with an Intellectual Disability



### ► **Who is Inclusion Ireland?**

Inclusion Ireland is a national organisation working to promote the rights of people with an intellectual disability in Ireland.

Inclusion Ireland is a new name for namhi.

### ► **What does Inclusion Ireland want?**

Inclusion Ireland wants people with an intellectual disability to have equal rights.

Inclusion Ireland wants people with an intellectual disability to live in their community and to be part of their community.

Inclusion Ireland wants people with an intellectual disability to live the life of their choice.

Inclusion Ireland wants people with an intellectual to have their voices heard.

### ► **What is important to Inclusion Ireland?**

Everybody with an intellectual disability is a valued person.

People with an intellectual disability having very good services.

People with an intellectual disability having the chance to learn throughout their lives.

Helping people with an intellectual disability to have friendships and relationships is very important.

Helping families.

Working with other groups.



### ▶ **What is a will?**

A will is a special document that is made for a person. It is a list of all the things you own.

You may own a lot of different things like a television, CDs, jewellery, camera, mobile phone.

You may own a house or a car or have money in a bank account.

In your will you say what you would like to happen to the things you own when you die.

Choosing a person to give things to after you die is called "leaving" in a will.

### ▶ **Who can I leave things to?**

You can leave your things to one person or as many people as you like. They might be your friends or family members.

You can name someone to look after the will when you die and this person is called an Executor.

The Executor reads your will and he or she makes sure that the people you chose get the things you want them to have.

### ▶ **What if I don't make a will?**

If you don't make a will, then you have no say in what happens to your things after you die. If you don't have a will your things go to your next of kin, this means your closest relative. Your friends will not get anything.

### ► **Are there any rules about making a will?**

You have to be 18 years old or over.

You have to understand what a will is.

You have to sign the will.

If you can't sign your name you can make a mark. If you can't write at all you can get someone to sign it for you.

### ► **How do I make a Will?**

You will usually need a lawyer to help you make a will.

You can go to see a lawyer in their office or they can visit you at your home.

You will have to pay the lawyer to draw up the will for you.

The lawyer will make sure that you understand what you are doing and will make sure that you choose the people you are leaving things to yourself.

### ► **Changing a Will**

If you change your mind about who you want to leave things to, you can change your will too.

Your lawyer will help you make changes to your will.

You can change your will as many times as you want.



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