



INCLUSION IRELAND

National Association for People with an Intellectual Disability

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About Us

promoting rights, independence, dignity and equality

Who We Are and What We Do

Inclusion Ireland is a national voluntary organisation working to promote the rights of people with an intellectual disability in Ireland to ensure their full and equal participation in society. Inclusion Ireland was founded in 1961 (as namhi) and has now become the co-ordinating body for over 160 organisations providing services and support to almost 26,000 people with an intellectual disability in Ireland.

What does Inclusion Ireland do?

Inclusion Ireland provides a central forum for its members to identify priorities and formulate nationally agreed policies to present to government, statutory bodies, other relevant groups as well as the general public. **Inclusion Ireland** campaigns for changes in services and legislation that will improve the quality of life and participation of people with an intellectual disability in Irish Society. In addition to this central role, **Inclusion Ireland**:

- Promotes Advocacy for people with an intellectual disability, particularly self-advocacy
- Provides an information and advice service to people with an intellectual disability, their family members; support workers; service providing organisations, students etc
- Publishes a wide range of information leaflets and booklets
- Publishes a quarterly newsletter
- Organises seminars and conferences on issues relating to people with an intellectual disability
- Gives information & training talks to a range of groups on issues relating to people with an intellectual disability
- Represents the intellectual disability sector in Ireland at an international level by its membership of Inclusion International & Inclusion Europe
- Promotes research on issues relating to people with an intellectual disability
- **Inclusion Ireland** is a member of the International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual Disability (IASSID)

Who can become a member of Inclusion Ireland?

Inclusion Ireland is an umbrella group for organisations in the intellectual disability sector. Its member organisations include:

- Parents and Friends Associations, Support Groups, Community Groups
- Voluntary and Statutory organisations providing services to people with an intellectual disability
- Trade Unions
- Professional bodies
- Societies
- Special Interest Groups

Affiliated organisations pay an annual fee based on the size of their membership or the number of persons for whom they provide support or services.

Can an individual become a member of Inclusion Ireland?

Inclusion Ireland has both group and individual membership. Individuals such as self-advocates, parents, family members, people working in the services, students, or anybody with an interest in intellectual disability can become a member of **Inclusion Ireland**. There is a small fee of €40 per annum.

Why become a member of Inclusion Ireland?

Through the strength of its membership, **Inclusion Ireland** can lobby more effectively for better services, based on the opinion and experiences of a broader group of people and organisations. Your membership provides you with easy access to the information and support that **Inclusion Ireland** offers. You will receive the quarterly newsletter, be notified of all conferences, seminars and other events regionally and nationally. Inclusion Ireland members receive a free copy of most of its publications as well as a reduced fee to attend its events. Individual Members of Inclusion Ireland receive a free subscription to Frontline magazine, published quarterly this is the only national publication dedicated solely to the intellectual disability sector in Ireland.

By being a member of **Inclusion Ireland** you are provided with the opportunity to input into shaping a response to Government and State bodies and general policy in this sector both at local and national level.

What is Intellectual Disability?

Intellectual Disability involves a greater than average difficulty in learning. A person is considered to have an intellectual disability when the following factors are present: intellectual functioning is significantly below average; there are difficulties with everyday life skills and the condition is present from childhood (18 year or less).

It is not an illness and cannot be treated and cured like other illnesses.

What causes Intellectual Disability?

Intellectual disability can be caused by any condition, which impairs the development of the brain before birth, during birth or in the childhood years. Several hundred causes have been discovered but in about one third of people affected, the cause remains unknown.

Factors causing intellectual disability can be loosely grouped under two headings:

Hereditary: including genetic and metabolic causes

Environmental: including problems during pregnancy and after birth, extreme poverty and cultural deprivation.

Are all people with an Intellectual Disability the same?

No. The term Intellectual Disability has been used to describe people within a very wide range of ability. The range extends from people with a borderline or mild difficulty in learning to those with more severe or profound disabilities. People with a mild disability can live independent lives within their local community while people with more severe and profound disabilities may require more intensive levels of specialist care and support.

* The term mental handicap was historically used in Ireland. However, in recent years the term learning disability has become increasingly popular. The term intellectual disability is recognised in international research circles and is the official term used by the Irish State.

Inclusion Ireland Member Organisations

- ST AIDAN'S DAY CARE CENTRE
- AISLING CENTRE P & F
- ANNE SULLIVAN CENTRE
- ST ANNE'S - SEAN ROSS ABBEY
- ARAS ATTRACTA
- ARD - NA - SEARHA PARENT GROUP
- ARD AOIBHINN CENTRE - AN BREACAD NUA
- ARRA VIEW RESIDENTIAL & RESPITE SERVICES LTD
- BALLINASLOE ADVOCATES
- BASC ENTERPRISES, BANDON
- BRÉIFNE SOCIAL HOUSING
- BROTHERS OF CHARITY - CLARE
- BROTHERS OF CHARITY - GALWAY REGION
- BROTHERS OF CHARITY - LIMERICK REGION
- BROTHERS OF CHARITY - ROSCOMMON REGION
- BROTHERS OF CHARITY - SOUTH EASTERN REGION
- BROTHERS OF CHARITY - SOUTHERN REGION
- CAMPHILL COMMUNITY BALLYBAY
- CAMPHILL COMMUNITY CARRICK-ON-SUIR
- CAMPHILL COMMUNITY DUNSHANE
- CAMPHILL COMMUNITY GRANGEMOCKLER
- CAMPHILL COMMUNITY GREENACRES
- CAMPHILL COMMUNITY KILCULLEN
- CAMPHILL DUFFCARRIG
- CARING & SHARING ASSOC (CASA)
- CARRICKMACROSS ASSOC OF P & F
- CARRIGLEA CAIRDE SERVICES
- CASTLEBAR COMMUNITY DROP IN
- CASTLEBLANEY CARE ASSOCIATION
- ST CATHERINE'S ASSOCIATION LTD
- CENTRAL REMEDIAL CLINIC
- CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, UCD
- CHEEVERSTOWN FAMILIES & FRIENDS
- CHEEVERSTOWN HOUSE
- CHILDREN'S SUNSHINE HOME
- CLARE FEDERATION
- CLOGHER HOUSE FRIENDS
- CLONES BRANCH
- CO ACTION WEST CORK
- COISTE CUCHULINN
- COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS' UNION
- COPE FOUNDATION
- CORK ASSOC OF P & F
- CORK CEBAS PARENTS ASSOC
- CRONANS ASSOCIATION LTD
- DARA RESIDENTIAL SERVICES
- DELTA CENTRE
- DÓCHAS (HOPE FOR PEOPLE WITH AUTISM)
- DOMUS SERVICES
- DONEGAL ASSOC OF P&F
- DOWN SYNDROME ASSOC, IRELAND
- DOWN SYNDROME ASSOC, SLIGO
- DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION, TIPPERARY
- DOWN SYNDROME IRELAND, WICKLOW
- DRUMLIN HOUSE
- DUNDALK P&F
- DUNMORE HOUSE - CARMONA SERVICES
- DUNMORE HOUSE P&F ASSOCIATION
- EARLY LANGUAGE INTERVENTION
- EAST CORK P&F
- EMBRACE
- ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT, ASSOC OF P&F
- FAMILY & FRIENDS OF GHEEL
- FAMILY NETWORK STEWARTS 2000
- FESTINALENTE FOUNDATION
- FINGAL ASSOCIATION
- FUNDRUMS
- GALWAY COUNTY ASSOCIATION
- GRÁ AUTISM PARENTS GROUP
- HELPING HANDS, TALLAGHT
- ST HILDA'S SERVICES, ATHLONE
- HILLTOP SERVICE - ST JOHN OF GOD FAMILY CENTRE
- HOLY ANGELS, GLENMAROON
- HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL, COOTEHILL
- HOSPITALIER ORDER OF SAINT JOHN OF GOD
- INISHOWEN LEARNING DISABILITY NETWORK
- IRISH COUNTRYWOMEN'S ASSOCIATION
- IRISH FRAGILE X SOCIETY
- IRISH NATIONAL TEACHERS ORGANISATION
- IRISH NURSES ORGANISATION
- ST JOHN OF GOD DAY CENTRE PARENTS & FRIENDS SUPPORT GROUP
- JOHN OF GOD HOSPITALIER SERVICE
- ST JOSEPH'S FOUNDATION (FORMERLY KNOWN AS CHARLEVILLE & DISTRICT ASSOC)
- ST JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL, CLONSILLA P&F ASSOCIATION

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- ST JOSEPH'S INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY SERVICES, ST ITA'S PORTRANE
- ST JOSEPH'S PARENTS ASSOCIATION, PORTRANE
- KARE
- KERRY PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
- KILKENNY ASSOCIATION, KASMHA
- KILKENNY COLLECTIVE FOR ARTS
- LÁMH - COMMUNICATION, AUGMENTATION SIGN SYSTEM LTD
- LAOIS FRIENDS OF THE INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED
- L'ARCHE IRELAND LTD
- LIMERICK P&F ASSOCIATION
- LITTLE ANGELS ASSOCIATION, DONEGAL
- LONGFORD ASSOCIATION
- LORREQUER HOUSE
- ST MARY'S DRUMCAR
- ST MARY'S DRUMCAR, DUBLIN BRANCH
- ST MARY'S P&F ASSOCIATION, DELVIN
- ST MARY'S SCHOOL DRUMCAR PARENTS COUNCIL
- MEATH ASSOC LTD
- MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH
- MENNI DAY SERVICES - ST JOHN OF GOD BROTHERS
- MENNI SERVICES FAMILIES & FRIENDS ASSOC
- ST MICHAEL'S HOUSE HQ
- MIDWAY (MEATH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY WORK ADVOCACY YOU LTD)
- MONAGHAN BRANCH LTD
- MOORE ABBEY, MONASTEREVIN
- MOORE HAVEN CENTRE - TIPPERARY
- MOOREHAVEN CENTRE P & F
- MULLINGAR & DISTRICT P & F ASSOCIATION
- NATIONAL FEDERATION OF ARCH CLUBS
- NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY, TCD
- NORTHWEST P & F ASSOCIATION
- NURSE MANAGERS ASSOCIATION
- NURSE TEACHERS GROUP
- OFFALY ASSOCIATION
- ORDER OF MALTA REGIONAL SERVICES
- OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL SCHOOL - PARENT'S & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
- PARENTING WITH A DIFFERENCE
- PARENTS FOR INTEGRATION (YOUTH INTEGRATION GROUP)
- ST PATRICK'S CENTRE, KILKENNY LTD
- ST PAUL'S SPECIAL SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION
- PAVING THE WAY
- PEACEHAVEN TRUST
- PEAMOUNT HOSPITAL INC
- PEAMOUNT HOSPITAL P&F ASSOCIATION - LIMELIGHT
- ST PETER'S ASSOC OF P&F CASTLEPOLLARD
- POPE JOHN PAUL II CENTRE P&F ASSOCIATION
- PORTARLINGTON P&F OF MOORE ABBEY
- PORTMARNOCK INTEGRATED ARCH CLUB
- PROSPER FINGAL
- PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND
- ST RAPHAEL'S P&F ASSOCIATION
- REHABCARE
- RETT SYNDROME ASSOCIATION IRELAND
- ROSCOMMON ASSOCIATION
- S.O.F.T (SUPPORT ORG FOR TRISOMY)
- SCOIL CHIARAIN
- SHADOWBOX THEATRE COMPANY
- SIPTU
- SISTERS OF CHARITY - ST MARGARET'S, DONNYBROOK
- SISTERS OF LA SAGESSE - CREGG HOUSE
- SOCIAL WORKERS IN LEARNING DISABILITIES
- SOS KILKENNY LTD
- SOUTH TIPPERARY AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP
- SPECIAL OLYMPICS IRELAND
- ST JOHN OF GOD KERRY SERVICES
- STEWART'S HOSPITAL
- STEWART'S SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION
- SUNBEAM HOUSE SERVICES
- THURLES P&F ASSOC OF PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
- TIPPERARY ASSOCIATION FOR SPECIAL NEEDS
- DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY - ST VINCENT'S CENTRE, CENTRAL MANAGEMENT OFFICE
- WALKINSTOWN ASSOCIATION
- WATERFORD ASSOCIATION
- WESTERN CARE ASSOCIATION
- WEXFORD CO COMMUNITY WORKSHOP (NEW ROSS) LTD
- WINDMILL THERAPEUTIC TRAINING UNIT LTD

Application for Individual Membership of Inclusion Ireland

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel (h) _____ Tel (mob) _____ e-mail: _____

Interest in intellectual disability is as a:

- Person with an intellectual disability
- Parent of a person with an intellectual disability
- Relative of a person with an intellectual disability
- Professional (please specify) _____
- Person working in services (please specify) _____

If you are a member of a local association, please specify: _____

Issues of particular interest to you (please tick):

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| Advocacy | <input type="checkbox"/> | Inappropriate Services | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Adult Services | <input type="checkbox"/> | Legal Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Benefits & Allowances | <input type="checkbox"/> | Rare Syndromes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Challenging Behaviour | <input type="checkbox"/> | Research | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Early Intervention | <input type="checkbox"/> | Respite | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Education | <input type="checkbox"/> | Staffing Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Other Issues _____

How did you hear about Inclusion Ireland: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please send completed application forms to Inclusion Ireland, Unit C2, The Steelworks, Foley St, Dublin 1. Please enclose annual fee (€40) with your completed form

Application for Group Membership of Inclusion Ireland

Name of Organisation: _____

Address: _____

Tel (h) _____ Tel (mob) _____ e-mail: _____

Website: _____

Is your organisation primarily a (please tick):

1. Service provider

4. Parents & Friends / Support Group

2. Professional Group

5. Community Group

3. National Body

6. Special Interest Group

7. Other (please specify): _____

Description of organisation and service provided: _____

Should your organisation be approved for membership at our next Board Meeting we will require the name of a delegate for our records:

Delegate: _____

Address: _____

Tel (h) _____ Tel (mob) _____ e-mail: _____

A delegate is appointed by the organisation, as a representative to attend Inclusion Ireland. General Meetings and to vote at meetings. The delegate receives all Inclusion Ireland correspondence and is responsible for passing it on to the organisation.

Please enclose with the application form: appropriate fee (fee scale available on request) and a copy of your organisation's Constitution / Articles of Association

Please send completed forms with appropriate fee to: Inclusion Ireland, Unit C2, The Steelworks, Foley St., Dublin 1



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