

# Housing and Disability 'at a glance'

## Key commitments from the parties

### For #DisabilityGE2020



Under 'housing and disability' Inclusion Ireland have identified commitments in relation to the housing and de-institutionalisation as being key issues that need to be addressed for people with disabilities. This document looks at the manifesto commitments of each political party in comparison to Inclusion Ireland's asks in relation to this theme for the election.

Most of the political parties make some form of commitment regarding housing and disability.

**The Social Democrats** have the most commitments regarding housing for people with disabilities. They also have a general commitment in relation to housing in the form of introducing a new Affordable Housing Scheme.

**Sinn Féin** say they want a right to housing in the Irish Constitution and **People Before Profit** want to put this to a referendum.

**Sinn Féin** and the **Social Democrats**, say they will commit to ensuring that 7% of public housing will be accessible and made available to people with disabilities.

**Labour** are the only party to say they will further develop individualised funding, giving people themselves more choice and control over how their money is spent. **People Before Profit** also touch on this by saying people should be given the right to choose what services they want to use.

**Fianna Fail, Sinn Féin, Labour and the Social Democrats** all reference the need for housing adaptation grants, and for an increase in its funding.

**Labour and the Social Democrats** acknowledge the importance of Personal Assistance and commit to increasing funding and introducing a statutory right to personal assistance, respectively.

Disappointingly, no party makes any commitment to move the 2000 people living in institutions into community settings. This will pose difficulty for Ireland when we are monitored under the UNCRPD.

 <b>FIANNA FÁIL</b> <small>THE REPUBLICAN PARTY</small>	 <b>FINE GAEL</b>	 <b>green party</b>	 <b>Labour</b>		 <b>Sinn Féin</b> <small>BUILDING AN IRELAND OF EQUALS</small>	
<p>Increasing Housing Adaptation grants funding by €20m</p>	<p>Investment in disability projects in the community</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Further develop individualised budgeting for care services to give recipients more autonomy and choice.</p> <p>Increase funding for personal assistance services (including in educational settings)</p> <p>Increase funding for housing adaptation grants.</p>	<p>Referendum on a right to housing for all.</p> <p>Provide people with disabilities with the right to choose the services which best meet their needs.</p> <p>Ensure the right of people with disabilities to live as autonomous adults.</p>	<p>A right to housing in the Constitution</p> <p>Ensure that a minimum of 7% of all public houses are designed for people with disabilities and are fully wheelchair accessible</p> <p>Double funding to the home adaptation grant</p> <p>Universal design of future homes</p>	<p>Introduce a new Affordable Housing Scheme</p> <p>Commit to ensuring a minimum of 7% of social housing to meet universal design standards</p> <p>Promote the uptake of adaptation and mobility aids grants to enable independent living for persons with disabilities</p> <p>Introducing a statutory right to Home Care and Personal Assistance</p> <p>Ensure Local Authorities review their approved social housing lists and identify the</p>

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