

# Election 2024 Inclusion Ireland Manifesto



**Inclusion Ireland**  
The National Association for People  
with an Intellectual Disability.

## Will you commit to addressing these rights issues facing our community?

### Problem

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### Solution

Too many children with an intellectual disability do not have access to their right to a high quality education in their local school.



Reform the education system starting with a citizens assembly on education and a strategic plan which works towards all children accessing their local school with the support they need to thrive.

Thousands of people live in congregated settings, in nursing homes, or with their families when they wish to move out and live independently with support.



Deliver on social housing with support for disabled people, improve access to home support, personalised budgets and personal assistance to ensure the right to live in the community.

Disabled people in our communities face an extra cost of €10,000-€15,000 per year, and are four times more likely to experience poverty.



Create a permanent cost of disability payment and increase the Disability Allowance to match the poverty threshold.

Ireland has one of the lowest employment rates for disabled people in all the EU.



Make sure all children have access to career guidance at our local schools, recruit more job coaches, and promote the new Work and Access Scheme to employers.

Our Laws: In our legislation, disabled people have no right to access services, or to be protected from seclusion and restraint.



Review the following Acts to enshrine people's rights in legislation:  
The Disability Act  
The Health Act (and HIQA regulations)  
The EPSN Act

Too often Government waits for a crisis to occur to invest in short-term responses for disabled people.



Invest in support for children and families in the early years. Develop CAMHS intellectual disability teams. Focus on multi-annual funding and long term solutions.

Decisions which affect people with an intellectual disability are consistently made for them and without them.



Ensure the voice and expertise of disabled people shapes disability policy. Invest in the national advocacy service. Enable choice and options in how disabled people want to live.

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