



Inclusion Ireland

The National Association for People
with an Intellectual Disability.

Budget 2027: Make Your Voice Heard

Email Campaign Guide



What is the Budget?



The budget is the **government's** plan for how it will spend money in the year ahead.



Rialtas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland

The **government** is the group of leaders who run Ireland and make choices for the country.



Budget 2027 will be announced on Tuesday 6th October by the **Minister for Finance**, Simon Harris.



The **Minister for Finance** is the person in charge of how the government spends money.



Every year, the government looks at:

- How much money it has.
- What people in Ireland need.
- How to best use money to help people.



The budget is important because:

- It pays for services like health, schools, and housing.
- It helps disabled people get the support they need.
- It can help make life better for everybody living in Ireland.



People with intellectual disabilities, their families, and their supporters can speak up to tell the Government what they need.



This is why Inclusion Ireland asks people for their views every year to tell us what to ask for in the budget.



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Your views help us write a document that tells the government where they need to spend more money.

This document is called a **pre-budget submission**.

Why is Inclusion Ireland Doing This?



In summer 2026, Inclusion Ireland asked people with intellectual disabilities and their families across the country to share their views.

1,500 people took part.



What people told us shaped our Pre-Budget Submission for 2027.

Now we want to bring those ideas to life by asking our members to contact their TDs.



Together, we can make sure the government listens to our community.

Inclusion Ireland's Key Asks for Budget 2027



Bring in a Cost of Disability payment to help cover extra costs, like higher energy bills, medicine, or equipment.



Fund supports for independent living and personal assistance to help move 300 people into their own homes.



Give disabled people more help with their energy bills.



Make sure every mental health service for children with an intellectual disability has all the staff they need.

Who are My TDs and Where Do I Find Them?



To send your email you will need to find out who your local TDs are.

A **Teachta Dála** (also called ‘**TD**’ for short or ‘**Deputy**’ in English) is a person who is elected to **Dáil Éireann**.



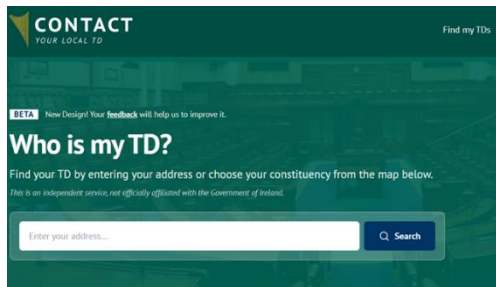
Dáil Éireann is part of the Irish Parliament and where laws are made.



TDs represent people in their local area. This area is called a **constituency** and the people that live there are called **constituents**.



It is a TD’s job to help make laws for the country and to speak up for all their constituents.



Every constituency has 3 to 5 TDs that represent them.

You can find out which constituency is yours and who your TDs are by visiting www.ContactYourTD.ie.



You can also [use this link](#) which has a Spreadsheet of their names, email addresses, and telephone numbers.

Writing and Sending Your Email



When you find out who your local TDs are, you can contact them using their email addresses.

Use our email template to write to them. You can find it using this link.



When writing to TDs, you can tell them your story and why you believe Budget 2027 should invest in people with intellectual disabilities.

You don't have to share anything you don't want to in your email.



When writing your email, please remember to include your full name and your constituency's name.



If you would prefer to send a letter instead, you can post it to your TDs at this address:

[TD's name]

Leinster House

Kildare Street

Dublin 2



If you would prefer to meet your TD in person, you can email or call to ask them. If they are available, they will offer you a time and place.



They will usually offer to meet you at their **constituency office**.

This is where a TD and their team work to help constituents. When you call or email asking to meet, the TD or their team will tell you where their constituency office is.



Not every TD uses a constituency office to meet people. They may instead offer to meet you somewhere else, like a leisure centre, a hotel, or a library.



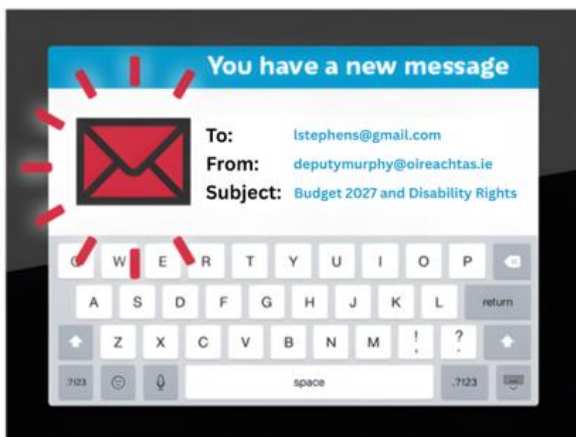
TDs may not always be available to meet you. You can still email or write to them.

What Happens Next?



TDs receive a lot of calls, emails, and letters from their constituents every day. They may not reply to you right away.

It is important to be patient.



If a TD replies to your email, they might:

- Say they agree.
- Say they will raise your issue with a Minister or colleague.
- Ask you for more information.



If you get a reply, you can:

- Say thank you.
- Stay in touch with your TD.
- Tell your family, friends, or a support group.



If you don't get a quick reply, that is normal. Do not worry.

You can send a reminder after 2 weeks or ask a family member or supporter to help.



If you get a reply, you can share it with us at info@inclusionireland.ie

If you would prefer to keep it private, that is okay. You don't have to share it with us if you don't want to. It's your choice.

The Final Steps



Send your email or letter to your TDs
before Friday 25th September 2026.



If you have any questions, email us
at info@inclusionireland.ie