



INCLUSION IRELAND

National Association for People with an Intellectual Disability

Inclusion Ireland Budget 2020



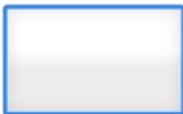
In October, the government will announce the Budget for 2020.

The Budget is the government's plan of how it will spend money next year.



The government has to make a report on the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) in 2020.

Inclusion Ireland thinks that the government should make decisions in the budget that will make sure that Ireland is in line with what is said in the UNCRPD.



1. Invest in Education

Article 24 - Inclusive education

- Publish a plan to implement the EPSEN Act so students can access assessments and supports
- Extend the Access and Inclusion Model (AIM) supports so children in pre-school can get support for the full day
- Invest in teachers and school buildings to make sure no child is in a class of more than 30 students



Who is responsible?

Department of Education and Skills; Department of Children and Youth Affairs.



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2. Promote health and wellbeing

Articles 25 and 26 - Health, Habilitation and Rehabilitation

- Invest the €500m set aside for infrastructure, like buildings, in the Sláintecare plan
- Invest €100m to improve access to primary care services
- Fund 100 additional therapist posts
- Make sure the HSE puts aside 15% of the disability budget for personal, community-based services as a step towards making sure all services funded are UNCRPD compliant.

Who is responsible?

Department of Health; Department of Public Expenditure and Reform

3. Make social inclusion possible

Article 28 – Adequate standard of living

- Introduce a cost of disability payment

Article 27 –Employment

- Fund projects that work to support young people into jobs (Ability Programme)
- Fund job coaches for Intreo offices
- Invest in an advertising campaign for the 'Reasonable Accommodation Fund' to make sure employers and people with disabilities are aware of the support available



Who is responsible:

Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection

Article 19 – Living in the community

- Publish costed plan to end institutionalisation
- Allocate €300m to look at housing unmet housing need
- Provide funding for supports for people to live in their own homes in the community
- Invest in accessible housing and allocate €28.38m to Housing Adaptation Grants



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Who is responsible?

Department of Health; Department of Housing

Article 9 – Accessible transport

- Invest to ensure full accessibility of transport, including accessible information
- Resource the Passenger Assistance Scheme and Local Link rural transport programme

Who is responsible?

Department of Transport



4. Enable participation

Article 12 – Equal before the law

- Invest €9.1m to establish the Decision Support Service



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Health Service Executive



- Fund the HSE to deliver the plan for effective participation in decision-making

Who is responsible?

Department of Justice and Equality; Department of Health

5. Ensure equality

General Obligations, Article 33 –Monitoring

- Establish a National Advocacy Authority to develop an advocacy strategy
- Build the Public Sector Duty into all government departments strategies
- Consult people with disabilities on disability budget proofing



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Who is responsible?

Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection; Department of Justice and Equality; Department of Public Expenditure and Reform and other government departments.

Want to know more?

This is a summary of Inclusion Ireland's pre-budget submission.

For the full version, go to our website:

<http://www.inclusionireland.ie/sites/default/files/attach/basic-page/1651/budget-2020-full-submission-final.pdf>

