

“The person requiring the support & their family are central to the matching process”

Why does Home Sharing work?

Home Sharing is a two way process; the Host family gain hugely from the experience of having a person with an intellectual disability stay in their home. The natural family gain from knowing that their family member is being supported and cared for in an inclusive family environment.



Sustainable and unique relationships can develop that will last for many years to come. Home Sharing is an essential way to support and expand the informal networks of families and to build on the capacity and strength of communities.



National Home-sharing & Short-breaks Network

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Home Share Galway

Home Share Galway is a support service developed jointly by the Brothers of Charity Galway Services and Ability West to provide Host Family supports to adults and children with intellectual disabilities throughout Galway city and county. Both organisations also independently provide other supports and services to people with an Intellectual disability and their families throughout their lifecycle.

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HOME SHARE GALWAY

Short & Long Term Family Placement Service
for People with an Intellectual Disability

Room in your Home for One More?

Home Sharing
Contract Families
& Shared Living

Training
Provided

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Home Sharing Training Course & Assessment

- 6 session Training Course over two weekends, usually Friday evening & Saturday x 2.
- Training usually runs in the Autumn.
- Host Families can be single people, co-habiting and/or married couples. The scheme welcomes all types of families.
- If a family consists of 2 adults, both must attend the training & be vetted.
- A Social Work Assessment will commence once the training is completed.
- For families that wish to proceed to become Contract Families or Shared Living Families, additional training (usually one weekend) & assessment will be required.

Home Share Galway consists of 3 categories of Host Families

Home Sharing (Short Breaks)

involves a family in the community hosting a child or adult with an intellectual disability in their home for short breaks and caring for that person as a member of their family. An allowance is paid per session provided.



Contract Families

is where a host family offers substantial time to persons with an intellectual disability who have extra requirements such as a physical disability, by offering 10, 16 or 20 breaks per month. With this option a retainer and an allowance/expenses are paid.



Shared Living

is where an adult with an intellectual disability shares a host family home in a full-time arrangement (with short breaks to another family if necessary). With this option a retainer and an allowance/expenses are paid.

External Training Available



- Training for other Organisations/ Schemes.
- Training for Host Families provided over 2 weekends, usually a Friday evening and full day Saturday (x 2). Other training arrangements can be considered.
- This training will also equip facilitators to provide the training going forward for their own scheme.
- Full Scheme documentation pack available to include: Good Practice Guidelines, Handbook for Host Families, Facilitators Handbook & all necessary forms required to run the scheme.