









# **It's My Life! Decision-making for young people with disabilities in Ireland and Article 12 of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.**

## **Information Sheet for Participants**




	<p>This research project is looking for young people with disabilities to answer some questions about decision making.</p>
	<p>This is to tell you more about the research project, so you can see if you would like to take part.</p>



## **What is the project about?**

	<p>This research will look at young people with disabilities in Ireland and decision making.</p>
	<p>In this project a young person is someone aged between 15 and 20 years old.</p>




	<p>This project wants to know what stops young people from making decisions.</p>
	<p>This project wants to know what helps young people make decisions</p>






This could be decisions about

	<p>Work</p>
	<p>Money</p>
	<p>School</p>







	<p>hobbies or socialising or what you do in your free time</p>
	<p>health and medical treatment</p>

## Who can take part?

	<p>People with disabilities aged between 15 and 20 years of age can take part.</p>
	<p>The project is looking for young people with all kinds of disabilities and experiences.</p> <p>This includes experience of</p>
	<p>Physical disability (wheelchair user, limited mobility or people whose arms or legs don't work in the same way as other people)</p>





	<p>Sensory disability including people who are blind, have low vision, deaf or hard of hearing</p>
	<p>Intellectual disability</p>
	<p>Learning disabilities (dyslexia, dyscalculia etc.),</p>
	<p>Neurodiversity (Autism, DCD/Dyspraxia, ADD, ADHD),</p>
	<p>Psycho-social disabilities or experience with mental health services.</p>

## Who is working on this?


 <p>NUI Galway CENTRE for DISABILITY LAW &amp; POLICY</p>	<p>This research is based at the Centre for Disability Law and Policy in NUI Galway.</p>
	<p>Cliona de Bhailís is the researcher working on this.</p>
	<p>Professor Eilionóir Flynn is her supervisor.</p>
	<p>Cliona is working on this so she can get a PhD.</p>
	<p>Cliona used to work on the VOICES project.</p>
	<p>The VOICES project looked at how the law treats people with disabilities from all over the world when they make decisions.</p>



# What will people taking part have to do?

	<p>The people taking part will have to answer questions about</p>
	<p>a good experience of decision making or a time they felt listened to,</p>
	<p>a bad experience or a time they were not listened to</p>
	<p>and what helps them make decisions</p>




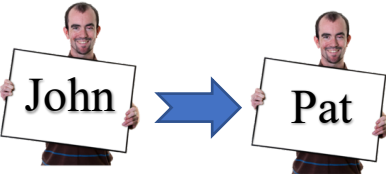
	<p>They will have to be happy for Clíona to use this information in her research</p>
	<p>These questions will be on a form that Clíona will send to you by email.</p>
	<p>You can answer the questions online using Microsoft Forms or by filling in a Microsoft Word document.</p>
	<p>Clíona can help you fill in the form if you like.</p>

## How much time will this take?

	<p>Filling in the questionnaire should only take 20 - 30 minutes.</p> <p>It might take a little longer for people depending on the supports they need.</p>
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	<p>Before you fill in the form Clíona will talk to you about what you need to do.</p>
	<p>At the end she will ask if you would like to her to tell you what she finds out or would like to take part in other research like this.</p>

## Who will read or listen to what I send in?


	<p>Cliona will be the only person who can read or access any information about you.</p>
	<p>Clíona will be working with a group of young people with disabilities for advice on the research</p>
	<p>She will also be working with Professor Eilionóir Flynn.</p>
	<p>When she talks to them about the work or writes about it she will not use your real name. She will use a fake name.</p>







## Do I have to take part?





	No, you should only take part if you want to.
	If you do decide to take part, you will be asked to sign a consent form.
	If you are not 18 yet your parent or guardian will have to sign a consent form as well.
	Even after you have signed this form and up until Clíona finishes writing about her work in December 2020 you can change your mind.
	If you do change your mind Clíona will delete any information she has about you.

## Accessibility

	It is important to Clíona that everyone who is interested can take part and that it is easy for them to contact her to find out more.
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	<p>You should tell Cliona what would help you to take part.</p>
	<p>You can contact her by phone, email, text message.</p>
	<p>Information about the project is available in lots of ways –</p> <p>plain language,</p> <p>EasyRead,</p> <p>large text etc.</p>
	<p>Please also let her know if you need sign language interpretation or other supports.</p>

## Find out more

	<p>I have more questions that you don't answer here. Who should I talk to?</p>
  	<p>If you have any questions or you are interested in taking part, you should contact Cliona</p> <p>By email at <a href="mailto:c.debhailis1@nuigalway.ie">c.debhailis1@nuigalway.ie</a></p> <p>or 0866032755.</p>