








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>I am looking for young people with disabilities to take part in a research project.</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>I want to know what decisions young people make.</p>
	<p>I want to know if young people think the law or other people stop them from making decisions.</p>
	<p>I want to know if young people use support to make decisions.</p>




This could be decisions about

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




	<p>School</p>
	<p>hobbies or socialising</p>
	<p>health and medical treatment</p>

Who is working on this?

	<p>This research is based at the Centre for Disability Law and Policy.</p>
	<p>Cliona de Bhailis is the researcher working on this.</p>
	<p>Professor Eilionoir Flynn is her supervisor.</p>


	<p>Clíona is working on this so she can get a PhD.</p>
	<p>Clíona 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>



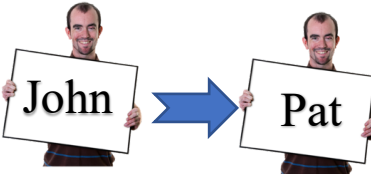



Who can take part?

	<p>People with disabilities aged between 15 and 20 years of age can take part.</p>
	<p>When I say people with disabilities, I include</p>
	<p>People with physical disabilities or people who's arms or legs don't work in the same way as other people.</p>





	<p>People with sensory disabilities including people who are blind, visually impaired, deaf or hard of hearing</p>
	<p>People with intellectual disabilities</p>
	<p>People with autism</p>
	<p>People with psycho-social disabilities or experience with mental health services.</p>

What will people taking part have to do?


	<p>The people taking part will be asked to write down or record the decisions they make, the decisions someone stopped them making or didn't listen to them about and if they used support to make a decision.</p>
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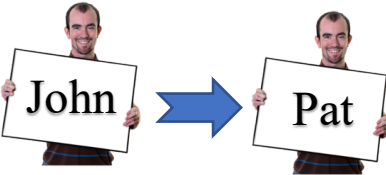
	<p>They will need to do this at least once a week for 12 weeks.</p>
	<p>They will have to be happy for Clíona to use this information in her research.</p>
	<p>Everyone taking part will have an option to pick a pseudonym or 'nickname' that Clíona will use when writing about them.</p>
	<p>At the end Clíona will call back the people taking part to talk about what she has learned and to ask them what they think others should learn from this work.</p>
	<p>She will use this to talk to parents, doctors, teachers, social workers, politicians, support staff etc. about decision making for young people in Ireland.</p>
	<p>You don't have to take part in this.</p>

How much time will this take?




	<p>Writing down your decisions or recording what you did each week should take around 15 minutes.</p>
	<p>Outside of this there will be one meeting or phone call with Clíona at the start to talk about what you need to do.</p>
	<p>Clíona can also call you every few weeks to check in to see how things are going if you like.</p>
	<p>The meeting to talk about what we have learned in the research and what we think others should know about it will be in Galway for a full day.</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>
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	<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 the nickname you have picked.</p>

Do I have to take part?

	<p>No, you should only take part if you want to.</p>
	<p>If you do decide to take part, you will be asked to sign a consent form.</p>
	<p>If you are not 18 yet your parents will have to sign a consent form as well.</p>



Even after you have signed this form and up until Clíona finishes writing about her work in July 2020 you can change your mind.



If you do change your mind Clíona will take out all the information about you and delete any recordings, documents or other information she has about you.

Find out more



I have more questions that you don't answer here. Who should I talk to?



If you have any questions or you are interested in taking part, you should contact Cliona



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