

INCLUSION IRELAND

National Association for People with an Intellectual Disability

**Submission to the
Department of Housing,
Planning and Local
Government**

**On the modernisation of the
electoral registration process**

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About Inclusion Ireland

Established in 1961, Inclusion Ireland is a national, rights based advocacy organisation that works to promote the rights of people with an intellectual disability.

The vision of Inclusion Ireland is that of people with an intellectual disability living and participating in the community with equal rights.

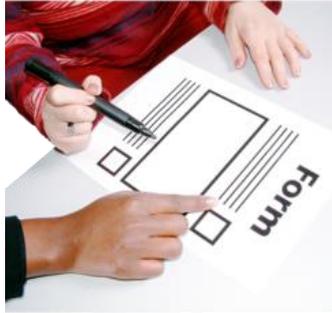
Inclusion Ireland's work is underpinned by the values of dignity, inclusion, social justice, democracy and autonomy and we use the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) to guide our work.

About this Submission

Inclusion Ireland held a consultation with members of the Self-Advocacy Subcommittee of the Board.

This submission is about the planned changes to how you register to vote and what people with intellectual disabilities feel about this.

Inclusion Ireland is moving towards complete accessibility of its work and this submission is in easy-to-read.



- Make it easier to transfer when you move to a different area.
- Make sure people can get support to complete the form.



- Make sure the changes are in line with the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015.

Under the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act, people with disabilities can have support to make decisions.

This is called having a co-decision maker or a decision-making representative.



- The Government wants to move to individual registration only.

This means that one person can't put everyone in a house's name on the register.

Each person living in the house must register themselves.

People living in residential services might miss out under this system.

They should be supported to register.

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