



## What we know about Budget 2022



Yesterday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021, Budget 2022 was announced by government ministers.



It tells us what the government departments will spend money on in 2022.



Inclusion Ireland did a survey to ask people what they thought the important part of Budget 2022 would be.



People with intellectual disabilities and their families think housing, the extra costs of disability, and education are the most important issues for Budget 2022.

Inclusion Ireland are very disappointed by Budget 2022. There is not enough funding in housing, cost of disability or education.



In Budget 2022, the government forgot that people with intellectual disabilities face a housing crisis. They did give some money to move people out of nursing homes. They didn't think about all the people who need and want to live independently.

The government should spend money on a new Cost of Disability payment so that people with disabilities do not have to worry about not having enough money to pay for the extra cost because of their disability. The government did not put a cost of disability payment in Budget 2022.



What they did was:

- Give 5 euro more in each social welfare payment.
- People will get a "Christmas Bonus" again this year.
- The fuel allowance went up by 5 euro.
- The living alone allowance went up by 3 euro.



All of these payments only mean that people can get by, people need a lot more than this to live well.



The government did agree to spend money on education for 1165 more SNA's and 980 teachers. Class sizes will get a bit smaller but we are not sure if it will be enough.

The government also said they will spend money on access to further and higher education and they included people with intellectual disabilities, but we don't know how much they will spend yet and what it will look like.



The government should spend money to look at the Education for Person with Special Educational Needs (EPSEN) Act 2004. They did not talk about this at all in Budget 2022.



We at Inclusion Ireland feel that the government forgot about the rights of people with intellectual disabilities in Budget 2022.



They focused on putting money into disability services instead of giving people the opportunities they deserve to live in the community with choice and control over their lives.