

Seasamh

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Immersion Project

Malton Hotel, Killarney

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Chairperson

The Seasamh Model

- Seasamh is a forum for people with an intellectual disability, run by and for people who access disability services, with independent support.
- Seasamh recognises every degree of participation.



■ *Nothing about me without me*

- *We want our voices to be heard*
- *We want to make decisions about our lives*
- *We want to be advocates for our friends who are unable to do it for themselves*
- *We want to change the way people view us*
- *We want ordinary lives*



What Seasamh aims to achieve

- Seasamh seeks to progress quality of life; in area such as “choice”, “privacy”, “health” and “decision making”.
- Seasamh helps it's members have their say in decision making within their organisation
- Seasamh seeks to have a national platform for all to have their say.



Seasamh's current campaign

- Recently the following issues of concern were highlighted by Seasamh members.....
- The Capacity Bill
- Ongoing cuts in government funding to services
- Supported employment prospects
- No further cuts to the disability allowance
- Concern over household benefits and water rates
- Equality on housing list



How Seasamh has changed our lives

- Seasamh has given us a voice and the confidence to use that voice
 - We believe by speaking out in public fora that we will be listened to now, unlike in the past
- We have managed to get representation on local and regional consultative committees (HSE)

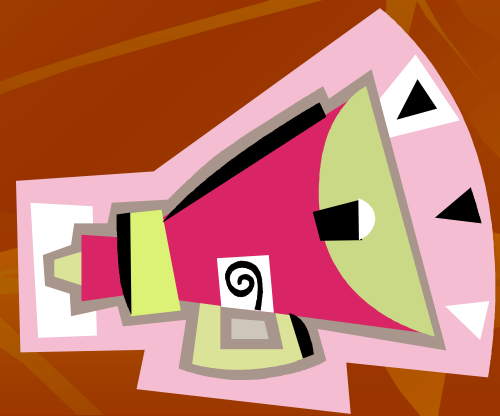
How Seasmh has changed our lives

- It has improved our social networking opportunities
- It has given us the chance to discuss issues and look for answers to them through our forum meetings
- There is a greater feeling of being part of society .



How Seasamh has helps influence change in our organisations

- Through the parliament and the Certificate in Leadership and Advocacy course Seasamh members have gained a new *Confidence*.
- This confidence has given us a *Voice* to have our say in making important decisions in our organisations



Planning for the future

- Seasamh encourages it's members to get involved in the planning for future services within their organisations
- Bringing about Positive change



Thank You

- Thank you for your time and attention and your support into the future