Room to Let

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Presented at the National Federation of Voluntary Bodies Master Class "Inclusive Living Options for People with Intellectual Disability" Wednesday, 24th March, 2010.

The Room to Share scheme has been in operation since 1993 and provides long term care in a host family setting to people aged 18 years and over.

Those currently availing of the scheme live in Counties Longford, Westmeath and Laois. It is organised by the Sisters of Charity of Jesus & Mary (Muiríosa Foundation) and is funded by the Health Service Executive. The range of disability of those who avail of the scheme is from mild to severe. What is distinctive about this scheme is that people live with their host families on a full time basis.