

# WHERE WE LIVE SURVEY



AN INCLUSIVE RESEARCH PROJECT

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We did a piece of research for  
the Inclusive Research Network



The Inclusive Research Network is looking  
at how people with disabilities can do  
research about issues that are important  
to them



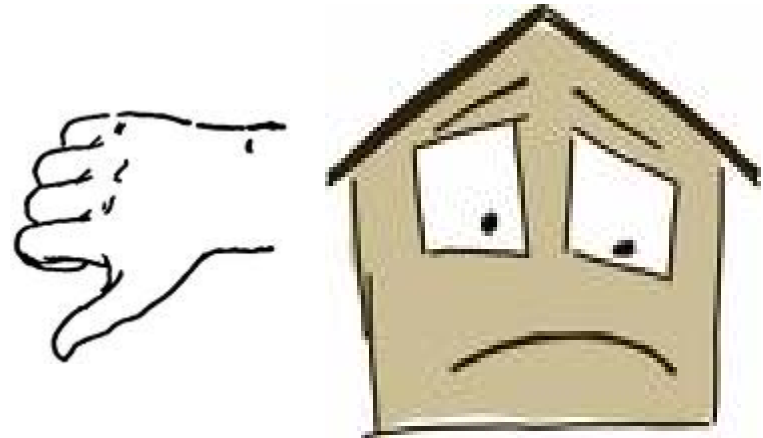
# Why do we need research about where people live?

It will help us

- know more about what people like



- and don't like about where they live



- And how to help people live in a place of their choice

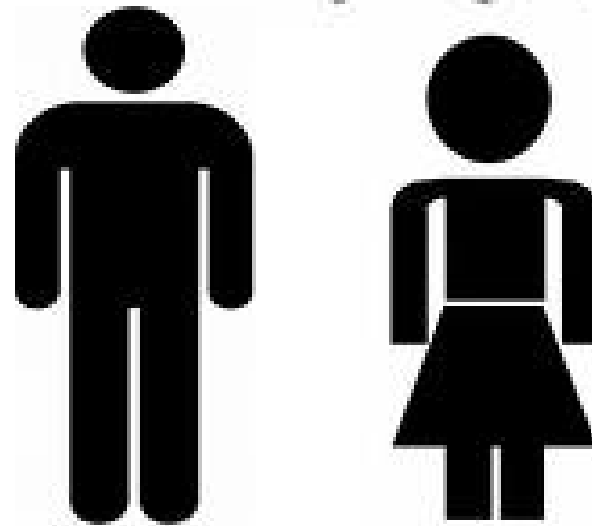


# HOW WE DID OUR RESEARCH?

- We found some people with disabilities



- Some men and some women



# Step 1- Sample

- Some were in their 20s, 30s, and 40s
- Some lived in the community
- and some lived at home

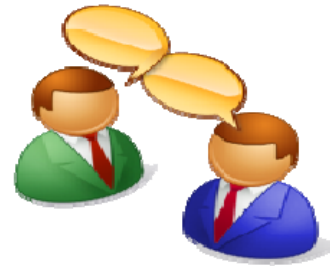


Researchers call this a sample



# Step two

We explained



that the Research was about living options  
and that peoples ideas are important to us



# Step 2 continued

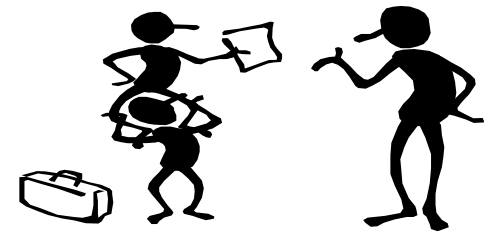
- that we would ask questions about living situations
- The answers will be kept confidential and private
- One could stop at any time





## Step 3 -Consent

- We asked questions to see if the participants understood what the survey about
- If they understood we asked them to sign a consent form



# Step 4 interview

- One of us asked questions about where they lived using pictures

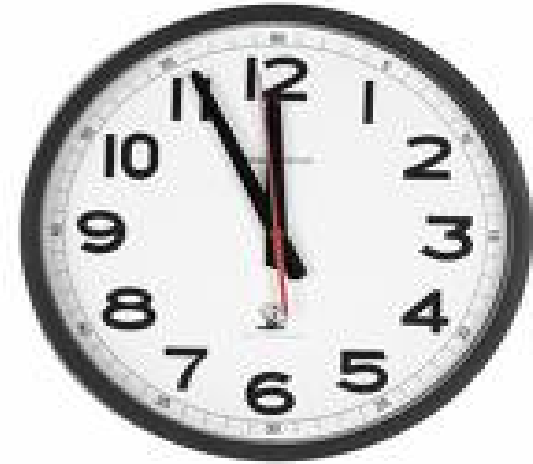


- and the other one recorded the answers



# Step 4 interview

- We had to give them time to answer
- At the end of the questions we asked the person if there is anything else they would like to add



# Step 4 interview

- Then we said Thank you



# Step5

- We posted the results to Edurne in NIID
- We met with other researchers in NIID on 17<sup>th</sup> September to analyse the national survey





The results were presented to the National  
Disability Authority Conference on 6<sup>th</sup>.  
October 2009

**NDAA**

National Disability Authority  
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## **Key messages from the IRN members**

- **There is lack of services for individuals to seek independent Living**
- **More control over funding is needed for people to have choices on where they live and who they live with**
- **Individual needs have to be considered and supports need to be in place so that it is less frightening for people to be Independent**
- **There are few choices for people to decide where they live and who they live with.**
- **Attitudes should change for families to allow their family member to be more independent**
- **There are not enough opportunities for peoples' voices to be heard**