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- 1 [At home in the community?: promoting the social inclusion of people with a learning disability living in supported accommodation: easy read version](#)

Author(s): Roy McConkey and Suzanne Collins

Year: 2007

Source: Ballymoney: Triangle Housing Association; University of Ulster

Keywords: isolated people; learning disabilities; social exclusion; supported housing;

Abstract: This report highlights the social exclusion of people with a learning disability in Northern Ireland. This study, funded by the Big Lottery Fund, details the extent of social isolation experienced by tenants in various forms of supported accommodation provided by a range of agencies throughout Northern Ireland. Many have no friends outside of the place where they live and much of their time is spent within the home

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2. [A Life Like Any Other? Human Rights of Adults with Learning Disabilities](#)

**Author:**

House of Lords, House of Commons, Joint Committee on Human Rights.

**Year: 2008**

**Source:**

House of Commons and The Stationary Office Ltd.

**Abstract:**

No abstract

**Link:** <http://www.parliament.the-stationery-office.com/pa/jt200708/jtselect/jtrights/40/40ieasyread.pdf>

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3. [The Right Living Space Housing and Accommodation Needs of People with Disabilities](#)

**Author(s):** A Citizens Information Board/ Disability Federation of Ireland Social Policy Report.  
Prepared by Michael Browne

**Year:** 2007

**Keywords:** Living Options; AccommodationNeeds; community orgainsations; Policy; Social Housing; Supports;

**Abstract:** This report is based on a joint study between the Citizens Information Board (formerly Comhairle) and Disability Federation of Ireland (DFI). The focus of the report is on the housing and accommodation needs of people with disabilities as experienced by people with disabilities and their families as well as by voluntary and community organisations working with them.

**Links:** <http://www.fedvol.ie/fileupload/NFVB%20Conference%20Report%20-%20Easy%20to%20Read.pdf>

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4. [What is a Home?](#)

**Author:** Darcy Elks

**Year:** 2008

**Keywords:** Meaning of Home; Importance of Place; Safety; Values; Easy-to-read;

**Abstract:** The title was What is a Home? It was a mixture of presentations & discussion with small group reflection & feedback.

It began with a reflection on the evolution of residential services by a number of speakers from the Brothers of Charity & Ms. Elks. It continued on the theme of what makes a home? Family & friends coming to visit etc. Why Home is so important to people at every stage of their lives.

The group reflections were on how group homes in residential services are not real homes but more like workplaces for staff who take over rooms for office space. The groups spoke of how in some group homes people are not able to go home until 3pm as houses are not open due to staff rosters. Others said how there was no intimacy or privacy. We spoke about what could be done to change this.

**Links:** <http://www.tcd.ie/niid/research/irn/>

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5 [Group Homes – An ordinary life?](#)

**Author:**

Peter Kinsella

**Year:** 1993

**Source:**

NDT – Supporting Lives Series (1993)

**Keywords:**

Housing; Support; Choice; Control; Natural supports; Group homes;

**Abstract:**

No abstract.

**Source:**

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7 [Community Living Research Project Canada](#)

**Author(s):** Tim Stainton, Grant Charles, Cam Crawford, Rachelle Hole, Susan Powell, Carrie Yodanis, Leah Wilson, Andrea Harstone, Jonathan Brown, Tara Schoenfield, Patricia Johnston, Ashley de Regil, Colleen Evans, Laney Bryenton, Barb Goode, M Lynn Rolko, Stephen Russell, Brian Salisbury, Roberta Scott

**Year:** 2008

**Source:** Community Living Research Project, School of Social Work, The Jack Bell Building, 2080 West Mall, Vancouver, BC Canada, V6T 1Z2

**Abstract:**

**Residential Alternatives:** This report will go over the main points discussed in books and articles on non-residential supports\* (day activities) for people with developmental disabilities. Most of the books and articles in this area focus on work. People with developmental disabilities experience continuing low levels of employment (many people with developmental disabilities do not have a job or do not work on a regular basis).

**Link:** <http://www.communitylivingresearch.swfs.ubc.ca/index.php?id=11720>

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