

The Inclusive Research Network

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The inclusive Research Network
Turns 13 this year, so let's stop for a second
And give ourselves a cheer
Started in Galway with a training workshop
Since then it has been Research non-stop

Our first research project was where we live?
Where could we live? Where should we live?
Where we would maybe like to live?
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And then in 2010 we had research done again
Relationships and Supports
Looked at relationships of all sorts
We took on The Law Reform Commission
Our relationships to be given legal permission

In 2012 we set up our steering group
So we could work better as a research group
With a Chair, Secretary and PRO
Now we had a clear way to go

Our work rate always, total and keen
Finished a new project by 2015
How to move out of group homes?
And finally live in normal homes
We called this project Our Homes

It's always been said that
Your health is your wealth
Our next topic was health
What happens when to the GP we go?
That's what IRN wanted to know

So we went about it with no fuss
After 3 years launched Doctors & Us
Covid19 in 2020 only zoom calls were had
Progress was slow and times were bad

We adapted to the new circumstances
With a new research project
We would take our chances

So our latest research project will be
In/Equality choice, Health & support
Onwards and upwards
Until we have the next report

So that's story of the Network so far
To say nothing of interviews, Presentations,
Collaborations, Focus groups & working groups
And submissions to all and sundry every other year
It's been a busy 12 years guys let's have a cheer
For the Inclusive Research Network today
Happy 13th birthday & Happy New Year