








Representative advocacy & children with disabilities in Ireland

Information Sheet for Children's Focus Group




	<p>This research project is looking for children with intellectual disabilities to talk about advocacy.</p>
	<p>This is to tell you more about the research project, so you can see if you would like to take part.</p>



What is the project about?

	<p>This research will look at advocacy services for children with disabilities and their families in Ireland.</p>
	<p>In this project advocacy means getting help to speak up for your rights and the things that are important to you.</p>

	<p>We want to know if you have used advocacy services before.</p>
	<p>We want to know if you needed this kind of help but couldn't get it.</p>
	<p>We want to know what you think this sort of help should look like and who should do it.</p>

Who is working on this?






	<p>This research is based at the Centre for Disability Law and Policy.</p>
	<p>Cliona de Bhailís will be working on this.</p>
	<p>Emma Burns will be working on the project too.</p>

	<p>Eilionóir Flynn will be working on it as well.</p>
	<p>They were asked to work on this by Inclusion Ireland.</p>





Who can take part?

	<p>Children with intellectual disabilities in Ireland can take part.</p>
	<p>We are looking for children aged 9, 10, 11 or 12 years old and teenagers aged 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 years old to take part</p>







What will people taking part have to do?



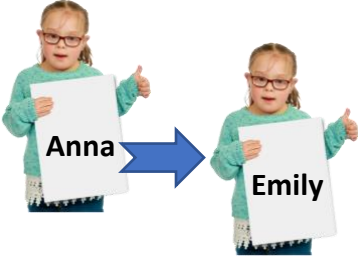




	<p>People taking part will have to come to a meeting and answer some questions.</p>
	<p>The questions will be about advocacy or getting help to speak up for your rights.</p>
	<p>People taking part can decide not to answer certain questions if they like.</p>
	<p>People taking part will have to be happy for us to use what they say in our research.</p>
	<p>Their parents or family will have to be happy for them to take part as well.</p>

Do I have to take part?





	<p>No, you should only take part if you want to.</p>
	<p>If you do decide to take part, you will be asked to at the start of the session if you are sure you want to.</p>
	<p>The group will talk about the ground rules at the start as well.</p>
	<p>You will be asked if you want to change any of the rules or add new ones.</p>

Who will read or listen to what I say?





	<p>The researchers are the only people who can read or access any information about you.</p>
	<p>The researchers are Clíona, Emma and Eilionóir.</p>
	<p>At the start of the meeting, they will ask everyone if they are happy to have the meeting recorded.</p>
	<p>They will only record it if everyone is happy.</p>
	<p>They will use the recording to take notes and remember what people said.</p>
	<p>They will delete the recording when they are finished working on the research.</p>

  <p>Inclusion Ireland The National Association for People with an Intellectual Disability.</p>	<p>They will write about what people said in the meetings for Inclusion Ireland.</p>
	<p>The researchers won't use your real name when they write about you. They will use a fake name.</p>
 <p>OLLSCOIL NA GAILLIMHE UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY</p>  	<p>If you are worried that your information isn't being kept safe you can talk to the University's Data Protection Officer.</p> <p>dataprotection@universityofgalway.ie</p> <p>Their job is to make sure everyone in the University is following the rules and keeping people's information safe.</p>
 <p>An Coimisiún um Chosaint Sonraí Data Protection Commission</p>	<p>You can also talk to the Data Protection Commission.</p> <p>Their job is to make sure everyone in Ireland is following the rules and keeping people's information safe.</p>

Accessibility

	<p>It is important to us that everyone who is interested can take part and that it is easy for them to ask us questions.</p>
	<p>Please tell us what would help you to take part.</p>
	<p>You can do this by calling us on the phone, or sending an email or text message.</p>
	<p>Please tell us if you need sign language interpretation or other supports.</p>
	<p>We know that some people might find it hard to take part in the meetings.</p>
	<p>If this happens, we will talk to you and come up with other ways for you to take part in the research.</p>

Find out more

	<p>I have more questions that you don't answer here. Who should I talk to?</p>
 	<p>If you have any questions or you are interested in taking part, you can talk to</p> <p>Emma</p> <p>emma.burns@universityofgalway.ie</p> <p>or</p> <p>Clíona</p> <p>0860081153</p>
	<p>If you want to talk to someone who is independent and isn't working on the project you can email</p> <p>ethics@universityofgalway.ie</p>