



Disability Advisory Committee Meeting – 8th May 2023.

Item 3.1: CRPD Article 19: Living independently and being included in the community.

Guest Speaker Biography:

Aoife McNicholl - Independent Living Movement Ireland (ILMI)

“My name is Aoife McNicholl and I am a disabled woman and wheelchair user. I am currently completing my PhD in psychology in DCU and lecture on the psychology programme in a number of areas such as research methods, psychology illness and disability and philosophy of psychology. My research interests include assistive technology, disability and identity.

On completing my PhD I hope to gain employment in the area of academia. I am delighted to have joined the board this year and look forward to promoting and guiding the growth of the organisation. I am passionate about disability activism and recently graduated from ILMI’s ‘Strategies for Change’ programme.

I firmly believe in the social model of disability and working towards a society where the UN Convention on Rights of Persons with Disability is truly implemented in Ireland.”