

Date: 24th September 2025

Dear Family Member,

Inclusion Ireland in partnership with the Health Service Executive (HSE) National Day Services are inviting family members of disabled people using HSE funded Disability Day Services to express their interest in joining our Family Partnership project.

What is the Family Partnership project about?

The Family Partnership project is about bringing the voice of the family to the table in relation to HSE funded Disability Day Services.

It is about empowering and supporting family members to become family leaders who will collaborate with Inclusion Ireland and the HSE on how to improve access, transitions and the quality of services and supports offered in HSE funded Disability Day Services.

Is the Family Partnership project a good fit for me?

Are you interested in improving outcomes for people accessing HSE funded Disability Day Services?

Are you a family member with experience of supporting a disabled person who uses HSE funded Disability Day Services?

Do you have lived experience of supporting a family member to transition into, between or from a HSE funded Disability Day Service?

Do you have lived experience of supporting a family member to communicate their views and their will and preference? i.e. your family member has communication rights, (underpinned by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Article 21) that need support, may be non-speaking or need some support communicating their views.

Do you have a basic knowledge of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD), Assisted Decision Making (Capacity) Act (ADMA) and other similar legislation?

Are you passionate about how we translate the UNCRPD and the ADMA into practice?

Do you want to work collaboratively with other family members, the HSE and Inclusion Ireland on shared experiences and common goals for all disabled people?

Have you an interest in contributing to improving services through co-design and developing family leadership skills?

What is the ask?

Form our Family Partnership with up to 9 other family members, facilitated and led by Inclusion Ireland in partnership with the HSE National Day Services.

Participate in an estimated 12 meetings between October 2025 and April 2027. Meetings will be a blend of in-person and online. This, and location of in-person meetings, will be agreed upon by the Family Partnership once membership has been confirmed.

Co-design family leadership guidelines and resources with other Family Partnership members, Inclusion Ireland, and the HSE National Day Services.

Provide a family perspective on HSE policies and information resources to improve outcomes for people accessing day services on a national level

Use the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities as the prism through which to carry out the work

Is it paid?

A small participation stipend for attending meetings and travel costs will be available, a full stipend guide will be issued to interested parties.

How do I share my expression of interest in becoming part of the Family Partnership project?

Please complete the survey below by **14th October 2025**. Please note late submissions cannot be accepted.

Family Partnership Expression of Interest Survey

For queries, or if you require assistance to complete the survey, contact:
robbie@inclusionireland.ie

Kind regards,

Inclusion Ireland.