



15th Annual Federal Policy Forum on Inclusion

# Roofs and Rights – Inclusive Housing Policy and People with Intellectual Disabilities

We all have a part to play in creating inclusive, accessible, and affordable housing in Canada. This information sheet has ideas of things you can do after attending this year's policy forum.

## Ideas for self-advocates and families

- Look at the document [What is Inclusive Housing?](#)
- Think about your housing situation or the housing of your loved one. What makes it a home? What makes it inclusive? What could change to make it more inclusive?
- Work with your local, provincial or territorial inclusion association or People First chapter to advocate for more inclusive housing.
- Talk to your family members, friends, or support people about inclusive housing. [Watch videos](#) about inclusive housing together.
- Talk to your local city councillor about why inclusive housing is important for your family. Ask them how they will work to make this happen.

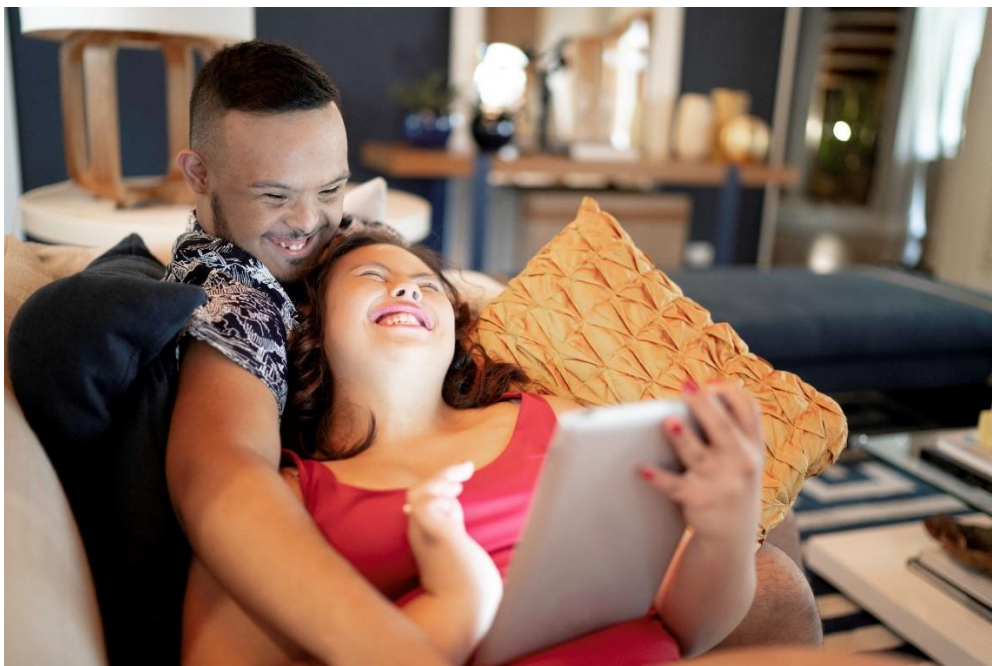
## Ideas for neighbours and communities

- Look at the document [What is Inclusive Housing?](#)
- Look at the document [Ways to make your community more welcoming and inclusive: Advice from people with an intellectual disability](#)
- Think about your neighbourhood. Who lives there, and who is missing? Why is this? Think about events in your community. Who is included, and who is left out? How can you change that?
- Talk to your local city councillor about why inclusive housing is important for your community. Ask them how they will work to make this happen.



## Ideas for builders & developers

- Look at the document [Creating Inclusive Housing for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities: A Handbook for Developers and Funders](#)
- Think about the housing you are building or funding. Does it support inclusion, or create new barriers? Think about the building, the location, and access to services and supports. Inclusive housing makes it easier to participate in the community. Are there changes you can make to improve the accessibility of the housing you create?
- Commit to building more dispersed, affordable, accessible housing. Look at [existing innovative solutions](#) for inspiration.





## Ideas for governments

- Look at the document [People First of Canada Position: The Right to Live in Community](#)
- Look at the document [Inclusion Canada Position Statement on Housing](#)
- Recognize that living in the community is a human right. Make sure people have the disability supports they need to live in the community.
- Make sure government funding only pays to build inclusive housing. Update how housing developments are measured for being inclusive.
- Increase the amount of the Canada Disability Benefit so people with disabilities can afford to pay their rent.
- Stop putting people in institutions. Help people living in institutions now move back into the community.
- Invest money into making more inclusive, accessible housing.
- Support people with disabilities to choose where, and with whom, they live.