

Get Involved: Tell a story

Whose story?

You are invited to add your story to a collection of oral history by disabled people about Reproductive Justice in Ireland.

We are talking to all people with disabilities over the age of 18 – including but not limited to those who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments, people with intellectual disabilities, chronic illness, experience of the mental health system, users and survivors of psychiatry, Deaf people, neurodivergent people and those with long term health conditions.

We also want to include the experiences of rural and urban inhabitants, institutionalised people, disabled migrants, disabled people in the LGBTQI community and disabled members of the traveller community.

What story?

For this project, the story must relate to reproductive justice. Reproductive justice is the system in which people have the right and supports to choose to have, or to not have, a child and to parent one's children. We are interested to hear stories about disabled people's decisions including fertility, contraception, abortion, pregnancy, childbirth and parenting.

How will the story be collected?

To contribute your story, a member of our team will meet with you and with your consent, record and document your experience of reproductive justice. The interview will focus on your opinions and experiences of reproductive justice. You can ask the interviewer to stop the recording at any time. You can also decide how we can use your story i.e. remaining anonymous, providing a fake name, or adding your story to an archive.

For the oral histories we are only talking with disabled people directly. If you would like to have the support of someone you trust during the interview that is fine. Every effort will be made to meet your accessibility needs or communication requirements, including provision of sign language interpreting.

We appreciate that family members or service providers may have a story they wish to contribute, and we encourage them to give a key informant interview.

Why is your story important?

The overall objective of this study is to contribute towards a better understanding of disabled peoples experiences of reproductive justice in Ireland. Your story will help contribute to this knowledge.

If you agree, the information collected may be used in a variety of ways by the people who access the collected stories and may form the basis for future essays, books, documentaries and creative works.

If you are interested in telling your story as part of the Re(al) Productive Justice Project, please fill out the information below:

Name: _____

Contact details: _____

Please send this completed form to a member of the project team via **email:**
realproductivejustice@nuigalway.ie

Or **post:** Re(al) Productive Justice Project, Centre for Disability Law and Policy,
Institute for Lifecourse and Society, NUI Galway.

Once you have submitted this form a member of the project team will contact you to discuss a suitable location to meet with you to talk further about the project and explain your privacy and confidentiality options in order to tell your story.