



**See, Hear, Act #disabilityGE2020**

# Face Up to the Disability Crisis in GE2020



## See the reality of disability

People with disabilities are invisible in today's Ireland. We have the highest percentage of people with a disability at risk of poverty in Western Europe, 38%.<sup>1</sup> All parts of government must respond to these shocking facts.



## Hear the reality of disability

A crisis ignored:

- Poverty rates for people with disabilities have doubled since 2011.<sup>2</sup>
- 22% of people with disability are in work, compared to 61% overall.<sup>3</sup>
- Disability services are crumbling, with mounting deficits of €40 million+.
- There are 643,131 people with disability in Ireland, 13.5% of the population.<sup>4</sup>
- By 2026, the number of people with disability will have increased by around 20%.<sup>5</sup>
- 85% of people with disabilities between 18 and 65 acquire their disability.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Eu Survey on Income and Living Conditions, 2018.

<sup>2</sup> Survey on Income and Living Conditions, 2017, consistent poverty rates.

<sup>3</sup> Census 2016.

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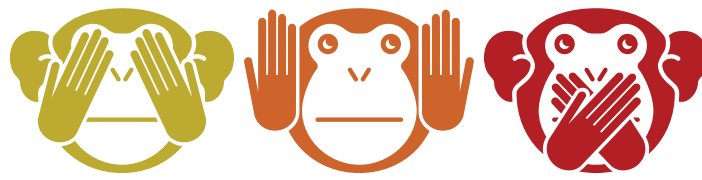
<sup>5</sup> National Disability Authority, Disability Statistics, 2018.

<sup>6</sup> National Disability Authority, Disability and Work.

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## Speak and Act

### Candidates:

#### 1. End Disability Poverty

Disability and poverty have become inextricably bound. To address poverty and unemployment introduce;

- A payment for extra costs of disability in 2020.
- An assistive technology passport, at a cost of €1.5 million.
- An education, training and employment support fund, 2020-24.

#### 2. End isolation for people with disabilities

Invest in wellbeing, instead of crisis intervention. €211 million p.a over 5 years on services to keep people with disabilities out of nursing homes, residential institutions and A&E.

- Invest €128 million in housing supports and adaptations in 2020.
- Commit 7.5% of social housing to accessible housing for people with disabilities.
- Establish a transport support scheme.

#### 3. Show Leadership

- Taoiseach's Department to lead on disability.
- Establish a Joint Oireachtas Committee on implementing the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, UN CRPD.
- Resolve the growing deficits of €40 million+ across disability services.

### Voters:

- Ask candidates on the doorstep what they will do for people with disabilities?
- Email your candidates by logging on here... [www.disability-federation.ie](http://www.disability-federation.ie)
- Share your story on social media, using the #disabilityGE2020.

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