

Research, Policy & Advocacy

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research

Harvard Law School Project on Disability Research Fellow

Distinguished Community Service Award by Intl Assoc for the Scientific Study of IDD (IASSIDD)

Keynote Speaker to IASSIDD World Congress

Digi-ID Access to Technology (Advisory Council Member) by Trinity College with seven EU partners

The Happiness Project, 750+ filmed *What Do You Love About Your Life?* interviews

Global Liaisons for Inclusive Research Network of Ireland: Trinity College, and U of Limerick

UK Dept of Health and Social Care Focus Group Co-Facilitator for Stakeholder Consultation

Fionnathan Productions & The Climate Collective, 50+ filmed Environment Stories interviews

Health Service Executive of Ireland Focus Group Co-Facilitator for Working Group Report

PUBLICATIONS

[The story of a busker, and his dad](#) in Community Music Journal 2023

[Good end of life care: Focusing on people with intellectual disabilities](#) 2023

[Collaborative research with disabled people: Guidance for researchers](#) 2023

[Exploring my life path by asking 600 people what they love about theirs](#) 2022

[Creating an app for users with disabilities through a citizen advisory panel](#) 2022

contributed to post-doctoral research '*Transforming the Lives of People with Disabilities, their Families and Communities through PE, Sport, Recreation and Fitness*' Institute of Tech, Tralee

Good Lives book, N.U.I. Galway, Centre for Disability Law and Policy 2015

contributions to 30+ other academic research projects

policy

Internship with European Network on Independent Living, Brussels

Self Directed Support Network, Ireland Hub Chairs

Parliamentary Job Shadow with Gillian Keegan, UK Minister for Education

Down Syndrome Act Guidance Group, UK Dept Health & Social Care

Down Syndrome Ireland Board of Trustees

Expert Witness to the Oireachtas Committee on Disability Matters

National Down Syndrome Policy Group UK, Founding Officers, successful lobbying

(in Parliament and 10 Downing St) for the Down Syndrome Act 2022

IASSIDD Inclusive Research Group Chair

Decision Support Service, spokesperson for launch & ad campaign, met with Taoiseach & 3 Ministers

HSE's Transforming Lives Steering Committee, to draft inclusive communications policy

Citizen Network Global Ambassador

Community Participation Network of Galway - for local government reform

advocacy

World Down Syndrome Day Keynote Speaker at United Nations, NYC

92 Guest Lecturers at 36 universities (in nine countries) in Social Care; Youth & Childcare; Occupational Therapy; Art; Inclusive Sports; Disability Leadership; and Social Entrepreneurship

Visiting Wildlife Expert to 100+ primary schools for the Heritage Council

Designers / Facilitators of two courses:

- *Creative Approaches to Practical Community Advocacy* funded by Irish Govt (DCIDIY)
- *Creative Approaches to Practical Self Advocacy* for the Disability Federation of Ireland

Keynotes, talks, workshops and performances at 40+ national and international conferences

Producers of film projects for nine social change support organisations

Associate Artists for Clare Co Arts

Cultural Cafe Consultant & MC, Celebrating Ireland's most ethnically abundant neighbourhood

Fionn Crombie Angus v. Department Education and Science, High Court case resulting in awarded settlement to manage our own educational supports

40+ consultations with families who have a member with disability – designing a great life

30+ interviews on TV, radio, podcasts, and webstreams