## A Different Kind of Housing Crisis By Niamh Herbert

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I chose to focus my final project on the housing situation for people with disabilities in Ireland. A good addition to my article would be a comparison with a country that has a good social housing system for people with disabilities. Sweden or New Zealand, perhaps.

In my piece, I included parts of a speech by Senator Tom Clonan. Clonan has an adult son (aged 20) who is a wheelchair user, and continues to live at home with his parents because of the lack of viable housing options he has. I would like to speak to Clonan about what he sees for the future of housing for people with disabilities. I'd also like to speak to Clonan's son, Eoghan, to get his perspective on the issue.

In my final article, I touched upon the issue of young people with disabilities being placed in nursing homes because of a lack of other housing options. I mentioned the report by the Ombudsman Peter Tyndall. I would like to interview Tyndall about this issue and his background in social housing. I would also like to interview one of the young disabled people living in a nursing home, also. This issue merits its own article.

The latest census was conducted just earlier this year, so the data included in my project is the most recent and up-to-date. I would like to revisit this project when the 2022 census data is released next year in <u>April 2023</u>.