

Independent Living Fund Scotland

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Background

Timeline

1988

ILF was established by the UK Government as a charitable discretionary trust.

2010

The UK Government announced that ILF was to close the fund to new applicants.

2014

The Minister for Disabled People announced that ILF would close in June 2015.

2014

A Scottish Government consultation showed an overwhelming preference by disabled people in favour of the continuation of a national ILF scheme for Scotland.

2021

Following the publication of the Feeley Report, the Scottish Government launched a consultation on the National Care Service.

2021

The Independent Review of Adult Social Care (The Feeley Report) was published recommending the reopening of the ILF fund as part of a National Care Service (NCS).

2014

The Deputy First Minister announced the creation of the Independent Living Fund Scotland and that a further £5 million in funding would be made available to new recipients.

2015

The Northern Ireland Executive and the Scottish Government agreed that ILF Scotland would also administer ILF funding for recipients in Northern Ireland.

2022

The Tech Grant was announced by the Minister for Public Health, Women's Health and Sport.

2022

Celebrated 5 years of the Transition Fund.

2023

The Scottish Government announced the Independent Living Fund Scotland would re-open to new applications in 2024.

2022

£10 million paid out through the Transition Fund to 5,000 applications.

2023

£400 million distributed to ILF recipients.

2023

10,000 applications received for the Transition Fund.

2020

Celebrated 5 years of ILF Scotland.

2019

£200 million distributed to ILF recipients.

2019

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport announced that the Transition Fund upper age limit would be raised to 25.

2017

The Transition Fund opened, focusing on supporting young disabled people, aged between 16 to 21.

2017

£100 million distributed to ILF recipients.





Don't let ILF wither on the vine



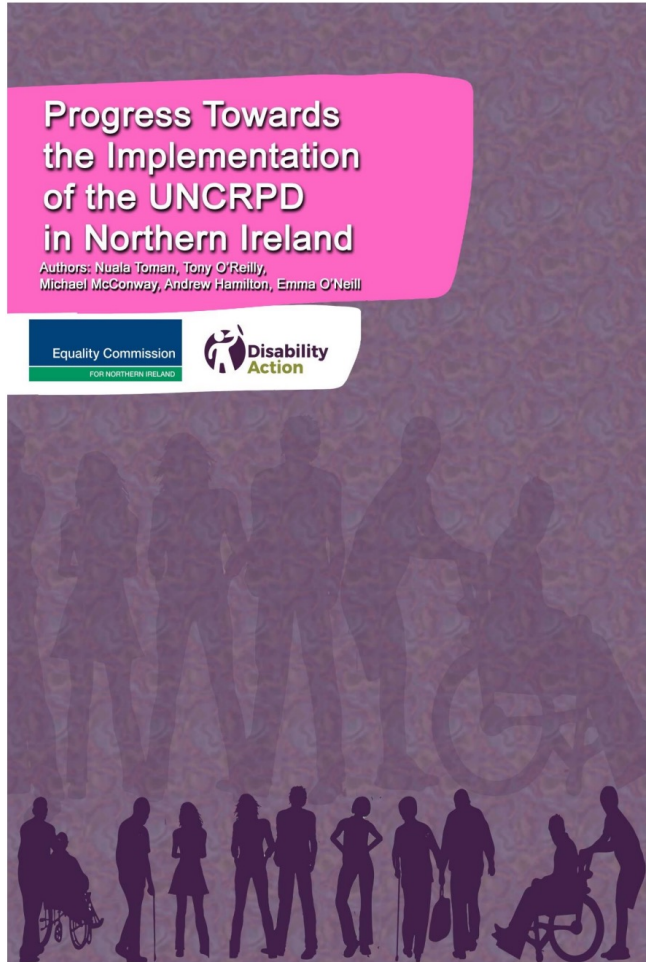
Dr Jim Elder-Woodward

by Dr Jim Elder-Woodward

Tuesday 29th November 2022

Why is the ILF model so valued and respected?

- ▶ Dr Jim Elder-Woodward, ILF Scotland Advisory Group Chairperson:
- ▶ “The LA gets me up in the morning. The Independent Living Fund gives me something to get up in the morning for.”



UNCRPD - NI's Shadow Report

- ▶ “The Centre for Independent Living Northern Ireland completed an impact evaluation which found that for those who received the Fund, it fulfilled the Government’s obligations under Article 19, and, as such, is a prime example of best practice.”

Feeley Review and ILF Scotland

- ▶ “..there are many strengths in the Scottish system of social care support...we need self-directed support and the Independent Living Fund.”
- ▶ “The Independent Living Fund Scotland should form part of the suite of services supported at national rather than local level and become part of the National Care Service.”

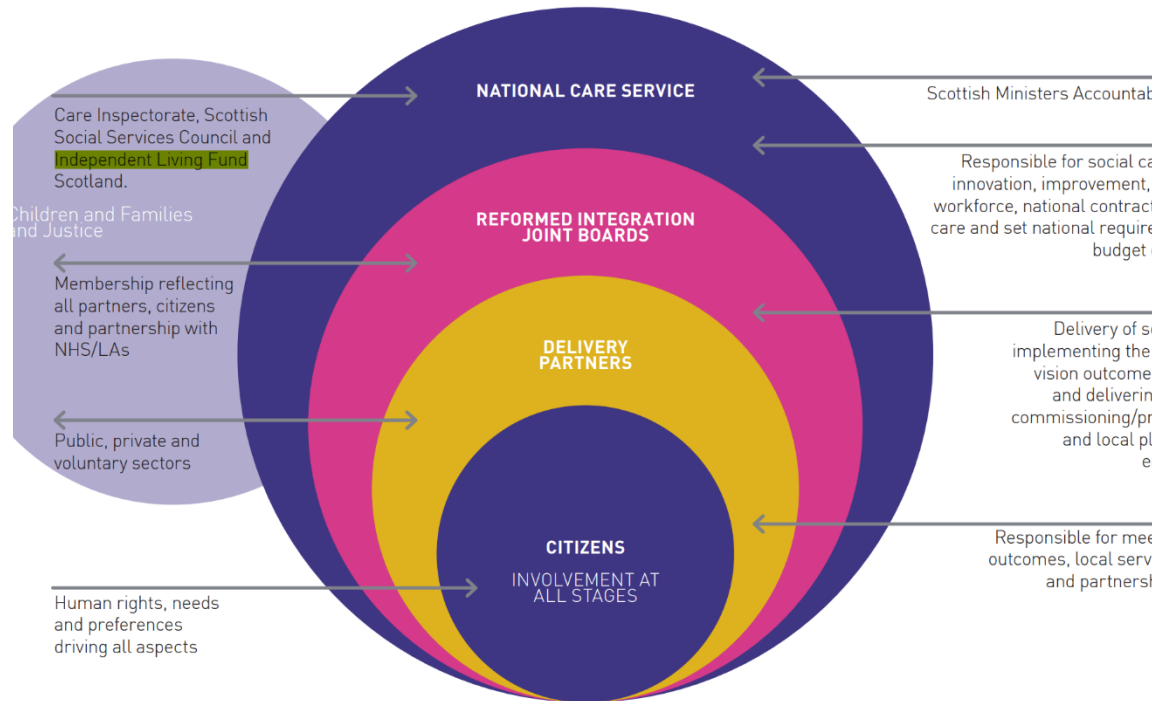


Independent Review of Adult Social Care in Scotland



Feeley Review and ILF Scotland

case for a National Care Service (NCS)



- “In effect, it will provide a national service of self-directed support to people with the most complex needs in the country. We recommend that the Independent Living Fund should be re-opened.”

Inclusion Scotland - letter to new FM



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Dear First Minister,

Working Together to Realise Disabled People's Rights

Firstly, allow me to congratulate you on your appointment as First Minister. As a national Disabled People's Organisation (DPO) we particularly welcome your prioritisation of social justice, human rights, the lived experience of disadvantaged groups, and your commitment to building a Scotland where

▶ “...we continue to advocate for...the immediate re-opening of the Scottish Independent Living Fund to all who need it.”

Programme for Government September 2023

- ▶ Independent Living Fund
- ▶ “Reopen the Independent Living Fund on a phased basis, with an initial £9 million in 2024-25 to enable up to 1,000 additional disabled people with the most complex needs to access the support they need and deserve to live independent lives.”

Co-production Working Group

- ▶ ILF Scotland and SG
- ▶ Inclusion Scotland
- ▶ GDA
- ▶ GCIL
- ▶ LCIL
- ▶ DES
- ▶ SDSS Scotland
- ▶ ILF Scotland Advisory Group
- ▶ COSLA X 2
- ▶ SWS X2
- ▶ LA Social Work
- ▶ PAMIS
- ▶ CCPS
- ▶ Carers Scotland
- ▶ SCLD
- ▶ SHRC

Key Issues

- ▶ Link with DLA
- ▶ Award Management
- ▶ Age
- ▶ Threshold Sum
- ▶ Maximum Award
- ▶ Available Income (charges)
- ▶ Additionality
- ▶ Relationship with Local Authorities
- ▶ Use of funds

Co-production

- ▶ Working Group up and running

- ▶ Engagement Opportunities
 - ▶ Edinburgh - Tuesday 12th December
 - ▶ [Events | ILF Scotland](#)
 1. Online via **Zoom** on **Thursday 11 January**
 2. **P&J Live** in **Aberdeen** on **Wednesday 17 January**
 3. Online via **Zoom** on **Thursday 25 January**
 4. **Stirling Court Hotel** in **Stirling** on **Tuesday 30 January**
 5. **Glasgow Science Centre** on **Monday 19 February**



Thank you. Any questions?