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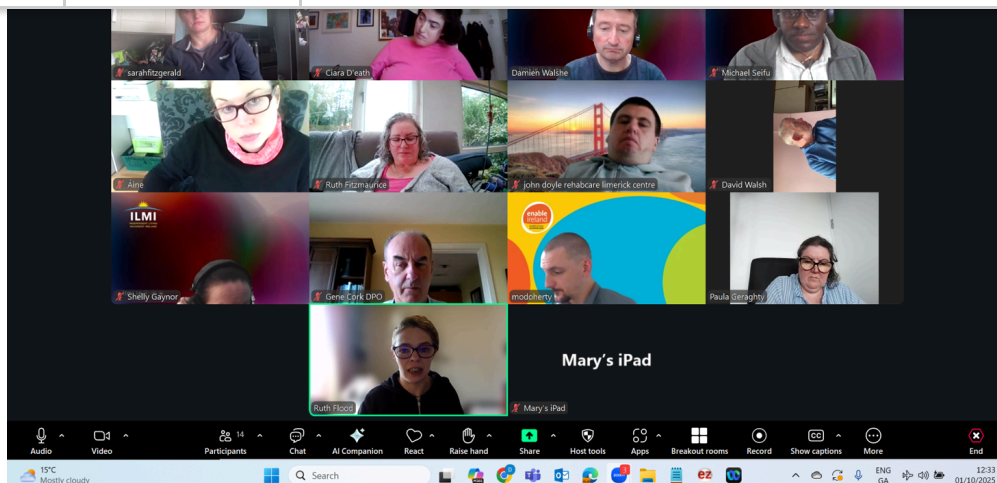


IMAGE: Zoom screenshot of participants

On Wednesday 1st October, Disabled People met to discuss the impact of Artificial Intelligence on their lives. The discussion looked at some of the positive impacts but also concerns about how information was being used, the impact on employment for Disabled People and how a rapidly changing technology could be regulated.

In a very in-depth discussion, Disabled People brought a clear analysis on what their collective concerns were and the role of ILMI as a DPO to voice those concerns.

ILMI as a member of the DPO Network will be part of a delegation to address the work of the Joint Committee on Artificial Intelligence to ensure the development, deployment, regulation, and ethical considerations of artificial intelligence reflects the collective views of Disabled People and the principles of the UNCRPD.

This presentation will take place in the near future, and ILMI's position paper on AI and Disabled People will be made available on [our website next week](#)

ILMI discussion space on the National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People



IMAGE: poster with text detailed here

Wednesday 3rd September saw the launch of the National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People 2025 to 2030.

This landmark strategy outlines five key pillars: Education, Employment, Independent Living and Participation, Wellbeing and Health, and Transport and Mobility. ILMI especially welcomes the strong focus on Independent Living, which recognises the right of disabled people to live with choice, control, and freedom in their own communities.

The development of the Strategy involved considerable engagement from national DPOs over the last 18 months, but what does the Strategy say and what impact will it have?

ILMI will host a participative workshop on what is in the strategy, how it will be implemented and the role of national and local DPOs in driving the process.

This workshop will take place on Zoom at 11am on Tuesday 21st October.

To register for this discussion, email info@ilmi.ie



IMAGE: photo shows 10 people sitting in a semi-circle at the training.

On the 12th and 26th of September. Sligo DPO held two half day Disability Equality Workshop with the staff of Rehabcare Sligo. Thank you to Natasha and her staff for being such an engaging group. If you would like to know more about Sligo DPO, please reach out by emailing sligodpo@gmail.com or contact 087 0978534 alternatively you can send us a message on Facebook.

Ableism meets Ageism: Session 3. Topic: Personal Assistance

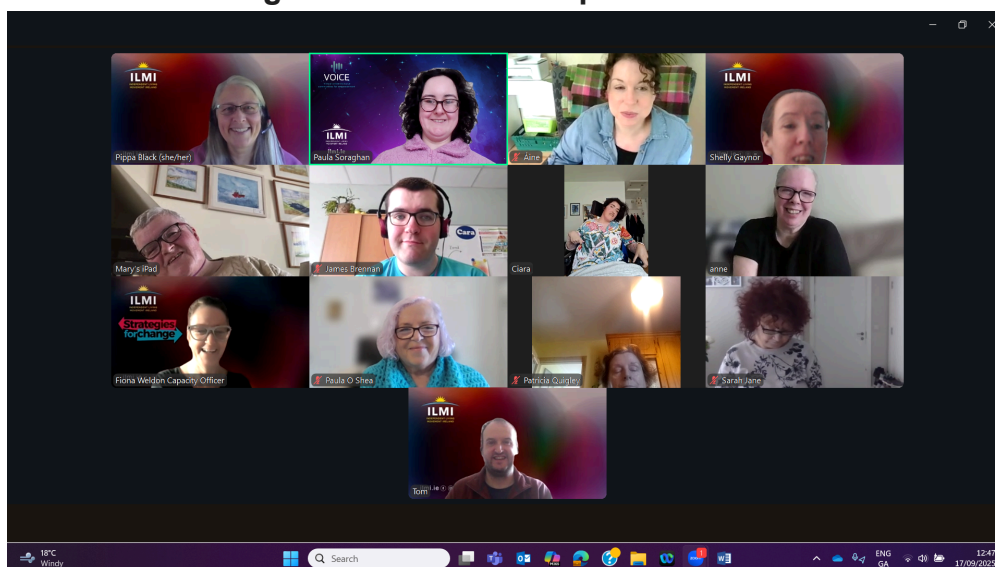


IMAGE: Zoom screenshot of group

On September 17th we held a powerful discussion on personal assistance.

more hours whenever needed, at any age. It was strongly felt that relying on family members for PA support undermines relationships and is not acceptable. The message was direct: if additional PA hours are required, disabled people should be entitled to them, and many said they would actively demand this. While the new National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People does not specifically reference older disabled people, Pillar Three on Independent Living and Active Participation in Society must be implemented in a way that is truly non-ageist.

Donegal DPO



IMAGE: Donegal DPO logo on a photo of a remote road through mountains

Donegal DPO held a lively and well-attended workshop on Thursday 18 September exploring the question “What is a DPO?” The room was packed, with extra chairs needed to accommodate everyone who came along.

The discussion focused on why being part of a local Disabled Persons Organisation matters. Belonging to a DPO means disabled people can collectively influence local policy as leaders, as representatives, and as community members whose voices must be heard. It is about making sure the principle of “nothing about us without us” is lived out in Donegal.

surface by focusing on sympathy or etiquette, DET is led by disabled people and rooted in the social model of disability. It examines the barriers created by society and explores real solutions for inclusion and equality. Where awareness training can leave participants with limited understanding, DET builds genuine change by shifting attitudes, practices, and policies.

Events like this are an important reminder that real equality comes from collective action and by recognising disabled people as experts in our own lives.

Join us for ILMI Elevenses!

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**#ILMI #Elevenses #NothingAboutUsWithoutUs
#DisabledPeople #DPO #Inclusion #SafeSpace**

IMAGE: poster with text detailed in article

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Dublin DPO



IMAGE: poster with text detailed in post

Disabled people only. Dublin DPO is holding an in-person workshop on Monday 4th November from 10am to 1pm at the Carmelite Centre, Aungier Street, Dublin 2.

This is your chance to meet other disabled people, share experiences, build your confidence as an activist and explore how we are stronger when we work together for change.

For more information, email Peter at peterkearns@ilmi.ie

Tipperary DPO



IMAGE: poster with text detailed in article, fire work motifs

Exciting news! The launch of Tipperary DPO is happening on Wednesday, 29th of October from 12 to 1 PM at the Talbot Hotel, Cahir Road, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, followed by a light lunch.

The event will be officially launched by Minister of State Jerry Buttimer.

All disabled people and allies are welcome to attend. Please contact nicolameacle@ilmi.ie to register and let us know about any accessibility requirements.

We look forward to seeing you there and celebrating this important milestone for Tipperary DPO!



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