

# Join the Inclusive Living Alliance

## Heard about ISPA and the Inclusive Living Alliance and want to know more? Read on!

#### What is ISPA?

This is a multi-partner research project led by Dr Vikki McCall at Stirling University that wants to understand the lived experience of older adults with physical disabilities and how different types of stigma related to age, disability, and place may come together to produce added barriers to feeling included and valued. Stigma is not perhaps a word we commonly use. We may be more familiar with terms such as social exclusion, poorer services, discrimination, discourtesy, and harassment.

#### What is ISPA trying to achieve?

As researchers trying to make real world changes, we want to explore the potential of accessible homes and communities to tackle this intersectional stigma and reduce inequalities. To do this we need to influence place-based change and solutions in housing practice. Building on previous impactful work we will develop an Inclusive Living Toolkit. This will have lived experience at its core but also will recommend and work with organisations to make environmental and home changes that create a positive outcome for older adults. This is where work with the Inclusive Living Alliance is crucial.





#### What is the Inclusive Living Alliance?

We are building a network across England, Scotland and Wales of social housing providers, housing developers, health and social care focused organisations and companies that develop innovative products and design. What they have in common is a willingness to explore alternative approaches to service provision and practice.

We are proud to count the Housing LIN with its 20,000+ members as a Co-Investigator and they are hosting a micro site for ISPA. You can find out more about some of the

INCLUSIVE LIVING ALLIANCE PARTNERS HERE: HTTPS://WWW.HOUSINGLIN.ORG.UK/TOPICS/BROWSE/DESIGN-BUILDING/INCLUSIVEDESIGN/ISPA/

We also have a full synopsis of our project on our

YOUTUBE CHANNEL: <u>HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/@ISPAPROJECT</u>

For up-to-date happenings with the ISPA Team see:

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#### What will the Inclusive Living Alliance do?

The partner organisations will receive the draft Inclusive Living Toolkit and we will support facilitation and use within their organisation. We need you to give us feedback on the document - what works and what doesn't - so we can make improvements. We will gather evidence on the impact and changes that the Toolkit may make. Our ambition is to create a living document that includes case studies from the Alliance illustrating the value of making change and hopefully encouraging other organisations to participate.

### What benefits will I get by joining the Alliance

You will be part of a network with opportunities to learn from each other and share good practices. Through the website you will have access to the resources of ISPA. Hopefully, through using the Toolkit you can see positive changes for those older adults who you work with.





#### What do I need to do to join?

Please send Dr Vikki McCall your logo, a brief company bio and a personal contact (and bio picture) that we can add to our site and to the Housing LIN site.

We will share and celebrate the Inclusive Living Alliance partnership on social media, presentations and more.

We will keep you up to date on project process, and open opportunities for you and your service users to get involved.

And if I need any more information?

Please contact

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