

# RESIDENT FORUMS

in centres for people with disabilities  
in 2021



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## Tommy's story





# About

In 2021, HIQA met with 80 people in 22 resident forums across Ireland to hear about their experiences of living in residential services for people with disabilities.

We asked them about what their day-to-day life was like, their choices, their homes and the people who matter to them.

This is what one person, Tommy, told us.



Hi. My name  
is Tommy.





This is my home.





This is my  
cat,  
Guinness.





# My day

I choose what I  
want to do every  
day.





# My day

I look after my cat every day and paid for him to be neutered and get a check up.





# My day

I never had a pet before.

I painted my cat's home by myself.





# My day

I save money  
every  
Wednesday  
independently in  
my local post  
office.





# My new business plans!

I paint and upcycle furniture.

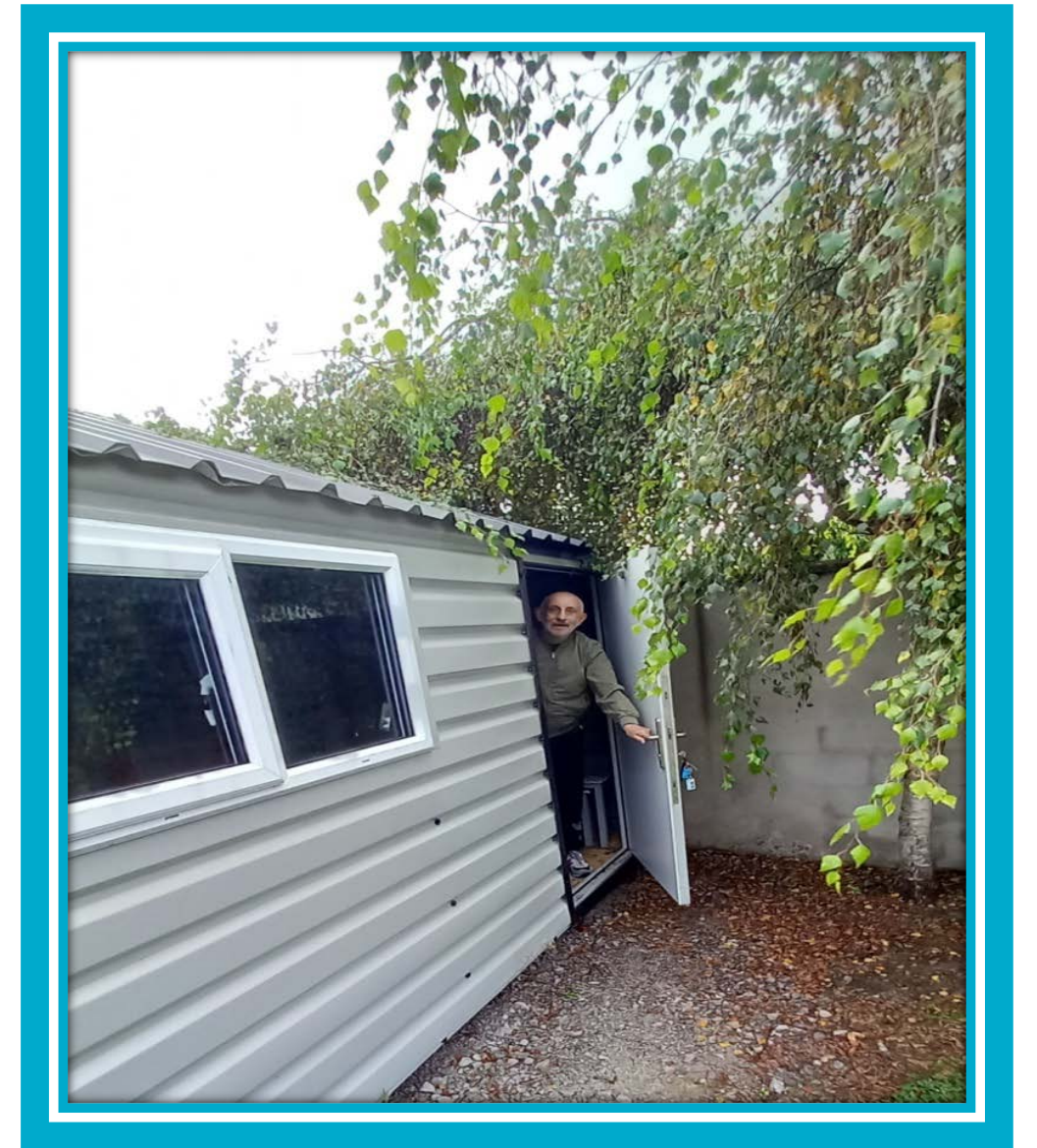
I sell it when I am finished.





# My new business plans!

This is my shed  
where I do my  
work.





# My day

My local pubs. I go here by myself and meet my friends.





# My day

This is my local bookies.  
I go here by myself, place bets and socialise.





# My day

When I am finished in the bookies and the pub, I get a taxi home by myself or I walk with my hi-vis jacket.







# My day

I saved up and bought a smart phone.

I keep pictures of my family and my cat on it and know how to look at the pictures.



**Find out more about the day-to-day lives of people living in designated centres for people with disabilities in our report on Resident Forums in Centres for People with Disabilities 2021 at [www.hiqa.ie](http://www.hiqa.ie).**