**Promoting Education and Employment Resources for**

**People with Intellectual Disabilities in Ireland**

**(PEER-4-ID Project)**

**Invitation Letter**

Dear parents/carers of a person/people with an intellectual disability,

We are a team of researchers from Trinity College Dublin, led by the Principal Investigator, Dr Donatella Camedda and Research Assistant, Cait Murray, who are working in partnership with Inclusion Ireland, WALK Ireland, Colaiste Ide and the Inclusive National Higher Education Forum (INHEF).

We would like to invite you to participate in this research study, “Promoting Education and Employment Resources for People with Intellectual Disabilities in Ireland” (PEER-4-ID).

The research investigates the challenges and opportunities in the education-to-employment transition for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ID) in Ireland. The project aims to enhance understanding of the issues faced during this transition, informing future policies and research. The project seeks to create an inclusive and empowering environment that enables individuals with ID to excel in their educational and professional pursuits and improve their quality of life.

Your expert insight into the opportunities and challenges your son/daughter has faced while seeking higher education or employment in Ireland is invaluable, and we would be grateful if you would consider participating.

You are eligible to participate in this study if you are a parent of a person or people with a mild to moderate intellectual disability who is transitioning from secondary education to higher education or employment in Ireland.

We will ask you to complete an interview and focus group, which should take no more than 2 hours. The “Participant Information Leaflet” contains more details. Your responses will be anonymous and confidential. Your participation in this study is completely voluntary, and if you choose to participate, you can opt out at any time without reason.

We encourage you to read the “Participant Information Leaflet” for more information.

If you wish to participate, complete the “Consent Form” and email this to Cait Murray (murrac56@tcd.ie) BEFORE 15th April 2024. Feel free to contact us at murrac56@tcd.ie if you have any questions or wish to discuss the research in more detail.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Principal Investigator Dr Donatella Camedda and Research Assistant Cait Murray