



This document is about a project called:



**ConnectAbility**

It explains what the project is and why it is important.



# About the project:

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|    | <p>The project runs from October 2025 to October 2027.</p> <p>That is 2 years.</p>                                                                                              |
|   | <p>Enable Ireland is working with eight disability service organisations.</p> <p>They all work together on the project.</p>                                                     |
|  | <p>This project is for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- People with disabilities</li><li>- People who use day services</li><li>- Disability organisations</li></ul> |

# What are Virtual Services?



**Virtual** means doing something online.

Virtual Services use technology like:

- **Computers**
- **Tablets**
- **The internet**



People can join activities from home, or from another safe place.



People can learn new information or skills.

They can join in with others for activities.



They can speak to other people who are also online.

# What does the project want to do?

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|    | <p>Ask people with disabilities to help design good Virtual Services.</p> <p>This is called <b>Co-design</b>.</p> |
|   | <p>Test different kinds of services and activities to find out which work best.</p>                               |
|  | <p>Help disability organisations to set up Virtual Services for the people they support.</p>                      |
|  | <p>Build a collection of helpful information and courses that people can use and share.</p>                       |

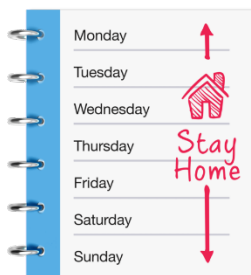
# How can this project help people?



People can access services from their home.



People can make new friends.



People can access day services from their home for a short while.

For example, if they are sick, or they don't have any transport.



People can access services even when they are away from home.



People can access support when they are moving from one type of service to another.

For example, when they leave school.

# Virtual Services gives you choices:

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|  | <p>You can choose to take part in activities either from home or from a service</p> <p>If you like, you can do both.</p> |
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## About this document:

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