

## Access to my Community by Gillian Cronin

Having access to my community,  
For a person with a disability,  
Means I can participate to the best of my ability.

Recently I discovered Crann,  
A place where I can go for a chat,  
Over a cup of tea or coffee,  
And some sweet snacks.

Crann designed Ireland's first fully accessible playground & leisure area,  
For people with Neuro-physical disabilities,  
As they saw the world needed to open more opportunities,  
To allow us to come together as one in our communities.

Before I began my time in Trinity,  
I applied for a job in my local community.  
It was in a café that employs people with intellectual disabilities,  
but I was told I would not be employed,  
as I did not fit their description of a person with a disability.

So, my journey from Cork to Dublin was meant to be,  
As there was no suitable 3rd level education for me.  
I didn't think I passed my interview,  
As at this point, I was totally lost in my capabilities.

The Trinity panel saw something in me,  
Now I am part of their community.

As time goes on,  
I began to see,  
That I can do whatever I want,

With some readjustments,  
I will succeed.