



Qualitative Tracking with Young Disabled People in European States (Quali-TYDES)

“The purpose of the Quali-TYDES project is to investigate and explain how new developments in global, European, and national/local policies are impacting on the lives of young disabled adults in several European countries. By combining qualitative longitudinal methods (life stories) with critical policy analysis, the project aims to generate policy-relevant knowledge that is grounded in the experiences and aspirations of young disabled people themselves. Using these methods, the study aims to generate a comparative understanding of national policy regimes in relation to disability, family, work and welfare. As a consequence, the project also aims to investigate the potential for using qualitative case study methods to assist in monitoring states' implementation of international policy obligations, such as those arising from the United Nations and European Union.”

Quali-TYDES Ireland

Quali-TYDES Ireland is led by [Dr. Michael Shevlin](#) and [Dr. Fiona Smyth](#) at the [School of Education, Trinity College Dublin](#). Quali-TYDES is one of a number of research projects operating under the Inclusion, Education and Society research theme in the School.

The Quali-TYDES project aims are to:

- Explore the experiences, aspirations and expectations of young adults with disabilities in 21st Century Europe
- Find out how local, national, and global policies are influencing the lives of young disabled adults in the 21st Century
- Find out about the resources available to young disabled adults to achieve their goals and to learn what other supports might help
- Explore how gender, age, sexuality, religion and ethnicity contribute to the aspirations and opportunities of young adults with disabilities
- Give greater voice to participants in influencing policy and practice.

Project findings and recommendations will be shared locally, nationally and internationally through conferences and publications, and through engagement with local and national government.

The Quali-TYDES Ireland researchers are conducting 'life-story' interviews with young people with disabilities NOW. We would like to hear about: education, barriers/opportunities, successes/problems, important decisions, regrets/dreams, who or what helped...

If you are willing to participate, or for more information, please contact:

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