

Places available at Independent Living Fund Scotland event on Monday

[Independent Living Fund \(ILF\) Scotland](#), the public body supporting disabled people to live independently in Scotland and Northern Ireland, is inviting Edinburgh residents to have their say on its future strategy at an event on the 2nd of September.

Formed in 2015 by the Scottish Government and operating in both Scotland and Northern Ireland, ILF Scotland provides life enhancing funding to disabled people to enable independent living.

The purpose of the event is to gather the views of as many key stakeholders as possible, and disabled people in particular, to help shape ILF Scotland's strategy post March 2020.

The event takes place at Norton Park, Edinburgh on 2 September 2019, and is open to disabled people, parents, carers, Disabled People's Organisations (DPOs), representatives from local authority social work departments and any other professionals with an interest in independent living.

The event will then travel to Dumfries on the 5th September, Inverness on the 9th and Dundee on the 26th before moving on to Glasgow on the 2nd October. Events will also take place across the Irish Sea in Belfast on the 4th October and Derry on the

7th.

An online consultation, also open to all stakeholder groups, will be open from 2nd September and will follow a series of questions designed to compile useful feedback that will influence the strategy going forward.

Speaking about the events and online consultation ILF Scotland Chair Susan Douglas Scott said: "It is vitally important to us that disabled people continue to be at the heart of what ILF Scotland does, so we took the decision to co-produce our future strategy in partnership with those we seek to support.

"We want to hear from disabled people, carers and professionals about how we can make independent living a reality for disabled people living in Scotland and Northern Ireland and how we can break down barriers to enable this."

ILF Scotland CEO Peter Scott added: "This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in independent living for disabled people to have a real influence on ILF Scotland's future direction. We are really looking forward to meeting as many people as possible, and to learning about what matters most to disabled people, carers and others."

The ILF Co-Production Event takes place between 10:30 – 13:30 at Norton Park, Edinburgh.

To register to attend the event, visit <http://bit.ly/ILF-Edinburgh>. To complete the online consultation visit www.ilf.scot or call 0300 200 2022.

