

## What makes Housing, Good Housing?

**People with an intellectual disability participated in the AMIDA Housing and Self Advocacy Conference on 29<sup>th</sup> April 1989**

This is what they said about housing.

Good Housing is:

- Good quality building (no leaks etc),
- Affordable (so you can pay for your housing and still have enough money to eat and have fun),
- Secure (you can stay as long as you want),
- Comfortable, safe and happy (you feel comfortable, safe and happy in your place),
- Good location (close to shops, places you like to go etc),
- Allows you to have your rights (eg your right to have privacy, your own money, visitors etc),
- Choice (so you can choose the sort of place that is best for you, and choose who you live with),
- Not stigmatizing or different (so people don't walk past and say "that house is especially for disabled people"),
- Equitable, just and fair (everyone should have good housing. Housing should not be provided in a way that makes some people miss out),
- Allows you to have support you want (no more/no less).

In a nutshell, what people with a disability want in their housing is just the same as what we all want!