

# Community Care and Inclusion *for People with an Intellectual Disability*

Edited by Robin Jackson and Maria Lyons

**Community care** and **inclusion** are concepts which have shaped government policy, provision and practice for people with an intellectual disability for four decades. This multi-disciplinary collection of 15 essays critically examines these concepts and challenges widely held assumptions about service provision and community life. Offering historical background, theoretical analysis and practical illustration the essays identify continuing disadvantages faced by people with intellectual disabilities in many areas of contemporary society, including in social relationships, healthcare, work and civic participation. It presents examples of innovative, quality of life-enhancing practices from around the world, including from the USA, the UK, Australia, New Zealand, China and Bhutan.

## Critical reviews

“The book is an excellent contribution to the process of analyzing and understanding community and inclusion and a platform for developing more insightful and flexible policies and practices. It is critical reading as it brings together important research and applied knowledge, which is often absent from our deliberations about community.”

--Professor Roy Brown, *International Journal of Developmental Disabilities*

“This book is welcome because there is very little research to date on intentional communities, and how the day-to-day lives of their residents differ from those of people with a learning disability in conventional dispersed housing schemes.”

--Dr Stuart Cumella, *British Journal of Learning Disabilities*

“These essays raise fundamental questions about how society relates to its most vulnerable members. If there is one common theme that emerges it is that an intentional supportive community offers the kind of personal and social relationships that are recognised as being so integral to self-esteem, a sense of belonging, well-being and good health.”

--Andrew Plant, *New View*

“This is an excellent collection of essays, well edited and generally well written, with an important purpose: to offer a critical perspective on the typical pattern of supports for people within intellectual disabilities, which commonly goes under the name of ‘community care’.”

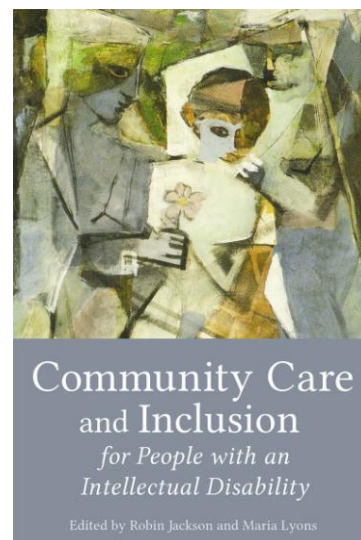
--Dr Simon Duffy, *Director, The Centre for Welfare Reform*

“This is an authoritative and substantial collection, setting out an agenda for the inclusion of people with an intellectual disability in society...This is a radical agenda for it challenges present day understandings of democracy and citizenship and will ruffle the feathers of the politically correct.”

--Dr Mark Smith, *Head of Social Work, Edinburgh University*

“Benefiting from this book does not depend on agreeing with the variety of points and perspectives its diverse chapters present but on being willing to try on different perspectives. It deserves to be widely and thoughtfully read.”

--John O'Brien, *Community Living*



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