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
## Contents

1. Introduction  
   Robin Jackson

2. The History of Intellectual Disability: Inclusion or Exclusion?  
   Simon Jarrett

3. At Society’s Pleasure: The Rise and Fall of Services  
   to People with an Intellectual Disability  
   Robert Cummins

4. Realities of Social Life and their Implications for Social Inclusion  
   Robin Dunbar

5. Making a Space for the Lost Stories of Inclusion  
   Brigit Mirfin-Veitch, Paul Milner

6. Affordances and Challenges of Virtual Communities  
   for People with an Intellectual Disability  
   Judith Molka-Danielsen, Susan Balandin

7. Social Exclusion of People with an Intellectual Disability:  
   A Psychotherapist’s Perspective  
   Alan Corbett

8. Community Health Care for People with an Intellectual Disability:  
   A Pharmacist’s Perspective  
   Bernadette Flood

9. Citizenship and Community: The Challenge of Camphill  
   Dan McKanan

10. The Widening Impact of an Intentional Supportive Community  
    Diedra Heitzman

11. Re-thinking Work in Relation to Community Inclusion  
    Maria Lyons

12. Employment Services for People with an Intellectual Disability  
    in Vermont  
    Bryan Dague

13. Community Living, Inclusion and Disability in China  
    Chris Walter

14. Gross National Happiness as an Alternative Development  
    Paradigm and its Relevance for Community Wellbeing  
    Ha Vinh Tho

15. Longing for Virtuous Community  
    Michael Kendrick

## About the editors

Dr Robin Jackson is a Visiting Research Fellow at the University of Hertfordshire. He has authored and edited numerous publications in the field of intellectual disabilities and social care. His most recent publication is ‘Politics and intellectual disability in England: an historical perspective’ in the *International Journal of Developmental Disabilities* (2017).

Dr Maria Lyons is the author of ‘Re-thinking community care: the Camphill village model’ (The Centre for Welfare Reform, 2015) and founder of the Camphill Research Network (www.camphillresearch.com).