

## **INDEPENDENT LIVING ALTERNATIVES**

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People have an inalienable right to independent living. It is often not understood what this means: It is about having more than an accessible environment and basic physical needs provided for; it is about a right to live spontaneously; a right to go to the toilet when you want to; a right to go to work or to study where and when you want to; a right to economic equality; a right to leisure; a right to express your sexuality; a right to determine your own lifestyle; a right to develop hopes and aspirations; a right to be accepted as a full and active member of the community; a right to positively promote our difference as disabled people, but not to have to think of the consequences every hour of the day. In essence, independent living is a misnomer: as disabled people we should be able to just think about living as anybody else.

