

Social Inclusion for All Disabled Children and Young People (CYP)

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Background

Disabled CYP are at risk of being isolated and socially excluded. This project was co-created with the Mae Murray Foundation (MMF), a Northern Ireland charity that strives for true participation for all in leisure and social settings. The project will use a rights based, co-production approach, working with disabled CYP to investigate social inclusion.



“Children’s Rights approach to participation ‘involvement in life’ & research”



Aims

1. Understand the meaning of social inclusion from the perspectives of disabled CYP who live in Northern Ireland.
2. Understand how social inclusion is understood by other stakeholders including parents/carers of disabled CYP, their siblings and wider family circle, non disabled CYP, and agencies that provide community-based services.
3. Undertake an evidence synthesis and economic evaluation of a shared social care model for disabled CYP, including those CYP with more complex needs.

Methods

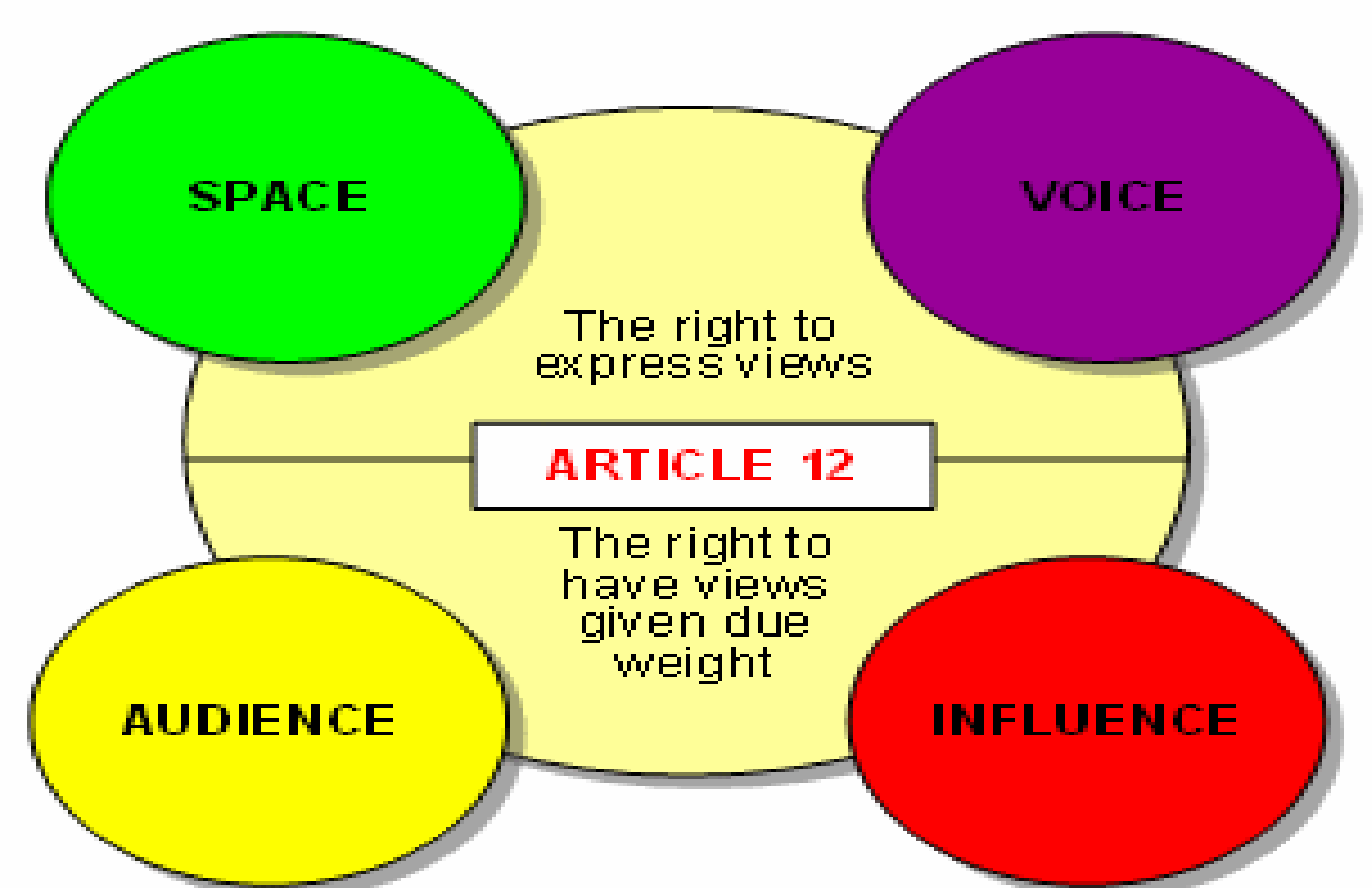
Research objective 1: Semi-structured interviews will be conducted with 20-30 disabled CYP using participatory methods. Data will be analysed using framework analysis.

Research objective 2: Semi-structured interviews with other key stakeholders identified by the MMF, analysed using framework analysis.

Research objective 3: Findings from objectives 1 and 2 will inform the scope of the evidence synthesis and economic evaluation of shared social care.

Convention on the Rights of the Child

Conceptualising Article 12 of the CRC



Discussion

Study findings will be used by the MMF to inform service development. Additionally, other service providers and policy-makers may use the study findings to ensure that social inclusion for disabled CYP, including those with complex needs, are addressed.

Impact

This study will provide practice implications for:
1. social inclusion,
and
2. shared social care for disabled CYP, particularly including those with more complex needs.

