What do adults with intellectual disability do after they finish the Up the Hill Project university program?

Accessible Research Summary

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Other research has found that going to university can help people to get jobs and make friends. Not many people with intellectual disability go to university in Australia. There are only two inclusive university programs in Australia supporting people with intellectual disability. The Up the Hill Project at Flinders University is one of those programs. It was started up in 1999 to help people with intellectual disability get involved in university, such as going to classes, meeting new people, learning new things and learning new skills, but we do not know much about what people do after they finish their three years with the Up the Hill Project.

This research wants to see what is good or bad about the Up the Hill Project. We also want to find out what people with intellectual disability do in their life after they finish the Up the Hill Project. This study will be talking to people who have finished the Up the Hill Project. People who finished the Up the Hill Project will be asked to do an interview. This research will also include talking to family members or caregivers of people who have finished the Up the Hill Project.

People who want to participate in the study will be asked questions about their life, like: what activities they do in the week, or what activities they do on the weekend. All of the interview responses will be looked at, because we want to see what people do after finishing the Up the Hill Project.

We hope that this research will help other universities in Australia to start similar programs that help people with intellectual disability get involved in university and do good things when they finish university too.

A summary of what we find out will be added to this website when the project has finished at the end of the year (2019).