

# Making the Impossible Possible

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This is a story of how people, from different backgrounds, worked together to change something that they felt was wrong. It took hard work, a lot of trust and support, and what seemed a long, long time. For some, this may be just about a housing campaign, but for those involved, it was much more than that.

Over eight years ago, when this all began, the impossible was just another dream. Today that dream has become a reality. This is the story of that journey. A journey with many twists and turns, many ups and downs, frustrations and odd moments of elation but a journey in which many of us grew up.

There are no quick fixes here, no pat answers, no magical theories. In this journey, theories emerged from practice on the ground. A problem was identified and through information sharing, the expertise of all involved, awareness raising, lobbying and advocacy, eventually the problem was addressed.

Parents worked, occupational therapists worked, researchers worked, the community, voluntary and statutory sectors worked, housing officials and housing groups worked and politicians worked. Together, all these made politics work.

The impossible was made possible in NI, Wales and England, it didn't just happen. Take time now and read how it was made to happen. If, together, people can change housing policy, how many more issues can also be addressed? We are only just beginning.

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