Living in group homes – the right to occupational participation

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- People living in group homes lack the possibilities of living active lives.
Design and methods

- Action Research design
- Participants – residents living in group homes, age 18-67, employees working in group homes and their leaders, relatives
- Participating observation
  - Focus group discussions
  - Individual interviews
We are always more than one residents when we go out. Sometimes I would like to go to the city to do shopping by myself, together with the staff. That is very infrequently indeed.
Occupational deprivation

“A state of prolonged preclusion from engagement in occupations of necessity and/or meaning due to factors which stand outside of control of the individual” (Whiteford 2000, p. 201).
Conclusion

Influence structures in society for:
“Full and effective participation and inclusion in society”

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