

Ruairi and Allan Transcript

Ruairi	Allan
This is my life story...	This is my life story...
I grew up in a one bedroom flat next to a busy road	I grew up in a quiet community in a detached house with its own garden
Our flat was poorly built and had damp which caused me to develop asthma. It was draughty. We couldn't afford adequate hearing.	My house was well built, had efficient central heating and was well insulated.
My family's income was £12,500 per year	My family's income was £90,000 per year
My mum worked shifts and played with me when she could, but was often tired.	My mum stayed at home with me.
It wasn't safe to play outside because we had no garden and had to cross a busy road to get to the park	I could play safely with my friends as there were speed bumps in our street and an easy to access to a well looked after park
I took the bus to get to school safely and on time	I could walk or ride my bike safely to school using the cycle path
The supermarket was a bus ride away, so we usually had microwave meals from the corner shop, or takeaways	We had two supermarkets nearby and had home cooked meals most nights
I liked school and got good exam results, but I couldn't afford to live away from home or travel to university	I got good exam results and moved away to university
Now I work part time in a shop for minimum wage	Now I work as a civil engineer and have a stable income
We have a strong sense of community, but our voice isn't heard	Our community has a voice in planning of local services and amenities
And the cycle continues...	And the cycle continues...
I have a great family but worry about money, and to cope smoke and I drink regularly	Although life is hectic, I have enough money to live comfortably and buy the things I need