

# What do Citizen Advocates do?

Each situation is unique.

Some ways a Citizen Advocate can help include:

- Being a friend.
- Be on the persons side.
- Offering new experiences and opportunities.
- Standing up for their rights.
- Protecting them from abuse, neglect and exploitation.

Would you like to know more?

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YOU can make a difference in someone else's life

Promoting, protecting and defending the welfare and interests of people with a disability



**Citizen Advocacy Launceston Region Inc** is a not for profit, independent, community based program situated in Launceston Tasmania.

We focus on people with intellectual disabilities who may be neglected, vulnerable, isolated and have significant unmet needs.

We assist by creating and supporting volunteer relationships between suitable community members and the person in need.

## Citizen Advocacy

Establishes **relationships** between a person with a disability and a community member who will:

- Make a long-term **commitment** to the person with a disability;
- to meet some of that person's needs as if they were their own.

**Citizen Advocates** come from all walks of life, and each bring a range of life experiences and expertise.

**Citizen Advocacy** can be fun, a source of personal development, a chance to give back to the community, build friendships and use your skills.

## Citizen Advocates

- Believe that everyone should be treated with dignity and respect.
- Don't look for material rewards for helping someone in need.
- Are genuine about making a commitment to a person with a disability.
- Have high expectations about what people with disabilities can achieve with the right support.
- Demonstrate to the community by their actions that people with disability have the same needs, rights and interests as other members of society.

Citizen Advocates are **ordinary** people doing ordinary things of **EXTRAordinary** importance!