

# Overview of Community Resource Unit

## About CRU

Community Resource Unit (CRU) is a company limited by guarantee (Ltd). Its origins lie in a 1987 initiative of Queensland families, professionals and people with disabilities who recognised that legislative change was insufficient to support authentic change for people with disabilities and their families. CRU was developed to support grassroots change in Queensland.

CRU's members include people with disabilities, families, workers from the disability field and community members.

CRU has statewide responsibilities, and works with a national and international network.

## Management of CRU

The direction and management of Community Resource Unit is vested in the Board of Directors which is elected annually. Implementation of the programs is the responsibility of the CEO and the staff team.

## Purpose

CRU exists to support the development of leadership and authentic change which enhance the possibilities for people with disabilities *to belong to and participate in community life*.

It aims to:

- Challenge ideas and practices which limit the lives of people with disabilities, and
- Inspire and encourage individuals and organisations to pursue better lives for people with disabilities.

Please contact CRU if you would like further information on any of our activities, including:

- Details on membership
- Publications for sale
- Subscriptions to receive the periodical 'CRUcial Times'
- The Resource Collection

Information about CRU's activities are also available on the web: [www.cru.org.au](http://www.cru.org.au)

## CRU's Main Objectives

The main objectives of CRU include:

- Working towards intended, positive change by identifying issues of strategic significance and by exploring and demonstrating new possibilities;
- Challenging, encouraging and contributing to the growth and development of people who are involved in change efforts by offering a range of educational and developmental opportunities, and leadership opportunities;
- Developing and safeguarding those elements that contribute to quality services by supporting the work of community agencies that are striving to be responsive to the needs of people with disabilities and their families;
- Drawing attention to key challenges in the disability field and providing information about them;
- Operating a viable and accountable organisation that reflects, in its operation, the values and beliefs underpinning its Mission.

## Acknowledgements

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