



Community
Resource
Unit Ltd.

Expanding Ideas; Creating Change

The Meaning of Advocacy

An Introduction to Principles and Strategies of Advocacy for People with Disability & Families

Unfortunately people with disability are not offered the same opportunities as others in our community and they regularly need to speak up, or have people speak up for them to get a fair go. Often, families must become advocates because their family member faces rejection, discrimination or low expectations.

This workshop will help people with disability and family members to “find their voice”, stand their ground, and become more effective in influencing what happens in their life, or for their family member.

“...what often lies beneath the complaints of advocates is the recognition of ‘better’, often well before ‘better’ is under general consideration by the mass of society.” Michael Kendrick

* The cost of this event is partly subsidised by a Department of Social Services grant. If cost is a barrier to attending, please contact CRU to discuss.

Cairns

Saturday 11th September
9.30am - 3.00pm

**Seville Mercy
Conference Centre**
35 Bauhinia Ave
Earlville, Cairns

People with disability
& family members
Cost: \$50* per person

RSVP: Sun 29th August

Registrations essential

For more details
& tickets visit
www.cru.org.au

Numbers are limited
to maintain COVID
safety for participants
& CRU staff. See the online
event info for details

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This workshop, led by a family member with experience in formal and informal advocacy, will introduce participants to the principles and fundamentals of social advocacy. Topics will include advocacy strategies, pitfalls, how to deal with feelings of emotional vulnerability, and how to stay focused on your best interests, or those of your family member.

About the Presenters



Jeremy Ward is a parent whose eldest daughter lived with disability and required support to live in her own home, which she did successfully for over 10 years. Jeremy was instrumental in the establishment of Queensland Advocacy Inc, where he worked for over ten years as an advocate, lawyer and director. He has many years' experience in disability advocacy, in the law as it relates to people with disabilities, and in assisting families to plan for the future.

Who Should Attend

This workshop is for **people with disability and family members**, as well as close friends and allies, who take up an unpaid advocacy role or would like to learn where to begin.

About CRU

Community Resource Unit has a 30-year track record of working across Queensland to help people with disability take control of their lives and take their place in their community.

Using Your NDIS Funding at CRU

For self-managing and plan-managed NDIS participants, see the Learning Objectives on the event's page. You can decide if this is a reasonable and necessary support to help you (or your family member) achieve their goals.

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