

## Getting Involved

Independent Advocacy SA Inc. advocates for positive change in the lives of individuals with intellectual disability. It promotes valued lives for people with intellectual disability including the inclusion of people with intellectual disability in the community as valued members.

Persons interested in supporting the work of Independent Advocacy can become involved through general membership and if seeking a volunteer opportunity through participation on the Management Committee. Members of the Management Committee must be members of Independent Advocacy.

A person is qualified to be a member of Independent Advocacy if, but only if, the person is a natural person who supports the objects of the association, agrees to be bound by its rules and embraces the values the organisation. Application for membership must be in writing and proposed and seconded by two members of the association. There is no subscription for membership.

### **Membership of Independent Advocacy;**

- is an opportunity to support advocacy efforts that respond to extreme vulnerability and complexity for and on behalf of vulnerable people with intellectual disability who are most at risk of ongoing abuse, discrimination, harm and neglect,
- includes an Annual Report that speaks to the work of the organisation over every twelve month period,
- offers the opportunity to attend Annual General Meetings, which includes a shared meal and the opportunity to discuss issues relevant to the vulnerable people we serve, and supports the organisation in meeting its incorporation and funding responsibilities.

### **Participation on Management Committee;**

- is an opportunity to learn more about the lived lives of vulnerable individuals with intellectual disability,
- offers the opportunity for members to actively support advocacy efforts for the vulnerable individuals we serve
- builds a greater understanding of social advocacy and the efforts we undertake,
- is a head and heart journey
- challenges your thoughts and feelings,
- provides opportunity to engage in training and development including Social Role Valorization (SRV) and governance training,
- supports the organisation in meeting its incorporation and funding obligations.