

What our advocates say...

"Advocating for a person gives me a sense of achievement, fulfillment, and a feeling that I can make a difference".

"Being a voluntary advocate is an important activity, in which it is hard to gauge who gains the most, me or my participant"

"Being an advocate for someone struggling to live in the community has given me a better understanding of our society and has made me realise the incredible need out there"

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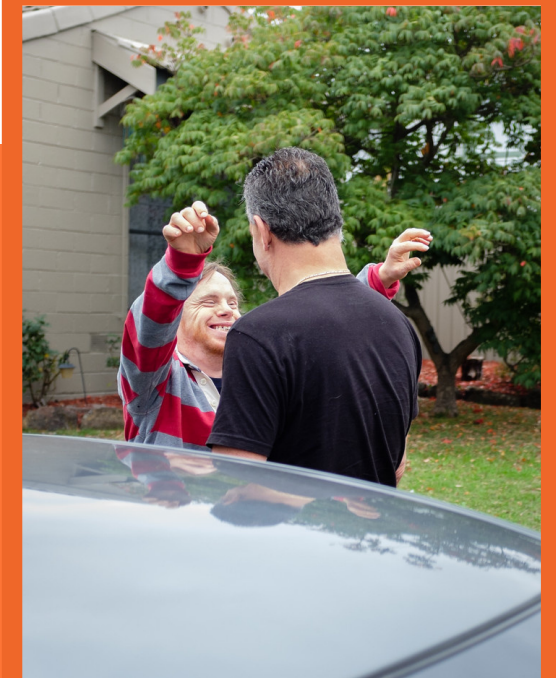


North East Citizen Advocacy

Community Advocacy and Connections Since 1986

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

BECOME AN ADVOCATE FOR A PERSON WITH AN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY



About NECA

North East Citizen Advocacy (NECA) is a community-based program that initiates a supportive relationship between people with an intellectual disability, and a volunteer member of the community.

Our Advocates Are People Who...

- Come from all walks of life,
- Are various ages,
- Often have had no previous involvement with people who have disabilities,
- Bring all sorts of life experiences to the relationship,
- Are able to express their compassion and generosity,
- Are prepared to make a commitment to be loyal to the person with an intellectual disability,
- Are able to provide support and friendship.

Why Is Citizen Advocacy Needed

People with disabilities often do not get the support and assistance they need. They often face rejection, isolation, and are particularly vulnerable to being treated unfairly and exploited. Some are subject to abuse and neglect.

A 'one to one' advocate is an opportunity to improve quality of life through providing support, being a spokesperson, and involvement in each others lives.

Program Information

Time:

The amount of time varies in any specific relationship, depending on the advocate's availability and the participant's needs.

Training:

The NECA program provides tailored orientation sessions with each advocate. This includes a police check.

Support:

An advocate has ongoing support from the coordinator.

Advocacy May Include:

- Acting as a mentor,
- Speaking out for their interests and welfare,
- Supporting their right to make choices and decisions,
- Connecting them to new experiences.

Program Locations:

- Banyule
- Whittlesea
- Nillumbik
- Darebin

