

## VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

All volunteers will have a role in supporting VALID staff with activities or events as chosen by the volunteer or as allocated by their Program Coordinator.

Volunteers who are volunteering in an event will be paired with an experienced volunteer and their trial will be for one event.

VALID expects volunteers to attend orientation sessions around an event and/or program they are volunteering in.

VALID will 'match' a volunteer with a program activity or task at an event that works well with their skills and personality.

Specific training will be provided around the role that the volunteer will be undertaking.

## VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT

All volunteers will be required to sign that they are in agreement with VALID's commitment to the vision of an Australian nation in which people with a disability are empowered to exercise their rights, as human beings and as citizens, in accordance with the Victorian Charter on Human Rights and Responsibilities, the Disability Act 2006 and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Code of Conducts.



# VALID

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Victorian Advocacy League for Individuals with Disability Inc

# Calling all volunteers, VALID needs you!

## ABOUT VALID

VALID – Victorian Advocacy League for Individuals with Disability Inc. is a not for profit organisation that supports people with intellectual disability and their families.

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the VALID Advocacy Service is, to protect and defend the human rights of people with an intellectual disability, and to champion their rights as citizens to: Community Presence, Choice, Respect, Community Participation and Self Determination.



## AIMS

The VALID Advocacy Service aims to empower people with intellectual disability at a range of levels, from the individual to systemic to:

- exert control and influence over the decisions and choices which affect their lives
- inform and influence the policies, processes and practices of disability service agencies, governments and other authorities
- exercise their human rights and citizenship status within their local communities

## WORKING FOR VALID

VALID is a community organisation that relies on a strong and vibrant workforce of both paid and unpaid workers.

Unpaid work at VALID falls into several categories.

These include:

- Voluntary work
- Unpaid work placement
- Citizen engagement

## VOLUNTEERING

### Definition of volunteering

Volunteering is an activity which takes place through not for profit organisations or projects and is undertaken:

- To be of benefit to the community and the volunteer;
- Both freely and by choice of the person volunteering
- Without remuneration or financial benefit
- In roles specifically set up for volunteers



## VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

VALID is looking for volunteers to assist us in the following programs:

- Administration
- Events e.g. Having a Say Conference
- Peer Action Groups
- Networks
- Campaigns

## CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT

In pursuit of VALID's vision and mission to promote and protect the human rights and well being of people with disabilities and their families, VALID encourages the engagement of citizens in its activities and campaigns from time to time.



## WORK EXPERIENCE

VALID encourages and supports individuals wishing to undertake work experience placements as students or in relation to obligations related to pensions or welfare benefits where this work has benefits to both the individual and the organisation.

