

## People with Disability Australia Project Team

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People with Disability Australia  
Disability Support for the Royal Commission

Working to prevent the sexual abuse  
of children with disability



## Training

Building on years of training experience, People with Disability Australia is providing training to a number of different groups.

### ***Sexuality and Respectful Relationships*** – for people with disability

Equips participants with an in-depth understanding of their human and sexual rights, helps them to recognise violence and abuse, and supports them in developing strategies around prevention and response.

### ***Responding to Sexual Assault*** – for disability service providers

Equips participants with preventative approaches to sexual violence, especially in ensuring best practice preventative measures and strategies for response.

### ***Supporting Respectful Relationships of Children and Adults with Disability*** – for parents, families and carers of people with disability

Informs participants about the human and sexual rights of people with disability and the supports required for these rights to be realised.

### ***Disability Awareness and Competency*** – for mainstream support services

Raises the disability competence of staff and the organisation as a whole especially those engaging with the Royal Commission.



## Individual Advocacy

The **Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse** is looking into stories about the sexual abuse of children in institutions. Institutions include churches, schools, children's homes, sports clubs, foster care and respite centres. They want to find out how the sexual abuse happened and how to prevent it from happening to other children in the future.

If you have a story of child sexual abuse, the Royal Commission want to hear it.

If you are a person with disability and think you might want to tell your story to the Royal Commission, or it has raised issues for you, People with Disability Australia can help.

Our advocates can:

- help you work out whether you want to take part in the Royal Commission;
- explain the different ways you can tell your story and support you to tell your story;
- make sure you have the right supports to tell your story, like interpreters, communication boards, or interviews and information in plain or easy English;
- support you with other related issues, like accessing services, finding housing, stopping discrimination or making complaints; and
- refer you to other places for ongoing counselling and/or legal advice if needed.

PWDA has an Advocates' Toolkit which can help both formal and informal advocates support children and adults with disability to engage with the Royal Commission.