

# TO STAND BESIDE: Advocacy for Inclusion

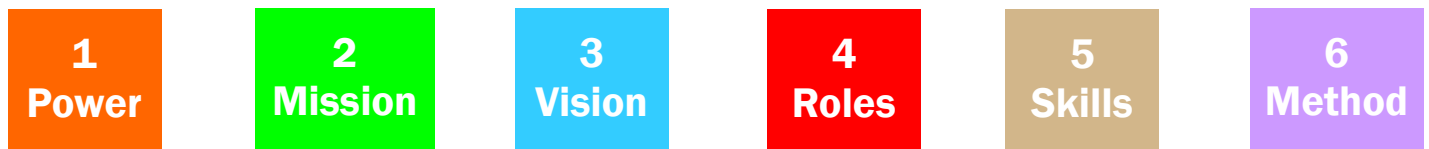
PRESENTED BY KEVIN STONE – VALID

The advocacy training program is a two day intensive workshop aimed at disability support workers, family members, planners, coordinators, managers, paid or unpaid advocates who are involved in supporting, assisting or representing people with disability. You will gain a:

- greater knowledge of advocacy concepts and principles,
- deeper understanding of personal values,
- greater appreciation of the advocacy role inherent to all who work in the disability sector,
- greater awareness of the potential conflicts of risk inherent to the advocacy role,
- stronger framework for dealing with advocacy-related issues,
- ‘tool box’ full of practical ideas/strategies.



The program comprises six modules:



**1 Power**  
What do we mean when we talk about “empowerment”? Why are some people considered to be “disempowered”? Why is it important that parents and professionals be conscious of the “power differential” in their relationships with vulnerable people? This program identifies potential conflicts of interest and proposes strategies for minimising them.

**2 Mission**  
What is the history of advocacy?  
What are the different models of advocacy, both formal and informal?  
This program identifies the values and principles underpinning current advocacy practice, and encourages participants to reflect on their own values and principles.

**3 Vision**  
What is advocacy trying to achieve?  
Why is it important that parents, direct care workers and managers have a good understanding of their own personal values?  
What are the values that underpin legislative principles and service standards?

**4 Roles**  
The VALID model of advocacy is focused on the empowerment of the individual with a disability.  
In pursuing this aim, the effective advocate needs to have a clear understanding of the various roles they might play as Ally, Defender or Champion.

**5 Skills**  
What are the skills and qualities displayed by effective advocates?  
Why do some people seem to have more power and influence than others?  
The program leads participants to reflect on their own qualities, attributes and skills, and highlights the need for flexibility, creativity, diligence and integrity.

**6 Method**  
This module draws together elements from each of the previous discussions, and leads participants through an eight-step decision making process.  
This process is designed to equip participants with a method for sorting out problematic issues, and for developing a firm, clear advocacy action plan.

MONDAY 14 & TUESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2016

9.30AM—4.30PM

CITY WEST LOTTERIES HOUSE

## About the presenter:

**Kevin Stone**—With over 40 years experience in the disability field Kevin has worked relentlessly to improve the lives of people with disability, both as an individual advocate and systemically by influencing state and national policy.

Kevin has served as the Executive Officer of VALID Inc (Victorian Advocacy League for Individuals with Disability) since 1989. He is the author of numerous training programs and resources. As the EO of VALID Kevin has been at the forefront of individualised funding and person-centred planning reforms, and has been a major contributor to the design of Victoria's Self Direction initiatives.

Kevin has also represented people with disability and their families on numerous state wide Reference Groups over the last 25 years. In addition he has participated in a number of Ministerial Advisory Committees including legislation reviews. Kevin has also been at the forefront of national policy and representation through Inclusion Australia-NCID.



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**Venue:** Conference Rm, City West Lotteries House, 2 Delhi St, West Perth

**Online Registration:** [www.ddc.org.au/events-november-2016/](http://www.ddc.org.au/events-november-2016/)

**Information:** [mary.butterworth@ddc.org.au](mailto:mary.butterworth@ddc.org.au) or 9420 7230 (Mon, Tue, Fri)

**Cost:** (including GST)

Family DDWA members—\$40

Family Non members—\$60

Staff DDWA members—\$130

Staff Non members—\$160

Registration includes morning/afternoon tea and lunch

**DDWA Membership:** **FREE** for People with Disability, Family, Friends & Individuals. Go to [www.ddc.org.au/individual-and-family-membersh/](http://www.ddc.org.au/individual-and-family-membersh/)

### Getting There:

Train—City West stop on the Fremantle line (only 20m walk)

Bus—Green Cat (Sutherland St) or Yellow Cat (Harold Boas gardens)

Car—Watertown (formerly Harbourtown) Shopping Centre (cash \$25 7—8 hrs) or Delhi St (limited bays \$4.20 per hour)