



## Disability Inclusion Reference Group

### Background

Mission Australia is committed to working with the local community to make sure it is more welcoming and inclusive of/for people with disability. Mission Australia is excited to present an opportunity to develop a **Disability Inclusion Reference Group (DIRG)**.

The DIRG will provide a welcoming environment for people with a passion for supporting the rights of people with disabilities. The group will assist in promoting positive social change and inclusion in the Onkaparinga area.

### Guiding Principles of the DIRG

- ☐ Valuing the voice of people with disabilities. Embracing the nothing for us without us principle. The group will celebrate people with lived experience of disability, and view them as experts.
- ☐ Promoting inclusion of people with disabilities by identifying barriers, investigating strategies to reduce or overcome these, and advising on the implementation using evidence based practices.
- ☐ Engaging community leaders and key stakeholders in quality improvement initiatives.
- ☐ Focusing on the individual as a member of a community, increasing participation, partnerships and individual and community responsibility

### Guiding Principles of the DIRG (cont.)

- ☐ Upholding the National Disability Strategies shared vision “for an inclusive Australian society that enables people with disability to fulfil their potential as equal citizens”.

### Criteria for membership

- ☐ Have a demonstrated lived experience/interest in disability.
- ☐ Be available to participate in the activities of the Inclusion Reference Group, including bi-monthly face to face meetings. (Can be negotiated)
- ☐ Have a strength based approach and a vision of people with disabilities as valuable contributing members of the community.
- ☐ Demonstrate a commitment to advocacy and engaging with all stakeholders in a dialogue that is open and creative.
- ☐ Completion of the expression of interest form



**Please Return EOI form by the 7/12/18 via:**

**Email:** LACNoarlunga@missionaustralia.com.au

**Post:** P/O Box 615, Noarlunga Centre, 5168

**Drop off:** Lower ground floor, Commonwealth house, Noarlunga

**Expression of Interest – Outer Southern Disability Inclusion Reference Group**

If you have any questions, please call **8187 0730**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Best method of contact:</b>
<b>Contact Number:</b>	

**What is your lived experience/interest with/in disability?**

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**How do you believe the Outer Southern DIRG can make a difference in the Onkaparinga region?**

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**What do you think are the priority issues to promote inclusion of people with disabilities in the Onkaparinga region?**

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