

## Disability Access in the Community

Advocacy WA (AWA), People With Disability WA (PWdWA) and Sussex Street Community Legal Service Inc (SSCLS), have recently appointed Community Disability Advocates to work in and with local communities to enable community-driven solutions to issues affecting people with disabilities' right to self-determination, choice and control.

Over the next two years, Advocacy WA will implement a co-designed Local Disability Advocacy Network (LDAN) model in the Shires of **Harvey, Busselton, Bridgetown-Greenbushes** and **Augusta Margaret River**. This will enable communities to come together and fix local problems with local solutions.

The process for rolling out this project in the South West region will involve:

- **Co-design workshop**, involving representatives from the South West region, to develop a model for how regional communities can gather and identify issues and create solutions
- **Community Disability Information Sessions** to raise awareness about different types of disability and the issues faced by people with disability in the community
- Facilitation of Community Disability Advocacy **Workshops** to determine the accessibility of local communities, locating the most pressing issue/s and recruiting participants to form a Local Disability Advocacy Network (LDAN)
- **Mentoring LDAN participants** in creating a co-design model for their local community and developing advocacy skills within the group
- Working with the LDAN to produce a **Community Action Plan** to lobby and access funding for issues identified

If you have any questions about how you or your organisation can be involved at a local level over the next two years, please contact:

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