

Guiding principles and values

Disability Advocacy Victoria Inc. is committed to operating in accordance with the following principles and values:

- control by people with disabilities is central to the success of the advocacy sector
- diversity of approaches to advocacy is necessary to promote and protect the rights of people with disabilities
- responding to the diversity of needs, interests and aspirations of people with disabilities is a fundamental component of providing effective advocacy
- respect for the autonomy of individual member organisations is important
- Disability Advocacy Victoria Inc. is most effective when all members are united
- member organisations have valuable experience and knowledge of the needs and rights of people with disabilities
- the role of advocacy is to promote and protect the rights and interests of people with disabilities and not those of other parties
- identifying and minimising conflict of interest is fundamental to the successful provision of advocacy services.

DAV members must endorse the rights of people with disability as set out in the UN Convention.