



Engage-In provides advocacy and non-legal support to people with disability and psychosocial disability who live in institutional settings across NSW.



About Engage-In

Engage-In is a project funded by the Department of Social Services and run by People with Disability Australia.

We provide advocacy support to people with disability and psychosocial disability who live in closed settings, like prisons, hospitals and mental health facilities across NSW.

Our aim is to connect people with disability and psychosocial disability to services and supports prior to their release into the community. We want them to live their best lives in the community and ensure they are supported so they do not return to these institutionalised settings.

Our service is free!



What we do

Engage-In advocates for people with disability and psychosocial disability living in institutional settings across NSW to address rights issues and to access services, like the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

- NDIS access requests
- Free and confidential
- Trauma informed
- Non-legal advocacy
- No formal mental health diagnosis required
- Referrals and information

Our advocacy service is available to people across NSW in:

- Prisons
- Forensic hospitals
- Psychiatric hospitals
- Other institutional settings

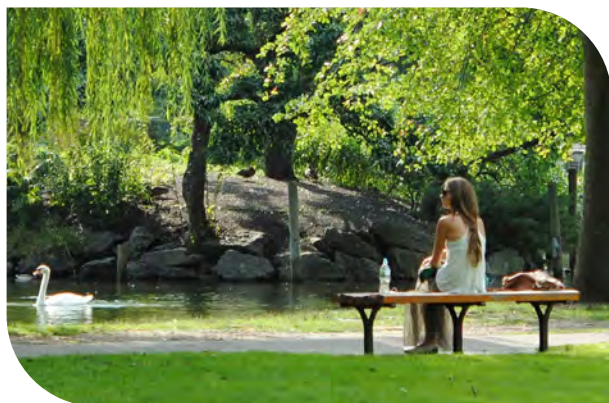
Research and lived experience

Engage-In is continually improved by engaging with people with lived experience and conducting research.

Our work is informed and guided by research conducted by the University of Sydney and the insights of a Project Advisory Group made up of people who have faced multiple barriers while living in institutional settings.

The Engage-In Community of Practice critically reflects on learnings from the Project Advisory Group and works on solutions to barriers experienced by people in institutional settings.

You can read the research report at pwd.org.au/projects/engage-in-project.




Get help or make a referral

Request support or make a referral by completing the [PWDA Get Help form](#).

Do this by scanning the QR code or go to <https://qrco.de/bd4F8o>.



 (toll free) 1800 422 015

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Please note, a formal referral is not required to access PWDA Engage-In advocacy.



About PWDA

People with Disability Australia (PWDA) is a national disability rights, advocacy and representative organisation that is led by and for people with disability.

We are an independent, non-profit, non-government organisation which protects and promotes the human rights of people with all kinds of disability.

PWDA supports the ending of indefinite detention and encourages the Australian and state and territory governments to prioritise solutions that reduce the number of people experiencing detention. PWDA urges all governments to work with communities who are disproportionately affected, including First Nations and people with disability, especially those with psychosocial and intellectual disability.

