

The Human Rights Act for Community advocates

Course duration: 3 hours

PURPOSE

This 3 hour course aims to help non-legal advocates based in community organisations learn how to use the *Human Rights Act 2019* to advocate on behalf of their clients, or to help clients advocate on their own behalf. The course is an advanced module that builds on basic knowledge of the *Human Rights Act* gained in introductory training.

DELIVERY

This is an interactive session that focusses on providing opportunities for participants to practice using the *Human Rights Act* for their advocacy work. Through real cases and scenarios, participants will explore the scope of the protected rights, and the potential for engaging with public entities to get better human rights outcomes for their clients.

Participants will learn:

- which organisations have responsibilities under the *Human Rights Act 2019*;
- to identify when situations may limit a person's human rights;
- steps and good practice for human rights advocacy action;
- to assess whether less restrictive measures are reasonably available to improve the circumstances of their clients;
- what options and remedies may be available to achieve better human rights outcomes for clients;
- to plan for engaging with a public entity to advocate on behalf of clients;
- to use the language of the Act to communicate with the public entity and advocate on behalf of clients.

RECOMMENDED FOR:

People working or volunteering in community organisations, who are in a position to advocate on behalf of others accessing their services, or to help them advocate on their own behalf. It is designed for staff or volunteers who are not working as lawyers.

PRE-COURSE PREPARATION:

A pre-requisite for this course is that participants have a basic understanding of the Human Rights Act, preferably having completed an introductory course on the *Human Rights Act 2019* (Qld), such as our online [Public Entities and Human Rights Act 2019](#) course, or our *Introduction to the Human Rights Act* course or [webinar](#).

HOW CAN I TAKE PART IN THIS TRAINING?

We can deliver training directly to your team in your workplace, and will also be offering public training sessions around Queensland where there is sufficient interest.

To discuss your options and get more information, please contact our training team on 1300 130 670 or training@qhrc.qld.gov.au