

Running Good Groups

Mission Statement



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What is a Mission Statement?



Some groups write a Mission Statement about their group. When groups make a Mission Statement they write down:

- Who the group is
- Why the group was set up
- What the group wants to do and why you do it



Why Do We Need a Mission Statement?



Having a Mission Statement is important because it:

- Explains why you wanted to start your group
- Helps other people to learn who your group is, what you do and why you do it
- Helps new members to learn about your group
- Helps you pick the activities the group does

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What Should be in a Mission Statement?

A Mission Statement should be short and to the point. Here are some examples of what you can write in your Mission Statement:

- Why your group was set up and why it is important

Example: *The Hell Raisers Self Advocacy group was set up because we do not believe that people with a disability are getting their rights.*

It is important that people with disabilities get their human rights so that they can have the same rights, choices, and opportunities as anyone else in the community.



- Who can be members of your group

Example: *People with an intellectual disability*

- The main things or goals your group wants to do

Example:

1. *Support people with disabilities get their human rights*
2. *Work towards a better world for people with a disability*
3. *Educate the community*
4. *Support each other*



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What Should be in a Mission Statement?

- The work or activities our group will do to get their goals

Example:

1. We will meet regularly and share ideas
2. We will lobby the government
3. We will run training
4. We will give talks



Have a look at the Mission Statement of Reinforce, a self advocacy group in Melbourne.

Reinforce is a self advocacy organization run by and for people with an intellectual disability.

Reinforce believes that the rights of people with an intellectual disability should be upheld in the same way as anyone else in the community.

Reinforce is here to assist, support and encourage independence for people with an intellectual disability.

Reinforce provides training, resources, lobbies and advises government, undertakes community education, holds forums, and promotes socialising and networking.

Reinforce supports people with intellectual disabilities to speak up about what they want and get their human rights. Reinforce is run almost entirely by volunteers.



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Use this form to help write your Mission Statement

Why was your group set up?

Why is your group important?

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Who can be members of your group?

What are the main goals of your group?

What work will you do to reach these goals?



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