



Meet Leonie



about Leonie

"Hi. My name is Leonie and I live in Wagga Wagga. I work at *Kurrajong Recycling*. I have a partner who goes with me to the *Self Advocacy Support group*. I joined *Self Advocacy Support group* because it helps me to stand up for my rights and speak up. I can now say NO to people who upset me.

One time when I have problem with my house, I was able to go to the *Department of Housing* to ask for things to be done and they have fixed thing up.

By going to the *Self Advocacy Support group* helps me achieve my goal to have another holiday. I have started saving some money.

Since being involved with the *Self Advocacy Support group*, I am more involved in my community; I helped my friends and volunteered at the *Dance Party*.

I was elected as Chairperson of the **RDAS Self Advocacy group** for one term. I help the group to find new members.

I think I am a strong self-advocate. When the neighbour down the road regularly dropped in to my house and kept asking for food, money and lifts in my boyfriend's car, I rang the police to get help."



From Kurrajong Recycling.

