

All people we support have the right to receive Advocate support. Advocate support might be needed for a number of reasons, such as needing to make a formal complaint, seeking additional supports, or experiencing a major change in your life.

Here are a list of Advocates operating in Victoria that you may want to connect with.

Service	What they do	Website	Phone number
Action for More Independence & Dignity in Accommodation	Provide advocacy for people having issues with housing.	www.amida.org.au	(03) 9650 2722
Action on Disability within Ethnic Communities	Action on Disability within Ethnic Communities Inc. (ADEC) is a state-wide organisation that strives to empower people with a disability from Non-English speaking backgrounds, their carers, and families to fully participate as members of the Victorian community.	www.adec.org.au	(03) 9480 7000
Disability Advocacy and Information Services Inc.	DAIS is a not-for-profit organisation governed by a board of management. The services of DAIS are free, providing advocacy support and information to anyone with a disability, to ensure equality of rights and increased integration into the community.	www.dais.org.au	(02) 6056 2420
Disability Justice Advocacy Inc	Disability Justice Advocacy Inc DJA provides advocacy support to people who have ongoing support needs as a result of disability. DJA is governed by a Board of Management comprised of elected persons from its' general membership. It has been in existence since 1990 and is primarily funded by Commonwealth Department of Social Services (DSS)	www.justadvocacy.com	1800 808 126

The Disability Resources Centre Inc.	The Disability Resources Centre Inc. (DRC) is a membership-driven organisation managed & staffed by people with disabilities. We provide individual advocacy for adults with disability. We also work on systemic issues and conduct and support campaigns, which aim to provide long-term benefits for many people. From time to time, we hold public forums to discover the issues that matter most to people with disabilities. Membership of the DRC is free, and people with disabilities are encouraged to join.	www.DRC.org.au	(03) 9791 4870
Leadership Plus	Our advocacy program is funded by the Department of Social Services (DSS) and works to promote the human rights of, and strengthen the capabilities of people living with disability including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •assisting at-risk people to have a voice and be heard (with a specialisation across acquired brain injury and CALD) •developing an understanding of self advocacy, human rights and empowerment •to have a say in decisions about their lives •to address systemic issues. 	www.leadershipplus.com	(03) 9489 2999
Melbourne East Disability Advocacy	We identify and respond to people (consumers with an intellectual disability) in the community who may be in need of a volunteer citizen advocate or individual advocacy by paid staff. This process involves getting to know the person (consumer), their needs, preferences and characteristics. Clear identification of the person's need is the basis from which a plan of action is prepared.	www.meda.org.au	(03) 9877 7990
North East Citizen Advocacy	North East Citizen Advocacy (NECA) is a community based program which strives to create a one-to-one relationship between a person with an intellectual disability and an unpaid member of the community within the Banyule, Darebin, Whittlesea and Nillumbik area's.	www.citizenadvocacy.com.au	(03) 8407 3684

Southern Disability Advocacy	Southern Disability Advocacy advocates for the rights and interests of individuals with a disability. Where appropriate we will work with families and other informal supports of the person with a disability. Our services are free and we are independent of service providers and the Government, so we are able to advocate for our clients without conflict of interest.	www.southernda.org.au	(03) 9533 5977
VALID	VALID is funded by the State Government as an advocacy group for adults with intellectual disabilities and their families. VALID is managed by an independent Committee made up of people with disability, family members and concerned citizens.	www.valid.org.au	(03) 9416 4003
Villamanta	Villamanta is a Community Legal Service operating throughout the state of Victoria on disability related legal and justice issues for people who have a disability. Our focus is on intellectual disability.	www.villamanta.org.au	(03) 5227 3338