

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 case studies 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;
- to assess whether less restrictive measures are reasonably available to improve the circumstances of their client;
- what options and remedies may be available to achieve better human rights outcomes for their client;
- to plan for engaging with a public entity to advocate on behalf of their client;
- to use the language of the Act to communicate with the public entity and advocate on behalf of their client.

RECOMMENDED FOR

This course is suitable for people working or volunteering in community organisations, who are in a position to advocate on behalf of people accessing their services, or to help them advocate on their own behalf. It is designed for staff or community 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 face to face training or webinar.

HOW CAN I TAKE PART IN THIS TRAINING?

The Commission is **calling for expressions of interest** in this course. We can deliver directly to your team in your workplace, and may also be able to offer public training sessions around Queensland if there is sufficient interest.

To express your interest, please contact our training team on 1300 130 670 or at training@qhrc.qld.gov.au.