

# What do Citizen Advocates do?

## Each situation is unique.

Some ways a Citizen Advocate can help include:

- Being a friend.
- Be on the persons side.
- Offering new experiences and opportunities.
- Standing up for their rights.
- Protecting them from abuse, neglect and exploitation.



**Citizen Advocacy Auckland Inc.**

Transforming our community one match at a time

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**YOU can make a difference in someone else's life**

Promoting, protecting and defending the welfare and interests of people with a disability





**Citizen Advocacy is a not for profit, independent, community based program situated in Auckland.**

**We focus on people with intellectual disabilities who may be neglected, vulnerable, isolated and have significant unmet needs.**

**We assist by creating and supporting volunteer relationships between suitable community members and the person in need.**

## **Citizen Advocacy**

Establishes relationships between a person with a disability and a community member who will:

- Make a long-term commitment to the person with a disability;
- to meet some of that person's needs as if they were their own.

**Citizen Advocates** come from all walks of life, and each bring a range of life experiences and expertise.

**Citizen Advocacy** can be fun, a source of personal development, a chance to give back to the community, build friendships and use your skills.

## **Citizen advocates**

**Believe that everyone should be treated with dignity and respect.**

- **Don't look for material rewards for helping someone in need.**

- **Are genuine about making a commitment to a person with a disability.**

- **Have high expectations about what people with disabilities can achieve with the right support.**

- **Demonstrate to the community by their actions that people with disability have the same needs, rights and interests as other members of society.**

**Citizen Advocates are ordinary people doing ordinary things of EXTRAordinary importance!**

