

Advocating for Our Health Counts

By Jim Simpson and Shu Hua Chan



About Shu Hua Chan



Shu moved to Australia from Hong Kong when she was 13.

Shu has an intellectual disability.



Shu went to a special school. Shu did not like special school.

Shu went to TAFE when she finished school. Shu liked going to TAFE.



Shu joined CID.



Shu learnt lots of skills at CID with other people with intellectual disability.



Shu joined the CID board.

The CID board is a group of people who run CID.

The CID board has a chair person.

A chair person is someone who leads the CID board.



Shu later became the chair person of the board.



Shu is a good leader for people with intellectual disability.

About Jim Simpson



Jim works at CID.

Jim has been working for CID for 30 years.



He an advocate and a lawyer.



Jim has been working to make things better for people with intellectual disability.

About CID



CID is a disability rights organisation.



CID speaks up on the big issues.

This is called advocacy.

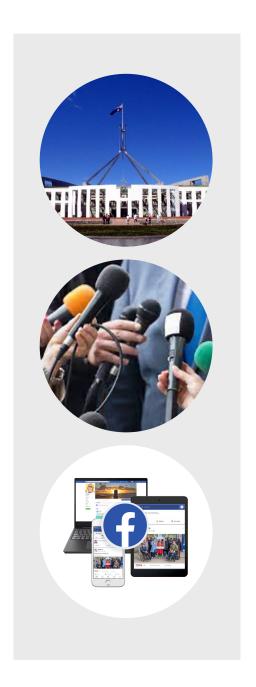


Advocacy is important because

- It makes things better for people with intellectual disability.
- It helps people speak up about the big issues.



CID makes sure that people with intellectual disability are part of our advocacy.



We do lots of different things like

• Speak to government

Talk to the media

• Use Facebook to get people involved.

Our Health Counts advocacy plan



CID did advocacy to improve the health of people with intellectual disability.



CID made a plan.



We thought what to put into the plan.



Will the Government listen to us?



Who are our friends that we can work with?



What does the research say?



CID chose the federal election as the time to start the health advocacy.

The federal election is when you vote for the government in Canberra.

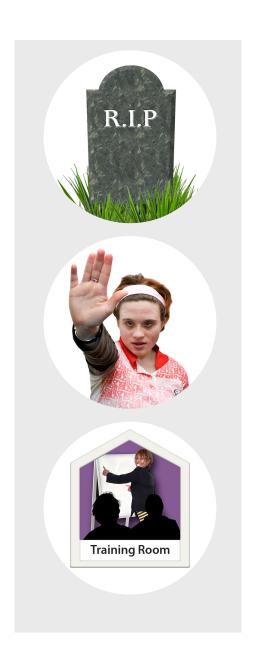


CID spoke to many politicians.

We talked about why we need funding for better health for people with intellectual disability.



CID told them about research.



The research says people with intellectual disability

• Are dying earlier than other people

· Many of the deaths could be stopped

Doctors do not have much training about people with intellectual disability



CID asked the government for 3 things

- **1.** Doctors do a better job with people with intellectual disability
- 2. Better training for at university
- **3.** More research to find out why the health system is not working for people with intellectual disability



CID got 100 important people like professors and doctors to sign a letter of support.



We made a video of Shu asking our supporters to join our advocacy.



CID had a meeting with the Health Minister.



The Minister agreed there was a problem with the health system.



He said he will ask for a round table meeting.

A round table meeting is when everyone gets together to find ways to fix a problem.

Everyone made a plan to improve the health of people with intellectual disability.



CID wants good health for people with intellectual disability.

We want the Minister to put the plan in action.

We are working with many people to achieve the plan.



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