Council for Intellectual Disability

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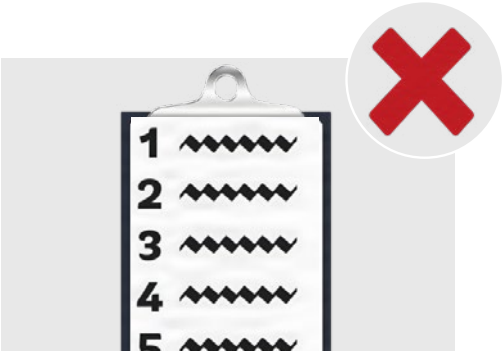
Council for Intellectual Disability has turned 70.

We say **CID** for short.



This tells you some of the things CID has done.



There are so many things we cannot list them all.



We are proud of all the work we have done.

Some things CID did from 1956 to 1976



CID started in 1956.

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It was started by 14 disability organisations.



A lot of their work was about children.







CID wanted better

- Education
- Support
- Training



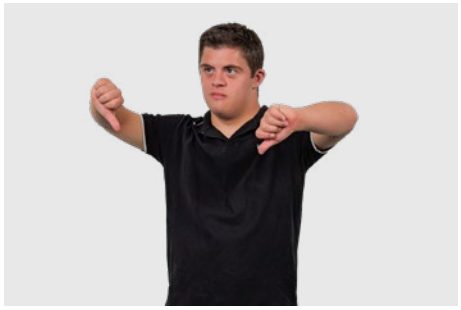
CID advocated for funding for teachers of children with intellectual disability.



In 1960 they were part of an important inquiry held by the NSW government.



This made changes to supports for people with intellectual disability.



We would not agree with some of those changes now.



Since then CID has learned a lot by listening to people with intellectual disability.



CID made a list so families and supporters could find services for people with intellectual disability.



They advocated to make transport more accessible for people with intellectual disability.



In 1976 CID got government funding for the first time.

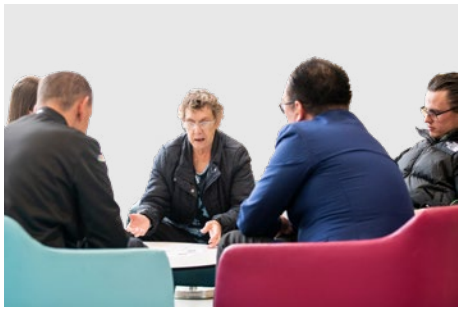
Some things CID did from 1977 to 1996



CID moved from being an organisation led by service providers to being led by parent advocates.



We made standards on the rights of people with intellectual disability in services.



CID set up an advisory group of people with intellectual disability.



They talked about issues and gave advice to the CID Board.



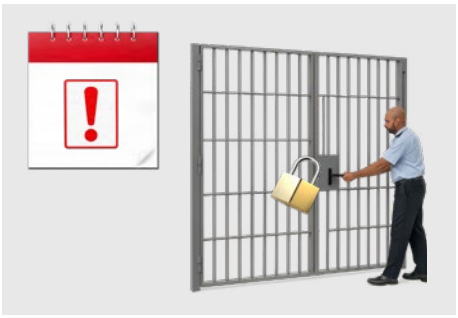
In 1984 the first director with intellectual disability joined the Board.



CID started an information service for people with intellectual disability and supporters.



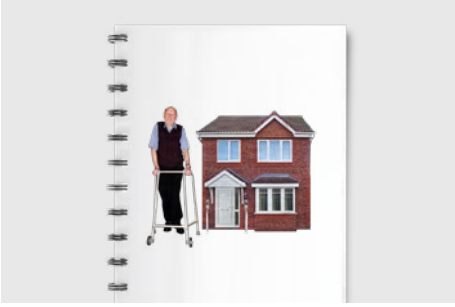
We were part of a big campaign to close large disability institutions.



It took a long time but all the big institutions were closed.



We had groups to learn about self advocacy.



CID made a guide to help people think about where they wanted to live.



We started to listen to people with intellectual disability about what CID and the government should to do.



This was a very important change.



CID successfully advocated for a new law for an independent complaints body called the **Community Services Commission**.

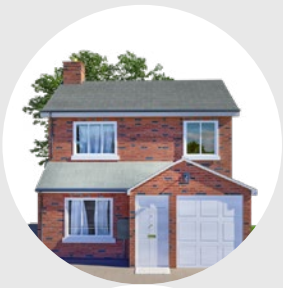
We call them the **Commission** for short.



The **Commission** could look at complaints and say how things should change.



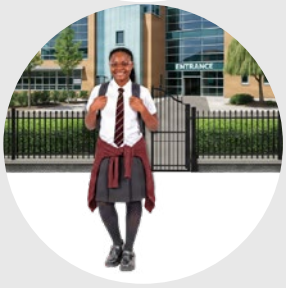
This new law said people with disability have the right to live in and be part of the community.











CID advocated on issues that affected people with intellectual disability like

- Housing
- Health
- Mental health
- Safety on public transport
- Education.



Some things CID did from 1997 to 2016



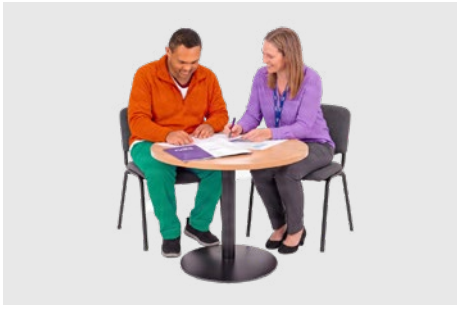
In 1998 we started to translate important information into Easy Read.



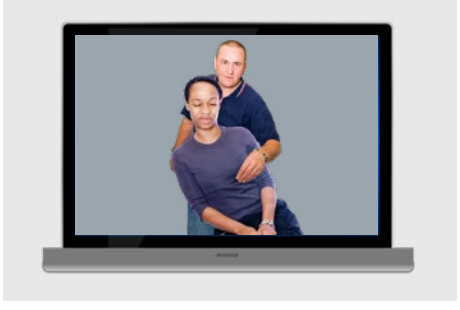
We changed the constitution to say more than half the people on the Board must be people with intellectual disability.



We worked with IDRS on a report about supports people who had been in the criminal justice system needed.



Because of this report the government started the Community Justice Program to support people with complex needs.



We made a video for people with intellectual disability about sexual assault called Let's talk about it.



We worked with the NSW Electoral Commission to make Easy Read information about voting.



We still do this work with them every election.



We did the **My Choice Matters** project from 2013 for 5 years.



We called it **MCM** for short.



MCM talked to people all over NSW to help them understand the NDIS as it was rolled out.



We made a project for people with intellectual disability to learn to be leaders.



We successfully advocated for an

- Annual health assessment for people with intellectual disability to be covered by Medicare

- Specialised intellectual disability health services.



CID published Forgotten and Found written by Kim Walker.

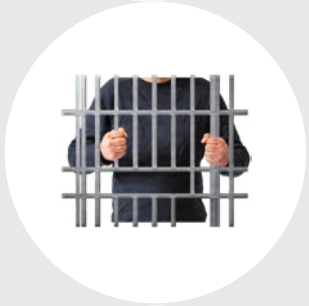


Kim Walker was a director with intellectual disability.



Kim talked about growing up in an institution and how she became an advocate.













We advocated on issues that affected people with intellectual disability like

- Employment
- Criminal justice
- Health
- Transport
- Relationships
- Inclusion.

Some things CID did from 2016 to 2026



Our director Robert Strike spoke at the United Nations in New York.



Robert talked about how important Easy Read is.



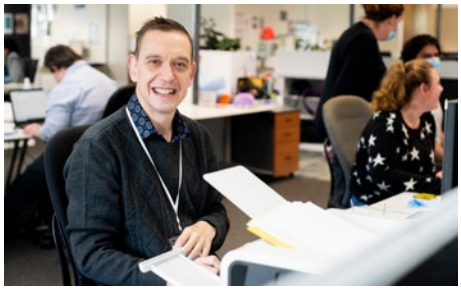
The NSW Government agreed to make important information in Easy Read



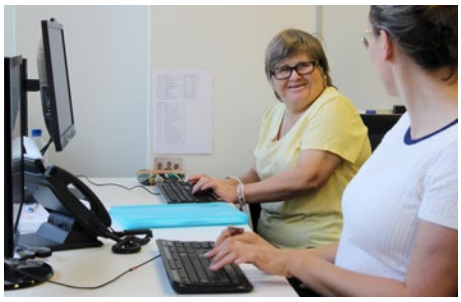
We successfully advocated for a Royal Commission into abuse of people with disability.



CID staff and members gave evidence at the Royal Commission.

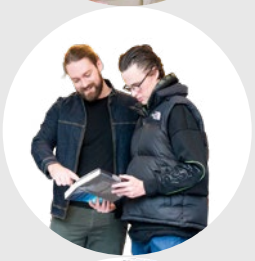


We employed 6 people with intellectual disability on the Mainstream and Me Project.



Now a quarter of our staff are people with intellectual disability.





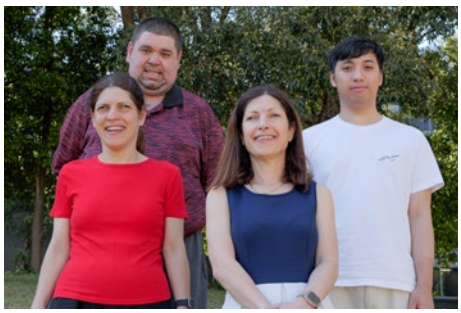






We have done workshops and made resources about

- Employment of people with intellectual disability in good jobs
- Supported decision making
- Health
- Leadership
- A good life for young people with intellectual disability.



We have worked with people with intellectual disability and their families from Vietnamese and Chinese communities.



All our work is co-designed and co-facilitated with CID staff with intellectual disability.



We have worked with lots of people like



- People with intellectual disability



- Families and supporters



- Health professionals

- Government



- Councils



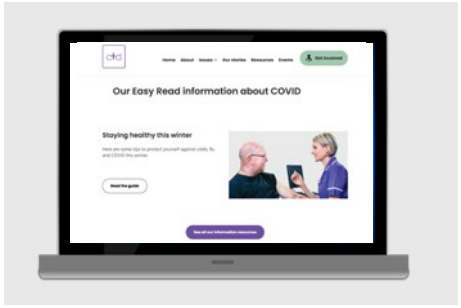
- Universities.



We did focus groups for lots of organisations where people with intellectual disability got to say what they think.



During COVID we saw there was no accessible information.



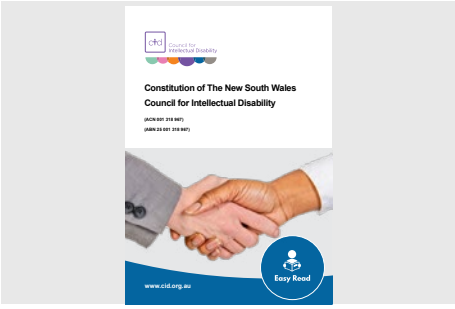
We made Easy Read information and videos about COVID.



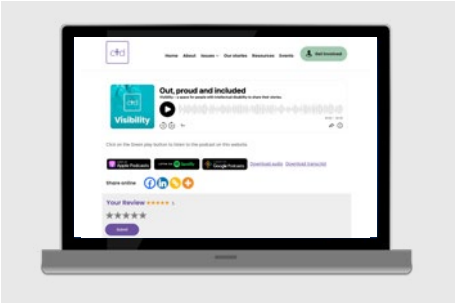
We also worked with government to make sure there was information on things like

- Immunisation

- Staying safe when someone in your home had COVID.



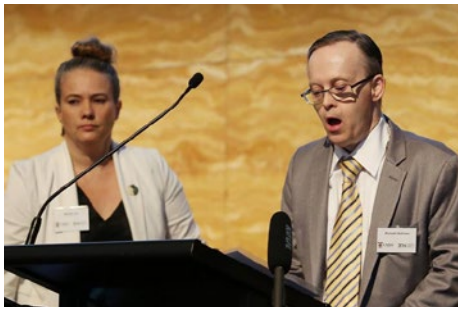
We made our constitution in Easy Read so everyone can read and understand it.



We made a podcast called Visibility.



People with intellectual disability got to tell their stories on the podcast.

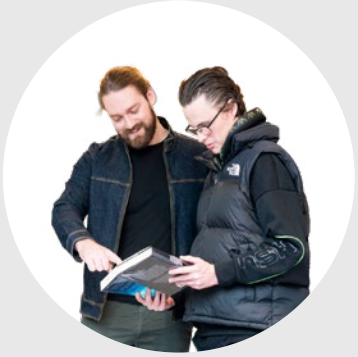


We successfully led the campaign to get funding for the National Centre of Excellence in Intellectual Disability Health.









We did successful systemic advocacy to get

- Better health services for people with intellectual disability
- 6 programs in Courts to help people stay out of jail with the right supports
- Accessible public transport
- Supported decision making.







Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard over the past 70 years like the

- Staff
- Members
- Directors.



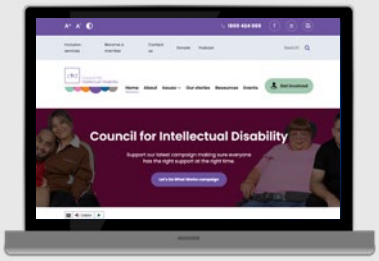
CID has achieved a lot.



We would do some things in a different way now because we listen to people with intellectual disability.



Everyone at CID will keep working together to make a community where all people with intellectual disability are valued and included.



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