

OVERVIEW



OC CONNECTIONS OVERVIEW

OC Connections (OCC) provides important opportunities for people of all abilities to contribute to society and live happy and successful lives on their own terms.



OCC has a long and respected history of supporting people living with an intellectual disability in Melbourne. From its humble beginnings in 1950 the organisation has grown to now provide Supported Independent Living (SIL), Pathways to Employment, employment opportunities through our social enterprises, educational and recreational supports and Support Coordination.

OCC works with each individual participant and their support network to choose how they want to live, work and spend their recreation time. Our staff will tailor support services to meet each person's specific needs and aspirations.

OCC aim to unlock each person's potential through working with them to maximising choice and control over their lives.

OUR VISION

For people to live how they choose, in a society that values individuals for who they are, respects their rights and encourages their participation in everyday life.

We believe in **'my life, my choice'** and help people to achieve this. OCC staff and volunteers work with participants so that they can:

- have a sense of purpose and belonging
- have opportunities to choose from
- pursue dreams and aspirations
- be heard and valued
- be accepted and included
- be treated with dignity and respect
- develop and grow skills and experiences
- build self-esteem
- enjoy a healthy and safe environment
- be encouraged to contribute.



MY DAYS

Spending time with family and friends doing things that are meaningful is important to us all.

At OC Connections we offer a range of supported community-based education and recreation activities. We encourage participants to seek out new activities that challenge their independence and encourage new life skills.

Participants choose their own path in consultation with families or supporters while staff assist people to implement these choices.

All supports aim to increase independence, confidence and life skills. We offer a variety of learning activities on-site and in the community including travel training, gardening, shopping, cooking, computer skills and experience on advisory committees.

Other programs strengthen health and wellbeing or develop creativity through art and music.

Supports are tailored to the individual to enable each person to achieve their individual goals. All participants identify and pursue goals at their own pace.

MY SUPPORT COORDINATION

OC Connections Support Coordinators work directly with participants to find the right provider and work through issues that may arise. OC Connections Support Coordinators aim to build individuals capacity and confidence to manage and coordinate services into the future.

MY HOME

A home is so much more than four walls. At OC Connections we understand that 'home' means somewhere safe, a place to truly be you, where your individual lifestyle choices are paramount.

We offer a broad range of accommodation supports through our Community Living, In-Home Support and Short Term Accommodation programs for people living with a disability.

The supports are designed to be flexible and responsive to individual needs and aim to provide an environment where people can feel comfortable, confident and happy while living as independently as possible.

MY WORK

Meaningful employment is important to us all. Inspiring work opportunities provide economic security, give us a sense of identity and belonging and encourage social interactions.

OC Connections Enterprises (OCCE) provides specialised and innovative employment options, as well as skill development, learning opportunities and the chance to complete workplace training certificates.

OCCE currently offer employment and learning opportunities within administration, car washing and packaging.

OC Connections also provides individualised pathways to employment through "Towards Employment" which provides training and support in a variety of work and work related skills to enable young people to take the steps to gaining meaningful employment.

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