#### **Our approach**

#### We value a positive group dynamic that is fun, friendly and respectable.

#### Our aim is to create a safe and welcoming space for women to come together to share experiences, gain information on their rights as women, in particular, as women with disabilities. To talk about advocacy and leadership.

#### We want women with disabilities to be able to connect with other women in their communities to share and work on leadership opportunities.

#### Most importantly, we want a space where women can advocate about issues of concern to women with disabilities in their communities.

# **The Leadership Network for Women with Disabilities**

**Facilitated and driven by:**

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Leadership Network for women with disabilities ‘Hubs’ proudly funded and supported by:

The Hubs (Leadership Networks for Women with Disabilities) are aimed at women with disabilities in the local regions who have an interest in leadership, advocacy, human rights and empowerment.

We are a group of women with disabilities who live in the Barwon region. Local people who **identify as women with disabilities** in the region and its surrounds are very welcome.

We meet every 4 weeks to discuss matters of concern to women with disabilities within our region. Our meetings are informal and relaxed. They are informative and have a main focus on the following three points for women with disabilities:

Leadership

Empowerment

Advocacy (local and systemic)

**Please note:** Hubs are **not** a counselling, trauma or support group. Clinical services / case management will not be provided. **The Hubs have a strong leadership/advocacy focus.**

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BARWON Hub**

#### **Why only women?**

#### We recognise that in society and in many communities women still face problems and discrimination related to gender. Sexism and inequality due to gender, plus challenges of disability can make lives of women with disabilities much more challenging.

For example, women with disabilities face male violence much more than women without disabilities and we face many barriers to accessing good and suitable healthcare. Women with disabilities are disadvantaged by these facts and unique barriers.

Our aim is to make women with disabilities much more visible and heard in the community and for them to have a voice! **Our aim is to empower women with disabilities to be leaders.**

More info at: http://www.wdv.org.au

#### **Important Details:**

#### **How often do we meet?**

#### Every 4 weeks

#### **When do we meet?**

#### Last Friday of the month

#### **What time?**

#### 12:00pm — 2:00pm

#### **Is there a cost involved?**

#### To be part of the group is FREE

#### **Where do we meet?**

#### Kardinia Park

#### Matchworks

#### **Who can join?**

#### If you are a local and identify as a woman with a disability

#### **Need more information?**

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