



This information is written in an 'easy to read' way

The work of *Inclusion Matters* is about children and adults with a disability feeling more included in their community.

A community is the place where you live. It is not just your home. It is outside your home as well. It includes the people who live in your area.

Inclusion Matters believe communities are for everyone and should include everyone.

Inclusion Matters work with people who have a disability, families, organisations, governments and people in the community.

Inclusion Matters believe that people with a disability know what is best for themselves. They should be involved and make decisions about the best ways to improve things.

Our Vision (what we hope it will be like in the future)

Children and adults with a disability have the same rights as everyone else to feel included in their community. They can choose to do things that other people in their community can choose. They are treated fairly and no one will hurt them.



What we do

The consultants at *Inclusion Matters* work together with organisations and governments. *Inclusion Matters* work in many different ways.

Organisational Strengthening

Inclusion Matters can work with organisations so their services are for everyone; including children and adults with a disability.

For example, *Inclusion Matters* could work with an organisation who teaches people about keeping healthy. Together they could make sure staff in the organisation can include people with a disability when they teach about keeping healthy.

Evaluation

Many organisations want to improve things for children and adults who have a disability. *Inclusion Matters* can work with organisations to check whether they are doing this well.

Research

It is good to learn from what has worked well in the past. *Inclusion Matters* can help organisations find out what has worked well in the past to make life better for children and adults who have a disability.

It is good for organisations to know the real situation for children and adults with a disability. It is important that they also know how well their work is going. Then they know whether or not to keep doing the same thing. *Inclusion Matters* can help to measure how well the work is going.

Training

Inclusion Matters can run training for organisations about disability including

- Training for staff about what disability is
- Giving ideas on how to include children and adults with a disability



Who we are



Elena Jenkin

Elena has worked with children and adults who have a disability for 19 years. She has worked in Australia, Samoa and Nepal. Recently, Elena has been working with Save the Children to make sure that their projects are for all children, including children who have a disability. Elena has studied disability and Australian sign language (Auslan). She has a Masters in Community and International Development.



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Natasha is an Occupational Therapist and has a Masters in Child and Youth Studies. She has worked for more than 10 years in disability, rehabilitation and health services. She has worked in Australia, South Asia, Africa and Europe. Recently Natasha has conducted a research looking at violence against children with a disability.



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