



## Linking with everyone

Linkers work with all people and communities, including people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, and Aboriginal communities. Linkers will support you to be part of your local and extended community.

You can contact a Linker whenever you need to, and in a way that suits you.

The role of a Linker is to provide short-term support to achieve a particular outcome.

Linkers can be contacted again in the future if another goal is identified or further support or information is needed.



## Contact your local Linker

**St Vincent de Paul Society NSW**  
t: (02) 8622 0456  
e: [ability.links@vinnies.org.au](mailto:ability.links@vinnies.org.au)  
[www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au)

OR

**Settlement Services International**  
t: (02) 8799 6700  
e: [abilitylinks@ssi.org.au](mailto:abilitylinks@ssi.org.au)  
[www.ssi.org.au](http://www.ssi.org.au)

To communicate in another language, please call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) on 131 450.

If you are deaf, or have a hearing or speech impairment, contact us through the National Relay Service.

Visit [www.relayservice.gov.au](http://www.relayservice.gov.au)

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# ABILITY LINKS

NEW SOUTH WALES

## Linking people to their local communities



## Linkers can assist you to:

Look at ways you  
can participate in  
and be part of your  
community

Develop your  
existing support  
networks and create  
new networks

Build your  
confidence to  
achieve your goals

Set goals  
and plan  
for your future

## What is Ability Links NSW?

Ability Links NSW supports people with disability, their families and carers to live the life they want, as valued members of their community.

It does this through linking people to their community.

Through local Linkers, Ability Links NSW also supports communities to be inclusive.

Ability Links NSW is an initiative of the NSW Government's Department of Family and Community Services, Ageing, Disability and Home Care.

## How does Ability Links NSW work?

Ability Links NSW Coordinators, known as Linkers, work closely with people with disability, their families and carers to support them to fulfil their goals, hopes and dreams.

Whether your goal is to participate in sport, education, volunteering, or other activities, you remain at the centre of decision making about how you want to lead your life.

Linkers have strong local knowledge and work alongside communities, supporting them to be welcoming and inclusive.



## Who can access Ability Links NSW?

Ability Links NSW is for:

- people with disability aged 9 to 64 years
- carers and families of people with disability.

Individual, clubs, groups and businesses can also access Ability Links NSW for information and support on inclusion of people with disability.

There is no formal assessment process or referral that you need to meet in order to access Ability Links NSW.