

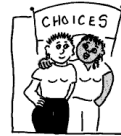


## What we believe and what we will do

### Change



### Choice and Control



### Community



***I can work to create a better life for me***

***and those around me.***

I will work with people and organisations around me so that we:

- do away with a “them and us” attitude, and work together, sharing our skills and our challenges;
- work to create major changes in the way we support each other and meet our needs;
- help one another to have fulfilled lives, making best use of the resources available to us;
- help one another to choose support which can be successful over time, and change as needed;
- develop ways of supporting one another which will not fall apart because they are too expensive, are unfair, or damage our environment.
- be honest and fair in the way we deal with one another;
- recognise that what works for some people doesn’t work for others.

***We can work together to create a major change in the way we support each other and meet our needs.***

***I will have the greatest possible choice and***

***control to direct my own life***

I will work with people and organisations around me so that we:

- have the best opportunities to be independent and have control over the money and resources that are used for support;
- know how to get good information and advice;
- understand our rights and our responsibilities;
- have opportunities to learn and develop;
- explore the options for how to lead full lives;
- exercise choice and have responsibility over how we live our lives;
- ensure that nothing is decided about me without me and understand the effect our decisions have on other people.
- recognise that when we make choices, we share responsibilities for the safety of our selves and other people;
- take risks that are likely to make our lives better.

***We will work together to have lives that we can all aspire to.***

***I have a rightful place in my community***

***and an opportunity to contribute to it.***

I will work with people and organisations around me so that we :

- help one another to understand that communities are what we make together;
- help one another to understand the history, culture, and makeup of our communities;
- help one another to keep relationships with families, friends, neighbours, and work-mates, and to make new relationships;
- help to build communities in which all of us can exercise our responsibilities, and enjoy our rights as citizens;
- help one another to discover what contribution we can each make to our communities.

***We will help to build communities in which we all can exercise our responsibilities and enjoy our rights as citizens.***