

## Fact Sheet

Domestic and Family Violence Innovation Fund – Round One

## Respectful Relationships Peer Educators People with Disability Australia

Estimates suggest over one third of women with disability experience domestic and family violence<sup>1</sup>, and up to 90% of women with a disability have been sexually assaulted.<sup>2</sup>

The Respectful Relationships Peer Educators project is an accessible sex and relationships education package for women and girls with intellectual disability. The package will be co-designed and delivered by People with Disability Australia in partnership with women and girls with disability.

The package will be developed and peer educators trained between July 2017 and April 2018.

The project will equip participants with information and practical strategies to:

- · keep themselves safe from violence, and
- seek support if they are experiencing violence.

Through peer delivery, this training package will ensure that the content is relevant to participants' lives, making them more likely to disclose experiences of violence or negative relationships.

For information regarding the *Respectful Relationships Peer Educators* project, or to express interest in joining a training program, contact People with Disability Australia at <u>meredithl@pwd.org.au</u> or on (02) 9370 3100.

<sup>1.</sup> Stop the Violence Project (STVP), 2014.

<sup>2.</sup> Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC) (2010) Family Violence - A National Legal Response. ALRC Final Report 114