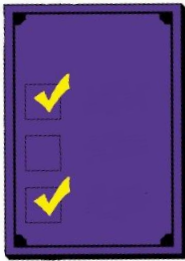




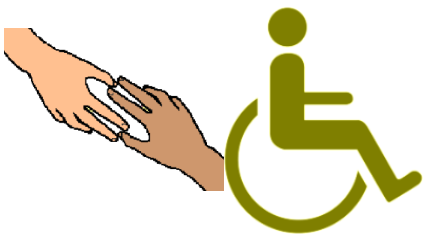
How to get on a Board



Do you have the skills for a Board?



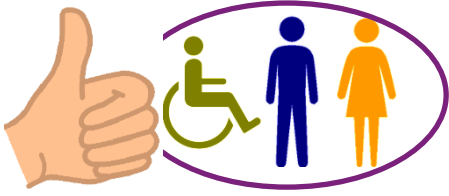
Boards look for people with different skills.



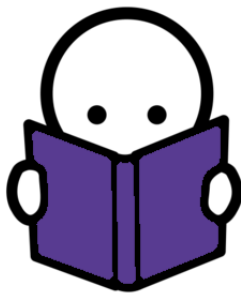
Some things a Board may want.

1. You know a lot about the type of business

Like the organisation helps people with disability find a job. You have a disability. You know lots about trying to find a job when you have a disability.



2. You work well with other people.



3. You get information before meetings.

You can read it. You can think about what it means for the organisation.

Like staff ask to start a new program.

You think the new program is a good idea.

But



There is no building for the new program to meet in.

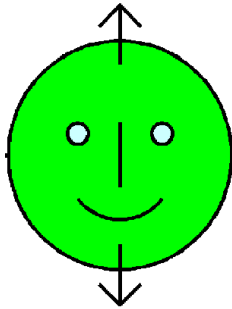
You tell the meeting this.



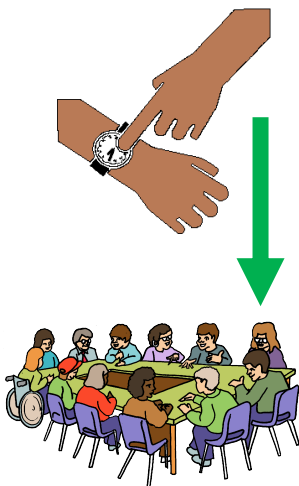
4. You can listen to other people.

You think about what they say

and

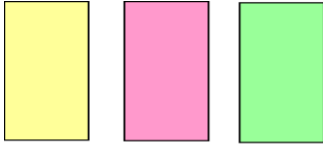


What it means for the organisation.

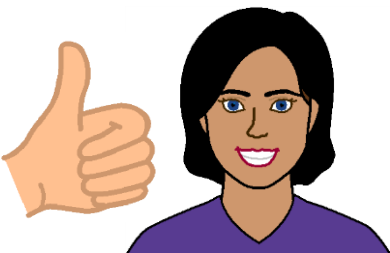


5. Time. You need time to

- go to meetings
- get ready for meetings. You need to read the information before the meeting
- do some things after the meeting.



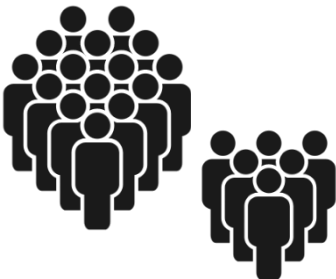
Choose a Board



Think about what you are interested in.

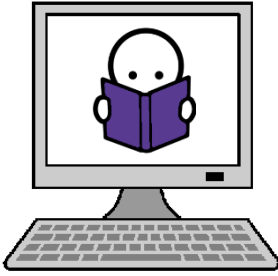
Look at organisations you are interested in. Like

- a sports club
- your child's school
- health service
- disability service.



It may be a

- big organisation
- small organisation.



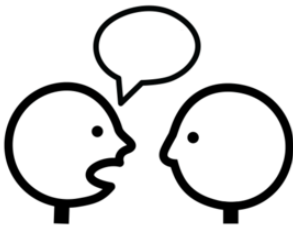
Find out information. You can

- look at their website
- look at who is on the Board now
- read their Annual report.



Find out how the organisation looks after

- their staff
- the people who use their services
- the bosses.



You may be able to talk to some people

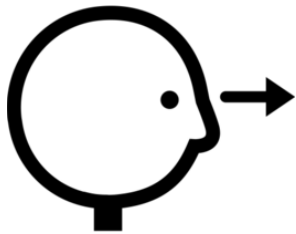
- who work there
- who have used their services.



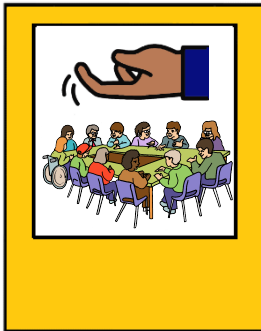
Do the way they treat people sound like how you want to be treated? Are they fair to every one?

Do they respect different people?

This is called their **ethics**.



Look for a spot on a Board



You may see an ad for some one to join a Board.

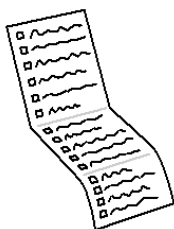
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Talk to people you know who are on Boards now.

They may know where there is a spot on a Board.

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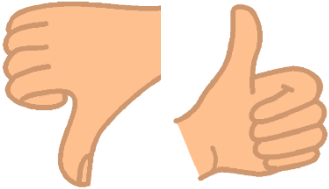


Go on a Board search mailing list.

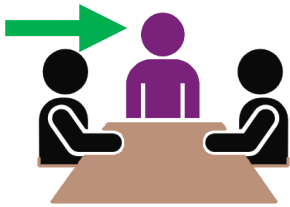
Like the Disability Leadership Institute mailing list.



You heard there is a spot on a Board.



You need to find out if this Board is right for you.



Talk to the Chair of the Board.

You can ask questions. Like

- how does this Board work?
- what are the bosses like?
- what sort of skills do they need from the new person?



More information

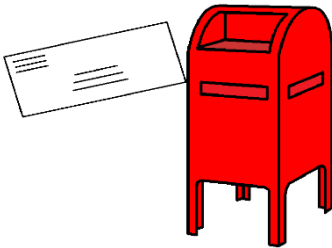


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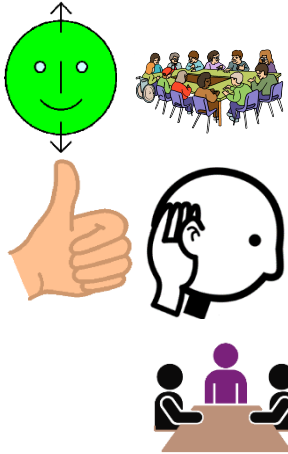
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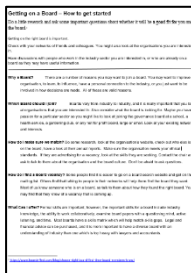


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