

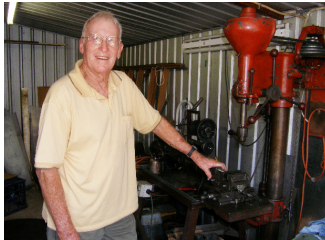
So you're thinking of volunteering?

TADNSW relies upon a large network of skilled volunteers who help make a difference to the lives of people with disabilities and their carers.

TADNSW recognises the unique role that volunteers play within the organisation and we are always keen to expand the network.

There are opportunities for volunteer engagement in all aspects of our organisation, from service provision to leadership. Volunteers may choose to work as clerical and administration volunteers, as technical volunteers who construct equipment or who repair computers; as speakers in the community or even as board members.

However, you may be a little apprehensive about what is involved and if you have the necessary background to fit the requirements. This brochure should answer most of your questions and give you some idea of what is expected of TADNSW volunteers to help you make your decision.



What does TADNSW do?



TADNSW is a unique charity which uses technology and the creativity of technically skilled volunteers to help children and adults with disabilities.

We believe people with disabilities and their carers

should have access to innovative technical solutions to help improve their quality of life.

Since 1975 TADNSW has completed and supplied tens of thousands of projects and refurbished computers.

TADNSW operates in our head office in Sydney and throughout regional NSW with the support of a network of hardworking volunteers.

Custom Designed Aids (CDA)

Most CDA volunteers design, construct and/or modify personalised equipment for people with disabilities.

They undertake this work in their home workshops or at our Sydney workshop, generally on the basis of designs prepared by the staff engineer.

In some circumstances, the volunteer may be asked to visit the home of a client to identify requirements and prepare their own designs.

The majority of volunteers will have a trade, engineering or other relevant background, including formal and informal qualifications.



Computer Support Service (CSS)

TADNSW receives donated computers from various companies, government departments and occasionally individuals. It is the job of the CSS volunteer to restore and prepare these machines for our clients.



Most volunteers in CSS are rostered to attend the Sydney workshop, to service, repair, prepare, allocate, deliver and support refurbished computers and peripherals for people with disabilities.

Volunteers will need an interest in computer hardware and software, but formal qualifications are not required.

Freedom Wheels® Modified Bikes



The FREEDOM WHEELS Modified Bike Service customises standard push bikes to give a new kind of independence to children with disabilities by allowing them to ride a bike for the first time. This program is guaranteed to bring smiles to the faces of our young clients.

FREEDOM WHEELS volunteers may work assembling bikes or fabricating parts in our fully equipped workshop. You only need a few square metres of space to assemble a bike if you prefer to work from home.

If you are handy with a spanner, you can volunteer for FREEDOM WHEELS.

What is required?

Depending on their role, our volunteers work on site, from their home or within the community.

They work on a regular or irregular basis depending on their availability.



TADNSW is looking for volunteers who are committed, competent and capable of completing their tasks within a reasonable time frame.

All volunteers must have appropriate skills, satisfactory references and be prepared to complete a prohibited employment declaration form (because many of our clients are children).

Home workshop facilities, the ability to use our Sydney workshop or access to a community workshop are required if you are interested in constructing equipment for TADNSW.

How does it work?

After the client has been assessed by TADNSW's therapists and engineer, the volunteer is given a project order with the therapist's specifications.

Most projects are allocated to a volunteer who lives nearby the client, in case adjustments are needed.

Projects will often involve coordination with other TADNSW volunteers to complete. Volunteers are also encouraged to attend scheduled group meetings to discuss projects and get advice.



Why volunteer with TADNSW?

TADNSW staff and volunteers take pride and satisfaction in seeing our clients rejoin the workforce, participate in sport and recreation, enrol in education or study programs, or simply live more independent lives.

Many of our volunteers find immense personal satisfaction in using their technical skills to provide direct and tangible help to people with disabilities.

INTERESTING FACT: Each year TAD's volunteers contribute over 35,000 hours to our services, to governance, administration and marketing.

You can now apply online, just go to www.tadnsw.org.au and follow the links.

Where can I find more information?

To request our volunteering information booklet and application form, contact Elva Harris on 02 9912 3400 or 1300 663 243 or via email eharris@tadnsw.org.au

Elva can also put you in touch with a contact in your preferred area of volunteering, so that you can ask questions and explore the options available to you.

Contact us

To find out more about TADNSW's services visit our website www.tadnsw.org.au or contact us on the details below.

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handy?

Do you have
some **spare**
time?

Would you like
to **help** people
with disabilities?

Are you
able to
think outside
the square?

Do you have
your own
workshop?



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