

guiding principles

the fundamentals

The Circle of Support and its members understand:

It is about the person

The person's wants and needs are respected and acknowledged. The person approves and directs everything that is done by the circle.

Person-centred planning

The Circle works within a framework of person-centred approaches, recognising that the individual is the centre of the Circle and all planning involves them.

Choice

The person is provided with opportunities to experience informed choice and an expansive range of experiences and options in all areas of their life.

Self determination

The individual has the ability and motivation to make choices without interference and external influence.

Community connections

The Circle acts as a bridge for creating opportunities for greater involvement in the community.

relationships

Circle members will:

- Establish and maintain a relationship with the person.
- Get to know all about the person, understand their goals and aspirations, and learn about the current supports and people in their life.
- Create new relationships for the person through personal networks and links in the community.
- Conduct themselves with mutual respect and in a spirit of cooperation and collaboration.

the process

Circle members will:

- Listen and advocate.
- Be involved.
- Assist with planning, decision making and developing options and strategies.
- Work together as a team, share information and have open lines of communication.
- Attend meetings on a regular basis and follow up on the tasks allocated to each member.
- Maintain privacy and confidentiality in relation to personal details and information.