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| **What is a Disability Representative/Advocacy Organisation?** |
| **Disability Representative Organisations** are uniquely characterised by being both led and composed of individuals with disability. Distinguished from other disability sector entities, they operate under the ethos of ‘nothing about us without us’. They are often referred to as Disabled People’s Organisations or DPO.  **Disability Advocacy Organisations** are entities that support and champion the rights and interests of people with disability, as well as their families and carers. The leadership composition may or may not include individuals with disability.  **Key roles include:**   * Promoting and safeguarding the human rights and dignity of all individuals with disability. * Representing and advocating for an appreciation of the diverse experiences within the disability community. * Nurturing and facilitating the active engagement of people with disability in decision-making processes and all facets of community life. * Providing counsel to government bodies and other stakeholders on matters affecting people with disability. * Collaborating synergistically with other disability and human rights entities and groups, aligning efforts with shared interests, objectives, and strategic priorities and opportunities. |