

Consumers making a difference to cancer research

Applications are now open for a free course to equip consumers – people affected by cancer - to work directly with cancer researchers to provide the consumer perspective on their work.

Did you know that people affected by cancer ('consumers') can now play an essential part in the research process?

By sharing their experiences and insights directly with researchers, research is conducted in partnership with the people it is intended to benefit.

Cancer Council NSW, in collaboration with Cancer Voices NSW, is offering a free one-day training course on both the 5th and 6th of September 2014 to equip cancer consumers to play this important role.

Cancer Council NSW values the views of community it serves and expects all researchers who apply for funding to have cancer consumers involved in their research. Other major research funders have followed this lead.

Consumer involvement improves research quality, and helps to ensure that real needs are met. After a three-fold increase in

demand from researchers last year, the need for trained consumers willing to work directly with researchers has never been higher.

The free one-day training course in Sydney on both the 5th and 6th of September that will give participants the skills and knowledge needed to work directly with researchers. If you would like to join us then,

Cancer Council NSW provides free transport and accommodation for those coming from out of town, and within NSW.

Cancer Voices would be grateful if you would share this opportunity with your NSW networks. Applications are open now, so please [fill out an application form](#) on CCNSW website or contact Sam Thorp on 9334 1445 or research@nswcc.org.au for details.

For more information about Cancer Voices' **Consumer Involvement in Research Program**, whereby we match trained graduates to the online requests of researchers, see www.cancervoices.org.au.

Cancer Voices NSW provides the independent voice of people affected by cancer in NSW, to improve the cancer experience of the 40,000 people who are diagnosed each year. Established in 2000, we are active in the areas of diagnosis, information, treatment, research, support and care.

To achieve this we work in partnership with decision makers and providers of these services, ensuring the patient perspective is heard from planning to delivery.

