

# Social Trainers Association of Tasmania Inc.

## *Code of Ethics*

In accepting the statement of principles embodying the primary obligations of the Social Trainer, each member of the association undertakes that, to the best of their ability:

1. They will contribute to the formulation and implementation of policies for human welfare, and will not permit their knowledge, skills or experience to be used to further inhumane policies.
2. They will respect clients as individuals and will seek to ensure that their dignity, individuality, rights and responsibilities, shall be safeguarded.
3. They will not act selectively towards clients out of prejudice on the grounds of their origins, status, sex, beliefs or contribution to society.
4. They will help their clients increase their range of choices open to them and their powers to make decisions.
5. They accept that continuing professional education and training are basic to the practice of Social Training, and hold themselves responsible for the standard of service given.
6. They recognise the need to collaborate with others in the interests of their clients.
7. They will make clear in making any public statement or undertaking any public activities, whether they are acting in a personal capacity on behalf of an organisation.
8. They acknowledge a responsibility to help clients to obtain all those services and rights to which they are entitled, both from the agency in which they work and from any other appropriate source.
9. They recognise that any information clearly entrusted for one purpose should not be used for any other purpose without sanction. That they respect the privacy of clients and confidential information about clients gained in the relationship with them or others. They will divulge such information only with the consent of the client (or informant) except where there is clear evidence of serious danger to the client, workers or other person in the community, and in other circumstances, judged exceptional, on the basis of professional consideration and consultation.
10. They will at all times maintain a professional attitude with regard to confidentiality in relation to information pertaining to services delivered.
11. They will work for the creation and maintenance in employing agencies of conditions that enable Social Trainers to accept the obligations of this code.