

The story of a disability advocate called Frank Hall-Bentick

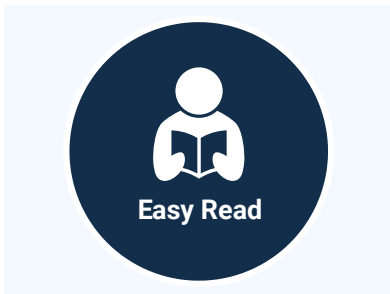
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Introducing Frank



Frank Hall-Bentick was a great person.



Frank lived in Victoria in Australia.



Frank helped make life better for people with disabilities in:

- Australia



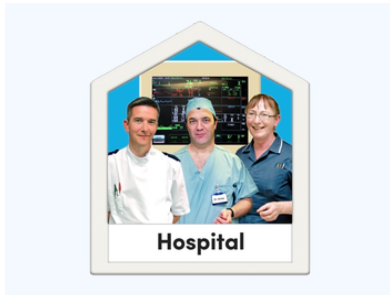
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- around the world.
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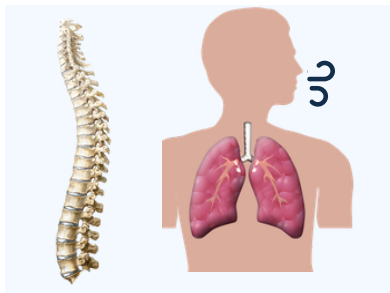


Frank had disabilities himself just like his sisters.

About Frank's disability



They all went through operations when they were young.



Frank and his sisters had a condition that affected their:

- spines
 - tissue and
 - breathing.
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The condition is called Familial Peripheral Neuropathy.



The condition meant that Frank needed to use a wheelchair.

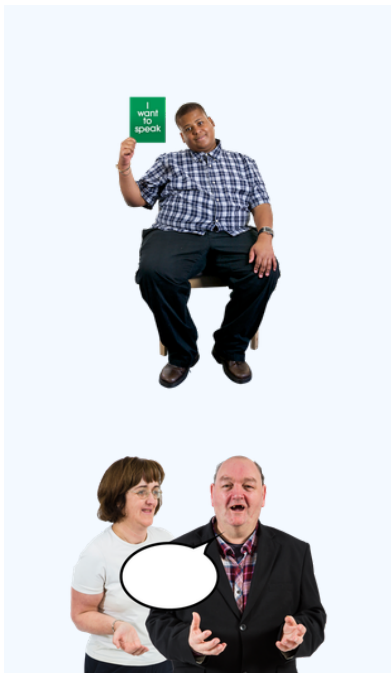


Frank did not want other people to tell him how he should live.

Frank becomes a disability advocate



Frank became a disability advocate.



An advocate is someone who helps you to:

- say what you want to say
 - and make things happen.
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Frank helped people with disability to say what they wanted.



Frank's sister Lesley also did disability advocacy work.

Disability Resources Centre



Frank and Lesley worked together to help lots of people.



Frank and Lesley cared a lot about making sure people with disability were:

- treated fairly



- had a say in the decisions that affected their lives.
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Frank wanted to take action to change this problem.



Frank helped start a group called the Disability Resources Centre (DRC).

Frank receives awards



This group is now called DRC Advocacy.

They help people with disability with things like:

- transport for all
- getting the disability support pension.



Frank also worked with the United Nations to protect the rights of people with disabilities.



Frank was known all over the world for his important work and received awards for it.

Thank you Frank



Frank was a very kind and brave person.



Frank wanted everyone to be treated with respect and fairness.



Frank worked as a disability advocate for nearly 40 years.



You can watch a video of Frank on this [website](#).

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