

# Spinal Cord Injury Research Strategy

## Terms of Reference

### Our Mission

To inspire high quality spinal cord injury research that positively impacts the lives of people with SCI.

### Our Principles

- Work in areas of agreed priority (suggest co-develop criteria reflecting feasibility, preferences of SCI community)
- Build knowledge of existing research to reduce duplication of effort
- Collaborate nationally and internationally wherever possible
- Be inclusive of all traumatic and non-traumatic SCI across all age groups
- Build knowledge of how to design, conduct and translate high quality research
- Minimise research burden on people with SCI
- Ensure representation in the research strategy group and any sub-committees of people with SCI.

### Our Strategy

#### **GAIN A SHARED UNDERSTANDING OF CURRENT AND EMERGING SCI RESEARCH**

- Harness our knowledge and networks to draw from and contribute to existing databases cataloguing planned and ongoing SCI research.

#### **BUILD A SCI RESEARCH STRATEGY COMMUNITY AND CONNECT THIS TO OTHER RELEVANT COMMUNITIES**

- Profile people in the SCI research strategy committee who have an interest in strategic research planning and share this information with relevant SCI research databases and communities.

#### **NETWORKING**

- Provide a range of networking opportunities to support and promote our mission and principles.

#### **SHARE RESEARCH RESOURCES**

- Share research grants and funding information
- Identify people that could benefit from research support and connect them with suitable opportunities
- Develop and share an online reference library
- Share resources on research methods.

#### **IDENTIFY LOBBYING OPPORTUNITIES**

- Identify research areas that lack support and awareness
- Advance lobbying efforts in these areas through the CEO of the Spinal Cord Injury Network.