

Giancarlo de Vera

CEO, Being Mental Health Consumers, Ambassador, IDPWD Australian Government and Secretary, Disabled Australian Lawyers Association (DALA)

Giancarlo (they/them) is a respected queer, non-binary leader of colour, recognised for their intersectional advocacy across disability, racial justice, and LGBTIQA+ human rights. They have been named on Pro Bono Australia's #Impact25 list and as one of the 40 Under 40- Most Influential Asian-Australians.

Giancarlo is the CEO of BEING – the NSW peak body for mental health consumers and holds numerous board positions across government and the social service sector. As an emerging legal expert on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, they have represented Australia at the United Nations and now serve as the Senior Co-Chair of the Disability Rights Committee at Australian Lawyers for Human Rights.

Their additional roles include being an Equality at Work Ambassador for the Australian Human Rights Commission and an Ambassador for Rainbow Giving Australia. Previously, they previously served as an Australian Government Ambassador for International Day of People with Disability, and as President of the Australian GLBTIQA+ Multicultural Council.