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## **Australian Electoral Commission Easy English Guides**

### **Federal Election Saturday 2 July**

***Some resources to help people with disability to exercise their democratic right to vote.***

This information in these guides is written in an easy to read way.

[http://www.aec.gov.au/About\\_AEC/Publications/easy-english/index.htm](http://www.aec.gov.au/About_AEC/Publications/easy-english/index.htm)

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

They will explain how to enrol to vote and how to vote during a federal election.

- [How to Enrol to Vote](#)
- [How to Vote at a Polling Place](#)
- [How to Vote by Mail](#)

## **How To Vote**

All Australian citizens over the age of 18 who are enrolled to vote, elect people to represent them in the two houses of the Commonwealth Parliament – the Senate and the House of Representatives.

- [How to make your vote count \(fact sheet\)](#)

## ***The House of Representatives***

Australia is divided into areas called electoral divisions. Voters in each electoral division cast a vote to elect one person (a Member of Parliament) to represent them in the House of Representatives.

- [How to vote for a Member of the House of Representatives](#)
- [Practise voting for the House of Representatives](#)

## ***The Senate***

Voters in each state and territory elect Senators to represent them in the Senate. States have 12 Senators and the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory each have 2 Senators.

- [How to vote for the Senate](#)
- [Practise voting for the Senate](#)

## **Practice Voting - for training on how to vote**

These practise voting tools have been developed to explain the easiest way to make sure your vote will count in federal election events. It is a great education / training tool to teach people with intellectual disability how to vote.

They are interactive with easy to follow instructions on how to complete your ballot papers correctly.

- [Practise voting – House of Representatives](#)
- [Practise voting – Senate](#)

## **Disability News**

### **NDIS & Specialist Disability Accommodation**

The NDIA has published the Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) Decision Paper on Pricing and Payments which sets out the benchmark pricing and payments approach for funding of the land and built elements of SDA under the NDIS.

SDA refers to specialist housing solutions for participants that assists with the delivery of supports which cater for their significant functional impairment and/or very high support needs.

SDA is not intended for all people with a disability. The Agency will work closely with states and territories, housing authorities, and communities to identify opportunities to address the broader accessible and affordable housing challenges for people with disability.

Participants that require access to SDA will have funding included in their plan to cover the capital cost of providing this accommodation. Participants will also make a reasonable rental contribution towards their accommodation.

The release of the Decision Paper is an important step in the development of a market that meets the SDA needs of NDIS participants. The Paper follows the Agency's publication of draft pricing in its SDA Position Paper on April 1, 2016. The approach incorporates comments and feedback from extensive consultations around Australia with participants, families, housing providers, financiers and other stakeholders.

The pricing approach includes an SDA innovation category which will be funded through SDA as the NDIS builds an evidence base of what constitutes innovation in SDA design and how this affects overall support combinations and outcomes.

The NDIS approach to SDA will ensure continuity of support and accommodation arrangements for participants who are currently living in SDA.

SDA funding is not to cover support costs, which are assessed and funded separately by the NDIS.

The decision paper is available for download below:

- [Specialist Disability Accommodation Decision Paper on Pricing and Payments \(PDF 990KB\)](#)
- [Specialist Disability Accommodation Decision Paper on Pricing and Payments \(DOCX 310KB\)](#)

Source: NDIS Web site <http://www.ndis.gov.au/news/sda-decision-paper-0>

**7 - 18 September 2016**  
**2016 Paralympic Summer Games.**  
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. <http://www.paralympic.org/rio-2016>

Ticket Information <https://www.paralympic.org/rio-2016-tickets>

## Disability News

### Three new Australian Human Rights Commissioners

The Attorney-General, Senator the Hon George Brands QC has appointed three new commissioners as follows:-

- Mr Alistair McEwin as Disability Discrimination Commissioner
- The Hon Dr Kay Patterson as Age Discrimination Commissioner
- Mr Edward Santow as Human Rights Commissioner

Mr Alister McEwin, the new Disability Discrimination Commissioner was a former CEO of People With Disability Australia (PWPA) and has a background as an advocate for the rights of people with disability.

## Featured Conference

### Registrations **Now OPEN**

**15 – 19 August 2016**  
**IASSIDD World Congress.**

#### **Melbourne, Australia.**

International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

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**Discounted Early bird rates will be available until May 31, 2016.**

Web site <https://iassid.org/conference/index.php/HPC/IWC/index>

#### **Registrations now open**

<https://www.iassidd.org/conference/index.php/HPC/index/pages/view/2016Rates>

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#### **14 August 2016**

### **Disability Support Workers Conference.**

#### **Melbourne, Australia.**

International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

Hear some of the international speakers visiting for the World Congress.

<https://www.iassidd.org/uploads/article/general/generalgeneral/doc/DSW%20poster%20KN%2010122015%20amended.pdf>

### To get young people out of nursing homes, we need to back up the NDIS with housing – here's how

by Di Winkler & Luke Bo'sher in The Conversation

Young people with disability living in nursing homes are one of the most marginalised and isolated groups of people in our society. More than half of them, 53%, receive a visit from a friend less than once a year. They generally lead impoverished lives, characterised by loneliness and boredom.

These problems affect more than [6,200](#) people under the age of 65 who are stuck in nursing homes. Another 200 people under 50 are admitted to nursing homes each year. This is a serious social issue that can and must be fixed.

People under 65 living in nursing homes are eligible for funding through the [National Disability Insurance Scheme](#) (NDIS). The NDIS will provide crucial funding for the support that these people need to live in the community.

However, the NDIS cannot on its own stop the inappropriate placement of young people in nursing homes. More accessible and affordable housing needs to be built.

#### ***Increasing the scale and range of housing***

Significant increases in the scale and range of housing for people with disability are urgently needed. This article reveals some options.

Read the full article here <https://theconversation.com/to-get-young-people-out-of-nursing-homes-we-need-to-back-up-the-ndis-with-housing-heres-how-57124>

### The NSW NDIS and Mental Health Analysis Partnership Project

Insights from the first two years of the NDIS rollout in the Hunter region.

The NSW Mental Health Commission has partnered with the Mental Health Coordinating Council (MHCC) - the NSW peak group for community-managed organisations providing mental health support - to place a project officer to work at the Hunter NDIS site since July 2013.

The NSW NDIS and Mental Health Analysis Partnership Project was intended to provide early insights into operational aspects of the NDIS in relation to people with psychosocial disability, which is a frequent consequence of severe and persistent mental illness.

- [Summary issues paper - NSW NDIS and Mental Health Analysis Partnerships Project - 18 Oct 2015.docx](#)

### Not-for-Profit Finance & Governance Insights

This report offers insight into Australia's \$107 billion not-for-profit sector. It has revealed a massive undercurrent of pressures driving a fundamental shift in the sector that powers Australia's communities. This report, which received 845 submissions from senior representatives of Australian not-for-profit groups, was released in December 2015. Our Community's Institute of Community Directors Australia.

[Not-for-Profit Finance & Governance Insights: Full report](#) (PDF 12.6mb)

[Not-for-Profit Finance & Governance Insights: 10 Key Findings](#) (PDF 631kb)

- **56% of respondents agreed that most board members had a good understanding of their organisation's finances.** Only 16% believe all members of the board have a good understanding of the finances of the organisation they are governing.
- **53% of community groups have difficulty recruiting treasurers to oversee their finances,** with 5% of not-for-profits paying their treasurer (traditionally an honorary position), rising to 11% for larger not-for-profits.
- **31% of organisations believe they don't need any formal risk management processes** because they trust their staff. Nonetheless, 79% of frauds reported through the survey were perpetrated by trusted insiders.
- **63% of large not-for-profits rely primarily on government contracts and grants for funding,** while almost one in five now source the largest part of their income from trading activities or service provision.
- **29% of respondents say their organisation isn't doing enough to protect against cyber-crime,** while a further 39% aren't sure if their organisation is doing enough.
- **85% say it's becoming harder to find consistent and regular funding.** But despite the challenges, not-for-profits continue to expand their operations.
- **20% of organisations say the past year has been the most challenging year for raising revenue in their history.**
- **15% of respondents said they expected to take part in a merger in the next 12 months.**
- **56% of organisations are feeling the pressure to reduce their overheads.** Half of those say the most pressure is coming from their own board.

## Disability Issues In The Media

### [Prices and places deregulated under sector committee's shake-up](#)

The creation of a "single aged care system" would see the distinction between home care and residential care removed, with consumers free to move between the two, under new changes that could begin in as soon as five years. Read the full Australian Ageing Agenda article at <http://australianageingagenda.cmail20.com/t/j-l-krujilk-pdrkhvdi-i/>

### [Breakthrough Parkinson's disease blood test](#)

Australian researchers have developed a blood test for Parkinson's disease, which will allow for earlier intervention and treatment of the debilitating condition.

### [A balancing act: dignity of risk vs. duty of care](#)

Supporting the consumer's right to make decisions and take risks while balancing duty of care has been an ongoing issue for providers. Managing both effectively requires honest and open communication, policy processes and thorough documentation, a recent conference has heard.

### [Resident lifestyle: the 'next battlefield' in aged care](#)

Resident lifestyle will be the single biggest determinate of the viability and success of residential aged care operators of the future, writes Ross McDonald. Read the full Australian Ageing Agenda article at <http://australianageingagenda.cmail20.com/t/j-l-krdyuky-pdrkhvdi-i/>

### [Budget: Windfall for remote providers](#)

The aged care viability supplement's remoteness classification will be updated and brought into line with other health programs in a bid to target areas of greatest need more effectively, the Federal Government announced in last night's budget.

## **Budget: \$1.2 billion cut from ACFI**

Peak bodies have hit back at “concerning” cuts to the Aged Care Funding Instrument announced in last night’s Federal Budget, which will see government save \$1.2 billion over four years.

For your own Free subscription to Australian Ageing Agenda and Community Care Review at <http://www.australianageingagenda.com.au/subscribe/>

## **Featured Organisation**

### **NSW Council for Intellectual Disability**

<http://www.nswcid.org.au/>

The NSW Council for Intellectual Disability (NSW CID) works with and for people with intellectual disability to speak up about the big issues and to change things for the better!

Our work is driven by people with intellectual disability.  
Most of our Board Members have an intellectual disability.

NSW CID works in 3 main ways:

- Systemic Advocacy
- An Information Service
- Projects

NSW CID also offers some services for a fee - like making Easy Read information.

**14 – 15 September 2016**

### **NSW Council for Intellectual Disability Annual Conference.**

Doltone House, Pymont Sydney. <http://www.nswcid.org.au/blog/save-the-date-cid-conference-2016.html>

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## **Disability News**

### **Home modifications reduce reliance on care: study**

Australian-first research has shown that modifying the home of a community care client can reduce the need for care by an average of 42 per cent and lead to a 40 per cent improvement in a person’s quality of life.

Some 157 older people and people with a disability were studied as part of the research, which has demonstrated the significant role home modifications can play in not only supporting but substituting for care, and in a restorative approach.

The findings showed that at a policy level housing, health and care policy needed to be considered together and were interdependent, as changes to people’s housing have a significant impact on people’s health and care needs, she said.

Read the full article by [Linda Belardi](#) in [Community Care Review](#) at <http://www.australianageingagenda.com.au/2016/04/07/home-modifications-reduce-reliance-care-study/>

### Social media for people with a disability

In late 2011, Media Access Australia undertook research to determine how accessibility issues found in each of the most popular social media tools could be overcome. Funded by the Australian Communications Consumer Action Network (ACCAN), the ***Sociability: social media for people with a disability*** review was published in 2012, enabling all users to have equal access to the inclusion which social media allows.

Yet the social media landscape changes rapidly and some tools decline or disappear, others add useful new features, and some new tools surge ahead in popularity out of nowhere. So Media Access Australia updated all of our information on social media in 2016.

<http://www.mediaaccess.org.au/web/social-media-for-people-with-a-disability>

**Download the original 2012 report:**

- [Sociability: social media for people with a disability \[PDF 1.1 MB\]](#)
- [Sociability: social media for people with a disability \[Word 395 KB\]](#)

## Grant News

### Bennelong Foundation

Bennelong Foundation aims to enhance community wellbeing and provide opportunities for positive and lasting change in our community. The Bennelong Foundation's second granting round for the year is now open! Applications will now be accepted online.

Please note the **closing date** for submissions has changed to the **1st of August**.

More information at <http://www.bennelongfoundation.com/>

## Scholarships & Fellowships News

### Fulbright Scholarships

<http://fulbright.com.au/index.php/scholarships/for-australians>

Applications for Fulbright Australian Scholarships are **open in May** and will **close 12 August each year for the following year**.

**Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarships** - For promising postgraduate students to complete their Australian PhD; to undertake study in any field; or to support enrolment in a U.S. postgraduate program. This scholarship supports an 8-10 month program.

**Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholarships** - For successful researchers who have completed their PhD in the past five years to undertake postdoctoral research in the U.S. This scholarship supports a 3-12 month program.

**Fulbright Senior Scholarships** - For academics (generally at Associate Professor or Professor level) to undertake research or teaching at a U.S. institution. This scholarship supports a 3-6 month program.

**Fulbright Professional Scholarships** - For aspiring mid-career professionals in the private, public and not-for-profit sectors to undertake training or research programs in the U.S. The scholarship is also open to people based in academic institutions whose primary research focus is professional or industry based, i.e. CRC or research institutes. This scholarship supports a 3-4 month program.

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## Disability News

### Health status and risk factors of Australians with disability 2007-08 and 2011-12

This report examines how health-related factors affect the health status of Australians with disability at the national population level.

- In 2011-12, half (51%) of people aged 15-64 with severe or profound disability reported poor or fair health, compared with 6% for those without disability.
- Half (50%) of people aged under 65 with severe or profound disability had mental health conditions, compared with 8% for those without disability.
- Higher proportions of people aged 15-64 with severe or profound disability compared with those without disability were obese (43% versus 25%), doing no physical exercise (46% versus 31%), daily smokers (31% versus 15%) and having a very high level of psychological distress (22% versus 1%).

AIHW catalogue number DIS 65 **Media release:** [Significant health gap remains between Australians with disability and those without disability](#) **Download report:** [Health status and risk factors of Australians with disability 2007-08 and 2011-12](#)

## Books & Publications

### NDIS Economic Benefits - NSW

National Disability Services and Every Australian Counts have released a paper showing the potential scale of the economic benefits the NDIS will bring to NSW. [\[PDF 5.44MB, DOC 80KB\]](#)

### Report on Government Services 2016 Volume F Community services

The Community services volume F includes performance reporting for Aged care services, Services for people with disability, Child protection services and Youth justice services. It also includes a sector overview for Community services. This volume was released on 27 January 2016.

- [Volume F: Community services \(PDF - 19 384 Kb\)](#)
- [Volume F: Community services \(Word/ZIP - 3075 Kb\)](#)

The sector overview provides an introduction to the Aged care services (chapter 13), Services for people with disability (chapter 14), Child protection services (chapter 15) and Youth justice services (chapter 16) chapters of this Report. It provides an overview of the community services sector, presenting both contextual information and high level performance information.

- [Overview F Community services, and attachment tables \(PDF - 1567 Kb\)](#)
- [Overview F Attachment tables \(XLSX - 433 Kb\)](#)

### Services for people with disability

The Services for people with disability chapter (chapter 14) reports on the assistance funded by governments to people with disability and their carers, focusing on specialist disability services.

The National Disability Agreement (NDA), effective from 1 January 2009, provides the national framework and key areas of reform for the provision of government support and services for people with disability and their carers. The focus of this chapter is on the services and supports provided under this agreement.



## Download the chapter

- [Chapter 14 Services for people with disability, attachment tables, and data quality information \(PDF - 6644 Kb\)](#)
- [Chapter 14 Attachment tables \(XLSX - 2674 Kb\)](#)

## Aged care services

The Aged care services chapter (chapter 13) reports on the performance of government funded services for older people, including assessment, residential care and community based services.

## Download the chapter

- [Chapter 13 Aged care services, attachment tables, and data quality information \(PDF - 4726 Kb\)](#)
- [Chapter 13 Attachment tables \(XLSX - 1367 Kb\)](#)

## Medication and Mental Illness: Perspectives

The development of *Medication and Mental Illness: Perspectives* was undertaken to explore the challenges and opportunities presented by medication as a treatment for mental illness. Specifically, the Mental Health Commission of NSW sought to elevate the voice of the consumers and carers and enable them to advocate for change. The Commission published an [issues paper](#) on medication and mental illness in November 2014 and invited submissions on the topic. It also conducted focused consultations with special interest groups in February – March 2015. Over 200 submissions were received and the resulting analysis uncovered six key themes, around which the paper is structured:

1. Medication is one treatment option: people want medication to be prescribed in conjunction with non-pharmacological therapies.
2. Health systems, practices and recovery: prescribing takes place within a system that currently experiences challenges
3. Taking medication: consumers and carers said that their concerns about medications were either ignored or dismissed.
4. Medication costs: the high cost of medication can be a barrier to access
5. Medication side effects: the unwanted effects of medication can range from mild and bearable to permanent and sometimes life threatening.
6. Medication supported my recovery: medication can assist a return to regular routine.

The Commission's [Pharmacotherapy in Mental Health Advisory Group \(PAG\)](#) was instrumental in shaping this project's focus and methodology.

- [Medication and Mental Illness: Perspectives](#)

## Policies & Guidelines

### Clinical Practice Guidelines and Principles of Care for People with Dementia.

Dementia is a clinical syndrome which can be caused by a number of underlying diseases (including Alzheimer's disease). Dementia can affect memory, thinking, behaviour, communication and ability to perform activities of daily living. People with dementia describe the condition as disabling, challenging, life changing and stressful. The impact of dementia on carers is significant and caring for a person with dementia may lead to poor health, depression and social isolation. Approximately nine per cent of Australians aged 65 and over have a diagnosis of dementia; in people aged 85 years and older this figure rises to 30 per cent. As Australia's population ages, the number of people with dementia is expected to increase.

The guidelines (recommendations) on pages 7-20 were approved by the Chief Executive Officer of the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) on 1 February 2016 under section 14A of the National Health and Medical Research Council Act 1992. In approving the guidelines (recommendations), NHMRC considers that they meet the NHMRC standard for clinical practice guidelines. This approval is valid for a period of five years. NHMRC is satisfied that the guidelines (recommendations) are systematically derived, based on the identification and synthesis of the best available scientific evidence, and developed for health professionals practising in an Australian health care setting. Download a copy of the Guidelines at [http://sydney.edu.au/medicine/cdpc/documents/resources/LAVER\\_Dementia\\_Guidelines\\_recommendations\\_PR\\_VW5.pdf](http://sydney.edu.au/medicine/cdpc/documents/resources/LAVER_Dementia_Guidelines_recommendations_PR_VW5.pdf)

## Physical health and mental well-being of people with mental illness: An Evidence Guide

This evidence guide pulls together what we can most confidently say about the links between physical health and mental illness and its treatments, and about what we could do better. It draws on the most robust research and includes examples of successful approaches from NSW, Australia and overseas.

Despite ongoing attempts to address the poor physical health of mental health consumers, much remains to be achieved. This document aims to provide a summary of the evidence regarding what measures need to be taken to improve the physical health of people living with severe mental illness.

The guide discusses the evidence for comprehensive lifestyle interventions to help improve the physical health of consumers living with severe mental illness. It provides evidence from proven strategies to improve access to physical health services, as well as health promotion, prevention and early intervention for people with coexisting mental and physical health issues. Although there are significant physical health issues in people with mental health issues, (e.g. anxiety, depression, eating disorders and traumatic stress disorders) this guide focuses only on the physical health of those with severe mental illness, specifically bipolar affective disorder, schizophrenia and other psychotic illnesses.

Australian and international literature, including clinical trials, systematic reviews and position statements, in addition to grey literature (unpublished academic literature) was reviewed to gather evidence and identify best practice initiatives, frameworks, policies and models. Evidence was collated and assessed to identify not only the currency of evidence but also its applicability, feasibility and potential for practical implementation in NSW.

- [Physical health and wellbeing - final 8 Apr 2016 WEB.pdf](#)

### Directories Online

#### Find a Physio Online Directory

##### Australian Physiotherapy Association

<https://www.physiotherapy.asn.au/APAWCM/Controls/FindAPhysio.aspx>

Find a physiotherapist in your local area in Australia by using the search functions below.

Physiotherapy can help you to recover from injury, reduce pain and stiffness, and increase mobility. A physiotherapist can also help you prevent further injury by listening to your needs and working with you to plan the most appropriate treatment for your condition, including setting goals and treatment outcomes.

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Over 350 Australian artistes have been featured studio guests on the Alive 90.5 fm Australian Spectrum Show.

**The studio guests coming up include:** = Mike McClellan, Kevin Johnson, Simon Kenny Lewis, Hollerin' Sluggers, Toongabbie Music Club, Ingrid Mae, Ivor SK, Keith Hall Band, Ian Burns, Abbey Garner, Dennis Aubrey, Isaiah B Brunt, Lazy Eye, Sydney Blues & Roots Festival, Dan Granero and many more in 2016. **Join our 6,000+ Facebook Likes** and follow our studio guest announcements at

<https://www.facebook.com/Australian.Spectrum.Show.Alive90.5fm>

### Closure of Marsden Centre

The last residents of Marsden Centre moved into their new community homes on 1 April 2016.

Marsden Hospital was officially opened in 1969. with accommodation for 300 children with intellectual disability, a dedicated school, a sheltered workshop, nurses accommodation and an administration building, all on farmland at Westmead owned by the Parramatta Psychiatric Centre.

The unsuitability of large residential centres (LRCs) as housing for people with disability was recognised soon after, and by the 1990s, politicians were vowing to close them, although little happened at the time.

Disability Services Minister John Ajaka has stated many times his intention to close all of the LRCs, and the closure of Marsden gives credence to his words. He has faced down pockets of strident opposition from groups with vested interests in the continuance of these institutions that have been shown to be detrimental to the welfare of people with disability.

Plans are well under way to complete this work before the full roll out of the NDIS in 2018.

See the April NSW Disability Council Bulletin [here](#)

## Grant News

### The Funding Centre (Our Community Inc.)

<http://www.fundingcentre.com.au/income/home>

The Funding Centre is Australia's best grants & fundraising hub. A Funding Centre membership provides everything you need to become a champion fundraiser. They have a regular Grants Newsletter, seminars, guides and books to help with submission writing, grant applications and fund raising campaigns.

## Research & Demographic Reports

### Centre for Applied Disability Research is making it easier to put evidence into practice

The NDS Centre for Applied Disability Research (CADR) has been funded to pull together a comprehensive online collection of disability research and resources. The CADR 'Clearing House' will also include a range of resources for end users of research; information products called 'Research to Action Guides' that summarise what we know about effective practice and services and translate it into hands-on resources and learning materials.

CADR needs your input on which topics will be of most value for Research to Action Guides.

If you are interested in further research happening in the sector, be sure to keep up to date with CADR's **free** newsletter, Lines of Inquiry. Lines of Inquiry is full of news, interesting publications and sector opportunities. Subscribe [here](#).

If you are a researcher in the sector you could benefit from Research Affiliate membership through discounted access to online journals, conferences and free NDS news and publications. See more [here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Jacquelyn Johnson, Senior Project Officer, at (02) 8229 9705 or email [jacquelyn.johnson@nds.org.au](mailto:jacquelyn.johnson@nds.org.au)

### Mental health services—in brief 2015

Mental health services—in brief 2015 provides an overview of data about the national response of the health and welfare system to the mental health care needs of Australians. It is designed to accompany the more comprehensive data on Australia's mental health services available online at <<http://mhsa.aihw.gov.au>>. AIHW 16 Dec 2015, ISBN 978-1-74249-859-1; Cat. no. HSE 169; 44pp.

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=60129554173>

## Featured Course

### Intellectual Disability Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC)

The University of NSW MOOCs build knowledge around past and present approaches to disability to develop an understanding of disability as a social concept and how this conceptualisation can enable a good life.

**MOOC 1** Thinking through Disability: Towards a good life

**MOOC 2** Disability and a Good Life: Working with Disability (**commences 1st August**)

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/working-with-disability>

More information at <https://www.arts.unsw.edu.au/research/intellectual-disability-behaviour-support-program/education-and-training/>

### ONLINE EDUCATION DIRECTORY

*Online professional development is an easy way to access further education – especially valuable for shift workers – so we have researched some options and put them on our web site at*

[http://www.globalcarestaff.com/page/online\\_education.html](http://www.globalcarestaff.com/page/online_education.html)

## Education Resources

### Oral Care for People with Disability - Resource for Disability Support Workers

Did you know **poor oral hygiene** impacts on the health and wellbeing of us all in unexpected ways such as creating heart disease? Studies show that **people with disability** experience a higher level of oral health problems sometimes creating behaviours of concern. To help, Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC) and our partners have developed “**Oral Care for people with disability- a resource for disability support workers**”. This short presentation for support staff on the importance of oral care and ways of implementing oral health plans can be found in the right hand column “Resources and Templates” at this [link](#).

Oral Care Resource Book [http://www.adhc.nsw.gov.au/\\_data/assets/file/0020/371360/TAB-A-Oral-Care-for-people-with-disability-resource-for-disability-support-workers.pptx](http://www.adhc.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/file/0020/371360/TAB-A-Oral-Care-for-people-with-disability-resource-for-disability-support-workers.pptx)

[Why all the fuss about Oral Care Plans?](#)

[Template “My oral health plan”](#)

### Demystifying dementia (Free training kit)

This flexible learning package is designed to be delivered by a facilitator in-house. The aim of the course is to equip staff working in aged care homes and community services with the skills and knowledge needed to provide support for people with dementia in a range of service settings.

There are six modules that make up the package in addition to the introduction and overview. Each of the modules includes corresponding presentations.

We encourage you to use the package to meet your staff learning and development needs. You may choose to deliver the entire course, a selection of modules or choose certain learning or workplace learning activities to reinforce learning or workplace practice. You will find more information about how you can use the package in the overview and introduction Facilitator guide. We recommend that you read the introduction and overview first even if you are only planning to deliver a single module from the course.

The Facilitator guides contain instructions for delivering the package, and the Participant guides contain information, activities and case studies for discussion.

**Contents:** (includes Facilitator Guide, Participants Guide, Presentation Powerpoint)

- **Introduction and overview**
- **Module 1: Providing person-centred care**
- **Module 2: Understanding dementia**
- **Module 3: Communicating effectively**
- **Module 4: Engaging in everyday activities in a meaningful way**
- **Module 5: Providing behavioural support to maintain well being**
- **Module 6: Looking after yourself**

Full details and downloadable resources available at <http://www.aacqa.gov.au/for-providers/education/free-education/demystifying-dementia>

## Positions Vacant

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**1 – 3 July 2016**

**18<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Infantile Seizure Society.** Chiyodaku, Tokyo, Japan. <http://square.umin.ac.jp/isae2016/>

**7 – 8 July 2016**

**Tools for Supporting Decision Making for Mental Health Workers.** MHCC, Sydney.

<http://www.mhcc.org.au/learning-and-development/professional-development-2-day-workshops/tools-for-supporting-decision-making.aspx>

**8 July 2016**

**Legal and Ethical Aspects of Suicide Risk Assessment for Mental Health Professionals.** Melbourne.

<http://www.suicideriskassessment.com.au/hidden-registration-page-legal-and-ethical-aspects-of-suicide-assessment.html>

**14 – 15 July 2016**

**2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Emergency Mental health & Human Resilience.** Cologne, Germany.  
<http://mentalhealth.conferenceseries.com/>

**18 July 2016**

**Safe Home Visitng.** Sydney, ACWA. [http://www.acwa.asn.au/Course\\_Details11.php?recid=8661](http://www.acwa.asn.au/Course_Details11.php?recid=8661)

**19 July 2016**

**Assessing Children: Autism, ADHD or Trauma?.** Sydney, ACWA.  
[http://www.acwa.asn.au/Course\\_Details11.php?recid=8543](http://www.acwa.asn.au/Course_Details11.php?recid=8543)

**19 July 2016**

**Managing Challenging Behaviours.** Sydney, ACWA.  
[http://www.acwa.asn.au/Course\\_Details11.php?recid=8662](http://www.acwa.asn.au/Course_Details11.php?recid=8662)

**20 July 2016**

**Physical Health and Mental Illness Workshop.** Gladesville, NSW. <http://www.remind.org.au/all-training/tackling-tobacco-together/20-july-2016>

**27 – 28 July 2016**

**Regional Support Worker Conference “At the NDIS Frontline”.** Southern, NSW.  
<http://www.nds.org.au/events/1450658867>

**28 – 29 July 2016**

**Mental Health First Aid.** Parramatta, NSW. <http://uie.edu.au/courses/professional-development/people-power/mental-health-first-aid>

**29 July 2016**

**Working with Parents with an Intellectual or Learning Disability.** Sydney, ACWA.  
[http://www.acwa.asn.au/Course\\_Details11.php?recid=8472](http://www.acwa.asn.au/Course_Details11.php?recid=8472)

**29 July 2016**

**Preparing for the NDIS: Supporting Your Clients Using Life Coaching Techniques.** Canberra, ACWA.  
[http://www.acwa.asn.au/Course\\_Details11.php?recid=8456](http://www.acwa.asn.au/Course_Details11.php?recid=8456)

**29 – 31 July 2016**

**Australasian Better Boards Conference.** Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.  
<http://conference.betterboards.net/>

**4 August 2016**

**Supporting Self-Management in Clients.** Sydney, ACWA.  
[http://www.acwa.asn.au/Course\\_Details11.php?recid=8631](http://www.acwa.asn.au/Course_Details11.php?recid=8631)

**6 – 13 August 2016**

**17th International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication Conference.** Totonto, Canada. <https://www.isaac-online.org/english/conference-2016/>

**8 August 2016**

**Get On Board: Essentials for Management Committees and Boards.** Sydney, ACWA.  
[http://www.acwa.asn.au/Course\\_Details11.php?recid=8372](http://www.acwa.asn.au/Course_Details11.php?recid=8372)

**9 – 10 August 2016**

**Person-Centred Approach in Disability: Mapping The Road.** Sydney, ACWA.  
[http://www.acwa.asn.au/Course\\_Details11.php?recid=8457](http://www.acwa.asn.au/Course_Details11.php?recid=8457)

**10 – 11 August 2016**

**Understanding Quality Review for Home Care.** WA. AACQA. <http://www.aacqa.gov.au/providers/education/courses-and-workshops/understanding-quality-review>

**10 – 12 August 2016**

**17<sup>th</sup> International Mental Health Conference.** Seaworld Resort Convention Centre, Queensland.  
<http://www.anzmf.asn.au/conference/>

**14 August 2016**

**Pre-World Congress Disability Support Workers' Conference**

Melbourne Convention Centre, Australia.

<https://www.iassidd.org/uploads/article/general/generalgeneral/doc/DSW%20poster%20KN%2010122015%20amended.pdf>

**15 – 19 August 2016**

**IASSIDD World Congress.** Melbourne, Australia. International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. <https://iassidd.org/conference/index.php/HPC/IWC/index>

**16 – 17 August 2016**

**World Congress on Special Needs Education.** Philadelphia, USA. <http://www.wcsne.org/>

**18 – 19 August 2016**

**Better Practice in Aged Care Conference for Providers.** Sydney. Aged Care Quality Agency.

<http://www.aacqa.gov.au/for-providers/education/better-practice-conferences/better-practice-2016>

**21 – 23 August 2016**

**Multi-faith Conference: Exclusion and Embrace: Disability, Justice and Spirituality.** Jasper Hotel, Melbourne. <http://exclusionandembrace.melbourne/>

**22 August 2016**

**Disability and Communications: Connecting and Respecting.** Sydney, ACWA.

[http://www.acwa.asn.au/Course\\_Details11.php?recid=8594](http://www.acwa.asn.au/Course_Details11.php?recid=8594)

**22 – 23 August 2016**

**Mental Health: A Recovery Approach.** Sydney, ACWA.

[http://www.acwa.asn.au/Course\\_Details11.php?recid=8519](http://www.acwa.asn.au/Course_Details11.php?recid=8519)

**23 – 26 August 2016**

**The MHS Annual Conference: Mental Health Services.** Auckland, New Zealand.

<http://www.themhs.org/pages/themhs-conference-2016.html>

**24 August 2016**

**Assistive Technology for People with a Disability: Introduction.** Allambie, NSW. [Course info](#)

**26 – 28 August 2016**

**Australian Physiotherapy Conference.** Darwin Convention Centre, NT.

<http://www.physiotherapydarwin2016.asn.au/>

**30 – 31 August 2016**

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