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NDIA Headquarters officially opens in Geelong

The Commonwealth Government recently welcomed the opening of the National Disability Insurance Agency headquarters in Geelong.

The Government is fully committed to the successful rollout of the National Disability Insurance Scheme and this launch is a significant milestone in its development.

The refurbished office at Level 1, 43-45 Brougham Street, Geelong will be the national headquarters of the NDIA as it implements the Scheme.

The NDIS is currently operating in four trial sites and has helped more than 2,500 people with disability and their families by funding individualised support plans.

From 1 July this year, thousands more Australians living with disability will be supported when trial sites commence across the ACT, in the Barkly region of the Northern Territory and in the Perth Hills area of WA.

The Agency's move from Canberra to Geelong will provide an important economic boost to the local region and deliver new opportunities for the local workforce.

The new headquarters will employ more than 100 further staff across a diverse range of fields, including allied health, finance, community engagement and administration.

This is in addition to the 120 staff already employed by the Barwon NDIS trial site.

To visit the NDIS website, [click here](#).

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Commission to continue representing people with disability

The Australian Human Rights Commission is pleased that it continues to have the support of the Federal Government. The President of the Australian Human Rights Commission, Professor Gillian Triggs, has however expressed her disappointment that the Commission's budget has been reduced by \$1.65 million over the next four years and the reduction of special-purpose Commissioners from the current seven to six.

Professor Triggs notes that the statutory appointment of the current Disability Discrimination Commissioner, Graeme Innes, ends in July 2014. During his term, Commissioner Innes has made an outstanding contribution to the rights of people with disability and the development of the NDIS. Pending a future appointment to be made by the Attorney-General, Professor Triggs will assume responsibility for continuing to meet the statutory obligations required under the Disability Discrimination Act.

The Commission has also decided to convene a national disability rights forum in early 2015, to bring the sector together to identify the key human rights issues being faced by people with a disability. "It is vital that the human rights of Australians with disability, including older Australians, continue to be heard, especially when they are among the most vulnerable in our community. As President, I will see to it that we ensure people with disabilities have a voice," said Professor Triggs.

Featured Conferences

14 - 15 July 2014

National Disability Services Victorian State Conference. Pullman, Melbourne.

<http://www.nds.org.au/events/1395120951>

7 - 10 August 2014

10th Asian & Oceanian Epilepsy Congress. Singapore. <http://www.epilepsysingapore2014.org/>

14- 15 August 2014

National Disability Services Western Australia State Conference. Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre.

<http://www.nds.org.au/events/1391643149>

16 August 2014

Living A Good Life DVD & Podcast launch. Redfern Town Hall, 73 Pitt St Redfern 2.30pm – 4pm

20- 22 August 2014

Australian Rehabilitation & Assistive Technology Association Conference. National Convention Centre,

Canberra. <http://www.arata.org.au/>

21- 22 August 2014

Disability At Work Conference. Sofitel Sydney. <http://www.nds.org.au/events/1389157034>

22 August 2014

AADDM-QCIDD Conference: Health & Autism across the Life Span. Des O'Callaghan Auditorium, Kelly Building, Mater Hospital, South Brisbane. Australian Association of Developmental Disability Medicine (AADDM) and the Queensland Centre for Developmental Disability (QCIDD). <http://aaddmqiddconference2014.wordpress.com/>

25- 26 August 2014

15th International Mental Health Conference. Surfers Paradise, Queensland. <http://anzmh.asn.au/conference/>

26 - 29 August 2014

The Mental Health Services Annual Conference. Perth, Western Australia. Mental Health Services.

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

15 - 16 October 2014

PANDDA 2014 Conference,

Professional Association of Nurses in Developmental Disability Areas.

Just opened for registrations online.

www.pandda.net

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Improve Training in Direct Client Care

The Community Services & Health Industry Skills Council has been funded by the Department of Social Services to undertake a project to 'Improve Training in Aged Care'. This project focuses on sectors that closely align with Aged Care and fall under the Direct Client Care grouping which includes:

- Aged Care
- Home and Community Care
- Disability
- Alcohol and Other Drugs
- Mental Health
- Leisure and Health
- Health Services Assistance
- Nutrition / Dietetic Assistance

- Allied Health Assistance
- Community Services and Management

These industries and associated qualifications have been identified as requiring significant change and extensive development work. Therefore, CS&HISC will be running a series of **free forums to consult with industry stakeholders** on the changing requirements of workers in Aged Care and other Direct Client Care industries. The information collected will build on existing Training Package review work, inform areas where new components for Training Packages should be developed and assist in the development of Companion Volumes to support updated Training Packages.

CONSULTATION FORUMS NOW OPEN

These forums will be held in capital cities, please [register your interest here](#).

This project is scheduled to be completed by 30 June 2015 however the full review is an ongoing process, please ensure you check these pages regularly for updates. For information on the new timelines, please visit our [training package review page](#).

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Review of Residential Charges in Victoria

The Victorian Public Sector Commission (VPSC) is conducting an independent review of residential charges in group homes operated by both the Department of Human Services and not for profit community sector organisations (CSOs).

The review is conducting meetings across Victoria to hear from residents of group homes, their families and carers, advocates and other organisations and individuals with an interest in the review.

http://www.lisainc.com.au/review_of_residential_charges__april_2014

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Accessible Mental Health Services for People with an Intellectual Disability: A Guide for Providers

Web page for downloadable guide. <http://3dn.unsw.edu.au/the-guide>

The Guide is a national framework of understanding and action for frontline mental health service providers with respect to people with an intellectual disability. It provides an overview of intellectual disability mental health, why accessible services are important, the principles that should guide service delivery, practical strategies for inclusive and accessible services, and the implications for the service system. The Guide was developed in consultation with key national stakeholders, and was funded by the Australian Government Department of Health.

The Guide will assist health services in providing equitable access, a skilled workforce and appropriate treatment to people with an intellectual disability and a mental disorder.

The intended audience for The Guide includes all mental health professionals and organisations which treat people with an intellectual disability and co-occurring mental disorders including those who work within:

- Primary Health Care Settings;
- Public Mental Health Services;
- Private Mental Health Services; and
- Specialised Intellectual Disability Mental Health Professionals and Services.

Other professionals and service settings are also integral to the broad support system for the mental health and wellbeing of people with an intellectual disability including disability, education, general health and other human service organisations. These service providers as well as family and carers may also find The Guide beneficial.

To obtain a hard copy of The Guide or for further information, contact 3DN directly via andrea.ching@unsw.edu.au or phone (02) 9931 9160.

Inclusion Australia - NCID has changed their name!

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

From 1 May 2014 **NCID** (National Council on Intellectual Disability) has become **Inclusion Australia**. Inclusion Australia will give greater clarity to our purpose by reflecting that our greatest strength is our membership, people with intellectual disability and families, acting locally, representing nationally through membership of local and state/territory organisations and connecting globally through Inclusion International.

Inclusion Australia has over 5,000 members representing all 8 states and territories. In addition to having people with intellectual disability on our Board, Inclusion Australia receives policy advice from Our Voice. Our Voice is a committee of Inclusion Australia 's Board, the membership of which is exclusively people with intellectual disability representing all states and territories.

Inclusion Australia is the recognised national peak body with the single focus on intellectual disability, ie, our actions and priorities centre on issues that affect the lives of people with intellectual disability and their families.

Inclusion Australia's mission is *to work to make the Australian community one in which people with intellectual disability are involved and accepted as equal participating members*. We do this by:

- listening to people with intellectual disability and their families
- promoting and upholding the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- developing and promoting creative policies and practices
- speaking to politicians, public servants, business and community leaders about the lives of people with intellectual disability and their right to have equality of opportunity

Inclusion Australia is a social profit organisation. NCID was created in 1971 by parents and friends in an endeavour to improve the quality of life of people with intellectual disability and to fill the need for national unity and information.

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Productivity Commission draft report on Access to Justice Arrangements released

There are widespread concerns that Australia's civil justice system is too slow, too expensive and too adversarial. But the notion of a civil justice 'system' is misleading. Parties can resolve their disputes in many ways, including through courts, tribunals and ombudsmen. Each differs in its formality, cost and timeliness. Such a complex system resists both a single diagnosis and remedy. An Inquiry looks at Australia's system of civil dispute resolution – including factors such as costs and equity of representation. The Productivity Commission draft report on Access to Justice Arrangements has been released and is available on the Commission's [website](#).

The Productivity Commission Inquiry is looking at Australia's civil dispute resolution system (including family law), with a focus on constraining costs and promoting access to justice and equality before the law. This includes examining the current costs of legal services and the economic and social impact of these costs on access to and the quality of justice. [Read more](#) at Legal Aid News and free subscription available.

Commonwealth Human Services Payment Finder

Payment Finder is a great feature on the Human Services website that helps you find payments you may be eligible for. It is simple and interactive and suggests some possible payments for you, or the person you care for, to explore. Payment Finder does not ask any personal information, like your name, address or income, and it does not keep any information you provide.

Try out Payment Finder at humanservices.gov.au/paymentfinder

If you have any questions about Payment Finder, you can ask us on Facebook at facebook.com/officialhankjongen or Twitter at twitter.com/HumanServicesAU

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Scholarships & Fellowships News

UNE Disability and Ageing PhD Scholarships

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[UNE Disability & Ageing PhD Scholarships Guidelines](#)

[HDR Domestic Students Scholarship Application Form](#)

[Referee Report](#)

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Productivity Commission Reports on Government Services: Vol.E: Health

It provides an overview of the health sector, presenting both contextual information and high level performance information. Major improvements in reporting in health this year are identified in each of the service-specific health chapters. Health services are concerned with promoting, restoring and maintaining a healthy society. They involve illness prevention, health promotion, the detection and treatment of illness and injury, and the rehabilitation and palliative care of individuals who experience illness and injury. The health system also includes a range of activities that raise awareness of health issues, thereby reducing the risk and onset of illness and injury.

Volume E: Health

This volume was released on 30 January 2014.

- [More Report on Government Services 2014 volumes](#)

Download the volume

- [Volume E: Health \(PDF - 13 356 Kb\)](#)
- [Volume E: Health \(Word/ZIP - 4137 Kb\)](#)

Preliminaries

- [Preliminaries - Volume E: Health \(PDF - 309 Kb\)](#)

Overview E

- [Overview E Health, attachment tables, and DQI's \(PDF - 3029 Kb\)](#)
- [Overview E Attachment tables \(XLSX - 808 Kb\)](#)

Chapter 10 Public hospitals

- [Chapter 10 Public hospitals, attachment tables, and DQI's \(PDF - 4553 Kb\)](#)
- [Chapter 10 Attachment tables \(XLSX - 1567 Kb\)](#)

Chapter 11 Primary and community health

- [Chapter 11 Primary and community health, attachment tables, and DQI's \(PDF - 3798 Kb\)](#)
- [Chapter 11 Attachment tables \(XLSX - 1385 Kb\)](#)

Chapter 12 Mental health management

- [Chapter 12 Mental health management, attachment tables, and DQI's \(PDF - 3368 Kb\)](#)
- [Chapter 12 Attachment tables \(XLSX - 1813 Kb\)](#)

Factsheets

- [Public hospitals factsheet \(PDF - 161 Kb\)](#)
- [Public hospitals factsheet \(Word - 52 Kb\)](#)

- [Primary and community health factsheet \(PDF - 163 Kb\)](#)
- [Primary and community health factsheet \(Word - 61 Kb\)](#)

- [Mental health management factsheet \(PDF - 192 Kb\)](#)
- [Mental health management factsheet \(Word - 64 Kb\)](#)

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Call out for programs and services that assist people with disability in the criminal justice system

The Australian Human Rights Commission is developing a national list of programs and services that assist people with disability in the criminal justice system.

They are seeking your input about existing services and programs that help people with disability to participate in the criminal justice system. They are looking for examples of the following types of programs and services:

- Early intervention programs
- Programs and services which aim to prevent violence against people with disability
- Services and supports in police stations, courts and in custodial settings
- Diversionary measures
- Disability training programs for police, judges and correctional officers
- Policies and frameworks in the criminal justice system which aim to improve access to justice for people with disability

You can submit your information here <https://www.humanrights.gov.au/our-work/disability-rights/current-projects/call-out-programs-and-services-assist-people-disability>

Aged care in Australia:– policy, demand and funding

For a proportion of people, a long life comes with chronic illnesses, disability, or physical or cognitive decline. Some of them will require different levels of intervention to get on with their daily life. Aged care (known outside Australia as long term care, elder care, or social care) is the set of institutions that offers care interventions for the elderly in absence of cure.

Population ageing means more people will require care and support. Much of it will be provided informally by family, but increasingly it will take the shape of formal aged care. Policy stakeholders in many countries have taken notice. Those in Australia are no exception – a landmark review in 2011 by the Productivity Commission has led to what will be a decade-long set of reforms. And many stakeholders are participating in a public and private discourse about the evolution of the system.

This first top-down research brief introduces the policy setting and looks at demand and funding of formal and informal care. The second brief takes a bottom-up approach by considering practical issues relating to the industry, workforce, access and quality of care.

[Aged care in Australia: part I – policy, demand and funding](#)

[Aged care in Australia: part II – industry and practice](#)

Accreditation Workbook for Mental Health Services

The Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care (the Commission) have provided the Accreditation Workbook for Mental Health Services.

The workbook is designed to guide services through the accreditation process for the NSQHS Standards, and highlight areas where mental health services will also have substantially achieved relevant NSMHS criteria.

Accreditation Workbook for Mental Health Services – Parts 1-3 ([PDF 7.2MB](#))

Accreditation Workbook for Mental Health Services – Part 1 ([Word 2.4MB](#))

Accreditation Workbook for Mental Health Services – Part 2, Section A ([Word 345KB](#))

Accreditation Workbook for Mental Health Services – Part 2, Section B ([Word 200KB](#))

Accreditation Workbook for Mental Health Services – Part 3 ([Word 150KB](#))

Directories Online

Programs and services that assist people with disability in the criminal justice system

The Australian Human Rights Commission launched its report, [Equal before the law: Towards disability justice strategies on 5 February 2014](#). The Report identifies a range of problems that exist in the criminal justice system which result in people with disabilities not enjoying equality before the law. The Report also contains examples of programs and services that assist people with disabilities in the criminal justice system. In early March 2014 we put a call out for people to submit examples of programs and services that assist people with disability in the criminal justice system. Our aim is to facilitate the process of information sharing between different jurisdictions with the hope of encouraging states and territories to develop an holistic, over-arching Disability Justice Strategy.

Directory Of Criminal Justice Programs <https://www.humanrights.gov.au/our-work/disability-rights/current-projects/programs-and-services-assist-people-disability-criminal>

Programs and services – Police

Programs and services – Courts

Programs and services – Custodial Settings

Programs and services – General

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Books & Publications

Mental Health & Intellectual Disability: A Training Manual in Dual Diagnosis

Sharon McGilvery, PhD and Darlene Sweetland, PhD. Drs. McGilvery and Sweetland share decades of experience working with individuals diagnosed with an intellectual disability and co-occurring psychiatric disorders. Their well-practiced approach takes into account the extremely complex nature of working with dual-diagnosis. The authors provide in-depth information about the diagnostic process, hands-on treatment considerations, and their experience training thousands of people to work passionately with these individuals. An important contribution is their approach to addressing complicating factors in identifying appropriate psychiatric diagnoses, as well as the problem of the underreporting of psychiatric symptoms and disorders. Finally, those working in a variety of contexts with these individuals will benefit from the innovative approaches of looking at treatment and intervention strategies that can be immediately implemented.

<https://netforum.avectra.com/eweb/shopping/shopping.aspx?site=nadd&webcode=shopping&prdkey=91400939-e1db-4beb-87d3-c94a2c7df12a>

Positive Identity Development.

Karyn Harvey, PhD. Positive Identity Development is an exciting new approach to treatment for individuals with intellectual disabilities. This book provides a new theoretical perspective on treatment along with a variety of innovative tools. It rejects reducing adults with intellectual disabilities to a mere compilation of their behaviors and promotes the use of a positive, therapeutic approach to each unique individual. Psychologists, social workers and therapists should be able to use the tools presented in this book to directly enhance the effectiveness of the treatment they provide to adults with intellectual disabilities. This book promotes well-being on every level and explores a broad range of issues relevant to the life and mental health of adults with intellectual disabilities.

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Comprehensive Competence-Based Parenting Assessment

Maurice Feldman, PhD, Marjorie Aunos, PhD. This book presents an innovative, empirically-supported approach to assessing parenting capacity of parents with learning difficulties that can lead to more humane, fair and accurate child custody decisions. The authors are leading researchers and practitioners in this field having worked with hundred of these families. Many professionals working with these families recognize that the current parenting capacity assessment approaches are based on outdated and invalid assumptions and methods. This book addresses the unique assessment needs of these families and includes detailed background information, rationales and methods.

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Beyond thalidomide: birth defects explained

Janet McCredie. The Royal Society of Medicine Press. ISBN: 9781853157417. How do birth defects happen? What goes wrong in the embryo?

<http://fmx01.ucc.usyd.edu.au/jspcart/cart/Product.jsp?nID=703&nCategoryID=12>

Psychotherapy for Individuals with Intellectual Disability

Edited by: Robert J. Fletcher, DSW, ACSW. his book provides the reader with insightful and useful ways to provide psychotherapy treatment for individuals who have intellectual disability (ID). It brings together all three modalities (individual, couple, and group), and a variety of theoretical models and techniques are discussed. The first section, Individual Therapy, offers a variety of approaches and techniques including dialectical behavioral therapy, positive psychology, mindfulness-based practice, and relaxation training. Also included in this section are chapters on specialty populations including victims of abuse, people who have Autism Spectrum Disorder, and people in mourning. The second section is a chapter on group therapy addressing trauma issues. The third section is on family and couple therapy. The fourth section covers chapters on research, ethics, and training. The individual authors are respected authorities in the field of providing psychotherapy treatment for persons with ID and all have contributed to the professional literature. This book is a major contribution to the effort to make psychotherapy available to individuals who have ID and should serve to further stimulate interest in the provision of psychotherapy treatment for individuals who have ID co-occurring with significant mental health problems.

https://netforum.avectra.com/eweb/shopping/shopping.aspx?site=nadd&webcode=shopping&prd_key=8dec658a-f843-4b7b-98c5-77a5c6769159

Grant News

Grant Guru Community

Australia's largest FREE searchable listing of nation-wide grants and funding programs for community based and not-for-profit organisations.

<http://community.grantready.com.au/>

Research & Demographic Reports

[Depression in residential aged care 2008-2012](#)

Entry into residential aged care can be a challenging experience and the presence of depression can add to this challenge. This report provides the first in-depth review of available administrative data to explore the prevalence and characteristics of people with symptoms of depression in residential aged care. In 2012, over half (52%) of all permanent residential aged care residents had symptoms of depression. Between 2008 and 2012, residents admitted to care for the first time who had symptoms of depression were more likely to have high care needs, and were more likely to have behaviours which impacted on care needs.

Residential aged care and aged care packages in the community 2011–12

The *Residential aged care and aged care packages in the community 2011–12* web pages, tables and cubes provide detailed statistical information on residential aged care facilities and community care services and the recipients of residential aged care, Extended Aged Care at Home (EACH), Extended Aged Care at Home Dementia (EACHD) and Community Aged Care Packages (CACPs) during 2011–12.

In June 2013, the Living Longer Living Better package of legislation was passed by the Australian parliament. The data presented here reflect the programs in place during 2011–12.

In this web report

- [Aged care in Australia](#)
- [Accessing aged care services](#)
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- [Admissions](#)
- [Care needs of permanent aged care residents](#)
- [Characteristics of residential and community packaged aged care clients](#)
- [Separations from aged care](#)
- [Indigenous Australians in aged care](#)
- [Dementia in residential aged care](#)
- [Residential and community aged care supplementary data](#)
- [Glossary of aged care terms](#)

[Incontinence in Australia: prevalence, experience and cost](#)

This bulletin reports on the number of people who experienced severe incontinence in 2009, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics' Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers. It also presents information on prevalence rates and how much was spent on incontinence (excluding residential aged care costs) in 2008-09. There were an estimated 316,500 people suffering from severe incontinence in 2009, most of whom were female (66%). As well, 73% of primary carers who assisted in managing another person's incontinence spent at least 40 hours each week caring or supervising.

A Comprehensive Assessment of Parental Age and Psychiatric Disorders

John J. McGrath, MD; Liselotte Petersen, PhD; Esben Agerbo, DrMedSc; Ole Mors, MD; Preben Bo Mortensen, DrMedSc; Carsten Bøcker Pedersen, DrMedSc: [JAMA Psychiatry. Published online January 22, 2014. doi:10.1001/jamapsychiatry.2013.4081.](#)

There has been recent interest in the findings that the offspring of older fathers have an increased risk of both de novo mutations and neuropsychiatric disorders. However, the offspring of younger parents are also at risk for some adverse mental health outcomes. To determine the association between maternal and paternal age and a comprehensive range of mental health disorders. A comprehensive, population-based record linkage study using the Danish Psychiatric Central Research Register from January 1, 1995, through December 31, 2011. A total of 2 894 688 persons born in Denmark from January 1, 1955, through December 31, 2006, were followed up during the study period. The offspring of younger mothers and older fathers are at risk for different mental health disorders. These differences can provide clues to the complex risk architecture underpinning the association between parental age and the mental health of offspring.

You Can Contribute To Research

You can contribute to a research project conducted by the Department of Developmental Disability Neuropsychiatry of the University of NSW.

Do you support someone who has an intellectual disability and co-occurring mental ill health?

Would you be interested in speaking to us about what makes a good mental health professional?

What is this project about?

3DN at the University of New South Wales wants to improve the quality of mental health care provided to people with an intellectual disability. We have a project that aims to identify the qualities that mental health professionals need to provide high quality care to people with an intellectual disability.

Who can participate?

Family members, friends, advocates and other people who support a person with an intellectual disability and co-occurring mental ill health.

What will it involve?

Participation will involve attending a focus group. This will take approximately 2 hours.

During this focus group you will talk with other family members and support people about what qualities make a good mental health professional.

What will this information be used for?

This information will help us to know what the workforce needs to learn and do to provide high quality mental health care to people with an intellectual disability.

What do I do if I would like more information? What do I do if I am interested in participating?

Please contact Beth Turner, Project Officer, on (02) 9385 2208 or beth.turner@unsw.edu.au

Community Services & Health Sector Skills Survey 2014

Community Services & Health Industry Skills Council supports the breadth of sectors representing the Community Services and Health Industry. However, we also acknowledge that the context for training and workforce development varies between different sectors. With this in mind, we would like to hear your views on training and workforce development issues and opportunities in the following sectors:

- Aged Care
- Child Care
- Children's and Youth Services more broadly
- Disability
- Mental Health.

We would like as many people with an interest in the development of the workforce in one of these sectors to complete our short '**Sector Skills Survey**'. Your responses will be used to inform our understanding of training and workforce development issues and opportunities in specific sectors in our industry.

The survey should take only 5-10 minutes to complete. To participate in the survey please click on the following link:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CSHISC_sector_skills

The survey will close on Friday 18 July.

How Do You Make Choices?

Take part in a 5 minute survey about the information you need to make choices.

The survey is for people with disability or their families in NSW.

The survey aims to improve a NSW program that builds people's capacity to make choices.

Enter a draw to win a \$30 gift voucher.

The survey is online – it will close on 4 July 2014. To take part, click on this link. You can give it to other people too.

<http://www.surveys.unsw.edu.au/f/159020/13fd/>

Featured Course

Considering further formal education and training then we suggest you plan in advance for your future enrollment – check out some options for further education at our online directories of

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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.globalcaresstaff.com/page/online_education.html

Education Resources

16 August 2014

Living A Good Life DVD & Podcast launch.

Redfern Town hall, 73 Pitt St Redfern 2.30pm – 4pm

See attached invitation.

'Living A Good Life: Personal support networks' is a series of powerful stories of people living with a developmental disability and their networked supporters exercising control and choice about their lives. The stories show people with a disability, families and personal network members using individualised packages of support, including self-directed funding.

Trevor Parmenter, Roger Stancliffe, Marie Knox, Anne Hillman, Michelle Donnelly, Summer Hill Media and Ability Options invite you to a celebration.

2.30 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Saturday 16th August, 2014

Redfern Town Hall, 73 Pitt St, Redfern

Emeritus Professor Ron McCallum AO Vice Chairperson of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; Member of Administrative Appeals Tribunal as one of four people to hear National Disability Insurance Scheme matters. Former Dean of Law University of Sydney and Foundation Blake Dawson Waldron Professor in Industrial Law in the Faculty of Law of the University of Sydney; Senior Australian of the Year 2011.

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29 June – 3 July 2014

11th European Congress on Epileptology. Stockholm, Sweden. <http://epilepsystockholm2014.org/>

1 – 6 July 2014

National Federation of the Blind National Convention. Orlando, FL, USA. <https://nfb.org/national-convention>

2 – 5 July 2014

World Association of Infant Mental Health 14th Congress. Edinburgh, UK. <http://www.kenes-group.com/Events/world-association-of-infant-mental-health-14th-congress-waimh-2014>

7 – 11 July 2014

14th International Conference on Computers Helping People with Special Needs. Paris, France. <http://www.jku.at/iis/content/e33668/e64221/>

9 – 12 July 2014

Joint World Conference on Social Work, Education and Social Development. Melbourne, Vic. <http://www.swsd2014.org/>

12– 15 July 2014

International Summit on Accessibility. Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. <http://www5.carleton.ca/accessibilitysummit/>

14 - 15 July 2014

National Disability Services Victorian State Conference. Pullman, Melbourne. <http://www.nds.org.au/events/1395120951>

14 – 17 July 2014

IASSID Europe Regional Congress. Vienna, Austria. International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. <https://iassid.org/conference/index.php/ERC/ERC2014/index>

15 – 16 July 2014

Towards a Better Life: Introduction to Social Role Valorisation framework. Newcastle, NSW. Foundations Forum. [Register online](#)

22 July 2014

Fragile X Syndrome Awareness Day. <http://www.fragilex.org.au/>

22 – 23 July 2014

Case Management Society of Australia National Conference. Sofitel Sydney Wentworth, Sydney. <http://www.cmsa.org.au/>

22 – 24 July 2014

ITAC Conference: Information Technology in Aged Care. Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart. <http://www.itac2014.com.au/>

25 – 27 July 2014

Disability Studies in Education Conference. City Queen Campus, Victoria University, Melbourne. <http://www.vu.edu.au/news-events/news/disability-studies-in-education-conference-2014>

30 July – 1 August 2014

13th Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference. Melbourne. <http://conference.aifs.gov.au/>

31 July – 1 August 2014

Autism in Education Conference. Australian Technology Park, Sydney. <http://autismineducation.org.au/>

31 July – 1 August 2014

Better Practice Conference: Aged Care. Hilton, Adelaide.. <http://www.accreditation.org.au/education/better-practice-2013/>

1 – 3 August 2014

Australasian Better Boards Conference. Adelaide Convention Centre, South Australia. <http://betterboards.net/>

4 - 5 August 2014

Strengthening Disability Advocacy Conference. Melbourne & Olympic Park Convention Centre. <http://www.daru.org.au/strengthening-disability-advocacy-conference>

6 - 8 August 2014

Victorian Autism Conference. Etihad Stadium, Melbourne. <http://www.etches.com/eselect/vac2014>

7 - 10 August 2014

10th Asian & Oceanian Epilepsy Congress. Singapore. <http://www.epilepsysingapore2014.org/>

11 - 14 August 2014

HIC 2014 Health Informatics Conference. Melbourne Convention Centre. <http://www.hisa.org.au/page/hic2014/>

13 August 2014

Aged Care Informatics Conference. Melbourne Convention Centre. <http://www.hisa.org.au/page/hic2014aci>

14- 15 August 2014

National Disability Services Western Australia State Conference. Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre. <http://www.nds.org.au/events/1391643149>

16 August 2014

Living A Good Life DVD & Podcast launch. Redfern Town Hall, 73 Pitt St Redfern 2.30pm – 4pm

20- 21 August 2014

Universal Design Conference. Sydney Town Hall. www.universaldesignconference.com.au

20- 22 August 2014

Australian Rehabilitation & Assistive Technology Association Conference. National Convention Centre, Canberra. <http://www.arata.org.au/>

21- 22 August 2014

Disability At Work Conference. Sofitel Sydney. <http://www.nds.org.au/events/1389157034>

22 August 2014

AADDM-QCIDD Conference: Health & Autism across the Life Span. Des O'Callaghan Auditorium, Kelly Building, Mater Hospital, South Brisbane. Australian Association of Developmental Disability Medicine (AADDM) and the Queensland Centre for Developmental Disability (QCIDD). <http://aaddmqiddconference2014.wordpress.com/>

24 - 30 August 2014

Hearing Awareness Week. Deafness Forum of Australia. <http://www.hearingawarenessweek.org.au/>

25- 26 August 2014

15th International Mental Health Conference. Surfers Paradise, Queensland. <http://anzmh.asn.au/conference/>

25 - 29 August 2014

PASSING Course. Sydney, NSW. <http://wwwFOUNDATIONSforum.info/current-workshops.html>

25 - 29 August 2014

7th World Congress for Psychotherapy. Durban, South Africa. www.wcp2014.com

26 - 29 August 2014

The Mental Health Services Annual Conference. Perth, Western Australia. Mental Health Services. <http://www.themhs.org/pages/annual-conference.html>

27 - 29 August 2014

11th Biennial National Early Childhood Intervention Australia Conference. Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre, Queensland. <http://www.eciaconference2014.com/>

28 - 29 August 2014

Better Practice Conference: Aged Care. Novotel Brighton Beach, Sydney. <http://www.accreditation.org.au/education/better-practice-2013/>

28 - 29 August 2014

6th Annual Correctional Services Healthcare Summit. Novotel Melbourne on Collins. [Info](#)

30 September 2014

Prostrate Cancer Awareness Month. Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia. <http://www.prostate.org.au/articleLive>

15 - 16 October 2014

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Professional Association of Nurses in Developmental Disability Areas.
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