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*We wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

## GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

### Oceania Open Paralympic Championships

In partnership with the Oceania Paralympic Committee and the Australian Paralympic Committee the Arafura Games will incorporate athletes with disabilities in the Oceania Paralympic Championships. More than 300 athletes with a disability attended the first Oceania Paralympic Championships. The support of the Federal and Northern Territory governments was essential to the event's success and helped make it one of the year's highlights. Strong international interest has been registered among the membership of the International Paralympic Committee, and the Oceania Open Paralympic Championships has the potential to become the most significant multi-sport, multi-disability event in this region of the world. Only athletes that hold an official IPC classification are eligible. Classification will be available at the Games for physical disabilities only.

#### Oceania Paralympic Championship Medals

**Individual Events and Doubles:** There will be no limit to the number of entries to each event, but the Oceania Paralympic Championship medals will be awarded to a maximum of two (2) athletes (or 2 pair) per country per event; including doubles in Table Tennis and Wheelchair Tennis

**Team Events:** Although no limit to the numbers of entries for team sports and relays there will be a maximum of one per country eligible to win a medal. providing; Athletes currently hold or can be officially classified under the IPC Regulations and Eligibility in IPC recognised events\*.

**9 – 17 May 2009**

**Arafura Games**, incorporating the **Oceania Paralympic Championships**, Darwin NT Australia

<http://www.arafuragames.nt.gov.au/>

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## GLOBAL RECOMMENDS ... *(We hope to see you there.)*

**16-17 February 2009**

**National Disability Services NSW State Conference NDS NSW 2009**

**Strength 2 Strength**

The Menzies, 14 Carrington St, Sydney.

**Global Advantage confirmed again as the headline major Platinum Sponsor for DS NSW 2009**

Over the last 10 years, NDS NSW two-day conferences have asked many challenging questions of the disability services sector and provided a unique forum to both explore the answers and reflect on current practises. Senior

government representatives, politicians, academics and advocates have participated in our events and witnessed our journey. Many of these collaborators continue working with non-government disability organisations to co-create a quality service environment which grows from strength to strength, with the singular goal of enhancing the lives of people with disability, their families and carers.

The NDS NSW 2009 conference will showcase the indomitable will of disability organisations and our collaborators in the provision of responsive, appropriate disability services.

Enquiries to [Gabrielle Jones](#), State Planning Coordinator on 02 9256 3103

<http://www.nds.org.au/nsw/2009conference.htm>

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**Program:** Download the [full colour program](#) (2MB) or [printer friendly colour program](#) (1MB)

**Registration:** [REGISTER ONLINE HERE](#)

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## GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

### ***my future my choice* background – Disability Services Vic**

[http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/disability/improving\\_supports/my\\_future\\_my\\_choice](http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/disability/improving_supports/my_future_my_choice)

The Council of Australian Governments (COAG) announced an agreement to reduce the number of younger people with a disability living in residential aged care (RAC) facilities. A bilateral agreement between the Commonwealth and the State has been signed that commits \$60.2 million in joint funding for Victoria over five years. The COAG commitment acknowledges the increasing demand from younger people with a disability for specialist age appropriate services to meet their ongoing needs and aspirations. The aim is to reduce the number of younger people with a disability living in RAC. *my future my choice* aims to provide better living options for younger people in, or at risk of entry to, RAC. This will be achieved through the development of innovative support models that respond to complex clinical and health care needs, whilst also providing lifestyle and social opportunities that younger people can identify with.

The initiative has three strategic objectives:

#### **To provide alternative supports**

Provide better living options for younger people with a disability in residential aged care settings, where it can be made available and where this is what the younger person chooses

#### **To enhance disability supports within RAC**

Promote a more age appropriate response to those younger people with a disability who choose to remain in residential aged care, or for whom residential aged care remains the most suitable supported accommodation option available

#### **To minimise future admissions to RAC**

Provide alternative responses, where possible, for younger people with a disability who are at risk of admission to residential aged care

The initial priority is to achieve this for people aged less than 50 years.

**Latest news** *my future my choice* has recently advertised a Request for Proposals (RFP) process. We are hoping to attract proposals for new and innovative support models that will build on the seven accommodation and support developments currently underway. We aim to establish accommodation and support services for up to 50 people via the RFP process by the end of 2009/2010. Proposals will be sought for developments throughout the state, with rural and regional proposals particularly encouraged.

For further information the specifications are available to download:

- [my future my choice request for proposals specifications \(PDF 132.0 kb\)](#)
- [my future my choice request for proposals specifications \(Word 215.0 kb\)](#)

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## GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING FEATURED ORGANISATION

### HSNet NSW – Human Services Network <https://www.hsnet.nsw.gov.au>

HSNet, or the Human Services Network, is a whole-of-government initiative supporting agencies in the human services sector to deliver services in a coordinated and effective manner.

HSNet is FREE and secure for use by staff working in the NSW human services sector providing a central location for sharing information and enabling human services staff to:

- \* easily locate health, housing, family, legal and community service information locally and across NSW
- \*exchange information, make referrals securely and provide the best possible service to their clients.

#### WHY USE HSNET?

Tools and resources within HSNet foster communication and collaboration in the delivery of a wide range of services to people and communities throughout NSW.

**ServiceLink** A free comprehensive online directory used to locate human services across NSW with over 61,000 records.

**Groups** Members can post and respond to messages in the discussion forums as well as publish documents and web links.

**Events** Calendars for team events or an opportunity to let others in the sector know about open days, training, conferences and announcements.

**e-Referral** Participating organisations can send and track electronic referrals securely over the internet.

#### FREE HSNET TRAINING

HSNet provides monthly, half-day workshops at our facilities in the Sydney CBD. The workshops cover all components of HSNet including searching for services in ServiceLink as well as sending and receiving e-Referrals. To book into training or for a copy of the 2009 training calendar, contact the HSNet Support Desk on 9228 4200 or email [hsnet@hsnet.nsw.gov.au](mailto:hsnet@hsnet.nsw.gov.au)

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## GLOBAL Advantage – Australian Work Visa Sponsorship

for experienced overseas trained professionals in disability and nursing.

Global Advantage has been granted a pre-approved 'Labour Hire Agreement' for the sponsorship of overseas professionals in disability and nursing for 457 work visa for Australia. This approval of Global Advantage from the Australian Department of Immigration & Citizenship and the Department of Workplace Relations allows for experienced disability professionals to experience work, travel and life in Australia for up to four years. Global Advantage is also a participant in the Employers Nomination Scheme supporting residency applications for its sponsored disability & nursing staff after two years of work with the company.

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## GLOBAL SCHOLARSHIPS NEWS

[Aged Care Nursing Scholarship Scheme: Undergraduate](#)

[Aged Care Nursing Scholarship Scheme: Postgraduate - Continuing Education](#)

### **Australian Government Announces 7,700 Extra Training Places for Aged Care Workers**

Up to 7,700 new training places over four years in aged and community care will be created under a \$41 million training plan as part of the Rudd Government's response to the challenges of Australia's ageing population.

The Australian Government's other aged care workforce initiatives include:

- the Bringing Nurses back into the Workforce program which supports the return of 7,750 nurses to hospitals and 1,000 nurses to residential aged care homes;
- providing scholarships to encourage more people to enter or re-enter aged care nursing, especially in rural and regional areas through the Aged Care Nursing Scholarship Scheme;
- provide postgraduate scholarships to assist community aged care nurses to gain higher qualifications in the provision of home-based aged care;
- A further 1,400 aged care workers in rural and regional areas will be offered places to receive further training under a new round of the Australian Government's four-year \$30 million Support for Aged Care Training Program; and
- providing training places for aged care workers to access dementia-related education and training.

[More](#)

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## GLOBAL Advantage – for casual staffing & recruitment

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## GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

**Better Access to Mental Health Care** – a brochure for consumers and carers: this brochure has been developed to explain, as simply as possible, the types of Medicare-rebateable mental health services that are available under the Better Access to Mental Health Care. It also provides an outline of the purpose of the GP Mental Health Care Plan. The Better Access to Psychiatrists, Psychologists and General Practitioners through the Medicare Benefits Schedule (Better Access) is an initiative designed to improve access to mental health care provided by GPs, psychologists, psychiatrists, and appropriately trained social workers and occupational therapists. The Department of Health and Ageing is encouraging GPs, psychiatrists, allied mental health providers, and consumer and carer organisations to distribute this new brochure. For copies please call National Mail and Marketing – 1800 066 247 or download copies from [www.mentalhealth.gov.au](http://www.mentalhealth.gov.au)

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## GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING BOOKS GUIDE

### JOURNAL OF INTELLECTUAL & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY (JIDD)

[www.informaworld.com/JIDD](http://www.informaworld.com/JIDD)

The leading journal in the field with research reports, case reports, opinions & perspectives, book reviews and more. It is included in your membership to ASSID (Australian Society for the Study of Intellectual Disability) – to inquire about membership check out [www.assid.org.au](http://www.assid.org.au) or for library and direct subscriptions contact Informa Healthcare, Level 2, 11 Queens Rd, Melbourne, Viv 3000 Australia \_+61 (0) 3 9866 2811 or email [journal.orders@tandf.com.au](mailto:journal.orders@tandf.com.au) (If your university or college library does not have it why not recommend they subscribe – it is an essential reference for all students undertaking disability studies.) It has been published since 1970 – originally as the **Australian Journal of Mental Retardation** (1970-1979), then as the **Australian Journal of Developmental Disabilities** (1980-1981), then as the **Australian & New Zealand Journal of Developmental Disabilities** (1982-1995), and then it became the **Journal of Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities** (1996 onwards), as it internationalized and emerged as one of the leading international journals in the field worldwide. Congratulations on a job well done to the all contributors, guest editors, the past & present Associate Editors and Editorial Consultants but especially to **Professor Trevor Parmenter** who was editor for many years and now **Assoc Professor Roger Stancliffe** of the University of Sydney who has been editor for some years now and has seen it grow to international significance. Nearly four decades of disseminating information and knowledge in the field of disabilities. Submissions for editorial content to Professor Roger Stancliffe, Faculty of Health Science, The University of Sydney Australia email: [rogerst@med.usyd.edu.au](mailto:rogerst@med.usyd.edu.au) and submissions of books to review to Dr. Tim Griffin, PO Box 7326 Leura NSW 2780 email: [t.griffin@uws.edu.au](mailto:t.griffin@uws.edu.au)

### Hospital Care for people with a Disability

The Centre for Developmental Disability Health worked with Moira Disability and Youth Services to produce A Quick Reference Guide to Hospital Care of People with a Disability. People with a disability and their families, carers and health professionals face many particular challenges when the person with a disability is hospitalised. The Quick Reference Guide is a booklet designed to highlight some of the issues around planning for an admission, the admission itself and discharge from hospital. The booklet is available from the Centre for Developmental Disability Health Victoria for a small charge to cover postage and handling – or online through the link below. [Link to pdf](#)

**ADULT ADHD - HOW TO BEAT IT WITH OR WITHOUT MEDICATION - A self help guide to ADHD with detailed methods for improving your performance: by Dr CAROLINE STEVENSON, a Psychologist specialising in ADHD.** This is a copyright publication of 75 pages, donated to this organisation by Dr Stevenson AUD \$15.00 [read more...](#)  
[http://www.add.org.au/Publications%20for%20sale/publications\\_for\\_sale.htm](http://www.add.org.au/Publications%20for%20sale/publications_for_sale.htm)

### Helpful Handbook for Memory Loss

By ILC NSW : A useful booklet that has handy references about products, devices, tips and hints to assist with memory loss.  
[Read more of this article](#)

## Epilepsy booklet

This booklet was produced by CDDHV staff for people who have an intellectual disability and epilepsy to help them understand and manage their epilepsy. [Download Epilepsy Booklet \(pdf, 6.47MB\)](#)

## Free Journal Archive access for

- **American Journal on Mental Retardation**
- ***Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities***
- ***Mental Retardation***

<http://aaid.allenpress.com/aamronline/?request=get-archive>

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## GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING GUIDE TO POLICIES & GUIDELINES

[Behaviour Intervention Support Team Practice Manual](#) Victoria

[National Standards for Disability Services](#) National

[Disability Services Queensland Strategic Plan 2008-12 PDF \(468 kB\)](#) [Word](#) Queensland

[Disability Services Queensland Multicultural Action Plan 2005-09 PDF](#) Queensland

[Queensland Disability Service Standards booklet PDF \(169 kB\)](#) Queensland

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## GLOBAL ONLINE DIRECTORIES GUIDE

### Disability Online Victoria

In communities across Victoria, people with and without disabilities are working to break down barriers. They are doing this in many ways, including making buildings more accessible and leading the way in providing opportunities for people with disabilities to gain meaningful employment, participate in sport, recreation or the arts. <http://www.disability.vic.gov.au/>

### [Community development in NSW](#)

This site is an interactive electronic clearing house for everyone involved in community level social, economic and environmental renewal including community leaders, community and government workers, volunteers, program managers, academics. *Managed by the NSW Government, policy makers, youth and seniors.*

**Radio 2 CCR FM 90.5** Community news & events, health & disability information. Music. Your community 24/7. Wednesday morning 6 am to 9 am with Ross your Editor of the Global Gazette Disability & Ageing.

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## GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING GRANT NEWS

### **NSW Stronger Together Respite Growth for Flexible Respite, Centre Based Respite and Teen Time - DADHC.08.92 Closing date 5pm Friday 6 February 2009.**

In 2008/09 approximately 358 new respite places will be made available to children, young people and adults with a disability living across New South Wales under this tender. Over 500 places will also be made available through Direct Allocation to existing providers. <http://www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/Doing+business+with+us/tenders.htm>.

**SA Community Benefit SA** provide one-off project funding to assist incorporated, non-government non profit charitable and social welfare organisations to improve the well-being, quality of life, community participation and life management skills of disadvantaged individuals and communities and aims to develop and strengthen communities across the metropolitan, rural and remote regions of South Australia. **Proposed funding rounds Round 27** - opens on Tuesday 27 January 2009 and **closes on Monday 23 February 2009** at 5:00 pm. Applicants will be notified in June 2009. **Round 28** - opens on Monday 27 July 2009 and closes on Monday 24 August 2009 at 5:00 pm. Applicants will be notified in December 2009.

<http://www.dfc.sa.gov.au/pub/default.aspx?tabid=406>

### **NSW Disability Housing and Support Initiative (DHASI) - Phase 2 - DADHC.08.63**

DHASI aims to consolidate a partnership between social housing and support providers to provide long term, appropriate accommodation and support for specific people with a disability who would otherwise be homeless or inappropriately placed. The primary objective of DHASI is to provide **drop-in support**, in a **social housing setting**. This will enable an individual with a disability to reside alone or in a small group shared living arrangement and develop skills so that they can live relatively independently. Closing date **5.00pm Friday January 16, 2009**.

<http://www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/Doing+business+with+us/tenders.htm>.

### **NSW EarlyStart: Providing Additional Early Childhood Intervention for Children with a Disability and their Families (DADHC 08.86)**

The Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (DADHC) is seeking applications from non-government not-for-profit organisations for the *EarlyStart: Providing Additional Early Childhood Intervention for Children with a Disability and their Families* tender. *EarlyStart* is preventative in focus, aimed at promoting the well-being and resilience of children with a disability and strengthening and supporting families through the provision of additional family centred services and improved evidence-based practices. *EarlyStart* will increase the availability of quality early childhood intervention supports for young children aged 0-6 years and their families across NSW. This includes linking children and families more effectively into mainstream services and ongoing local community supports and activities. All documents are available from the DADHC website Closing date **5pm Friday 13 February**

**2009.**<http://www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/Doing+business+with+us/tenders.htm>.

### **Queensland [Housing for people with disabilities funding](http://www.disability.qld.gov.au/support-services/providers/funding/housing.html)**

Disability Services Queensland has \$18.3 million available to non-government organisations to purchase homes and accommodate people with a disability who have ageing parents who can no longer care for them at home. The funding is aimed at providing a range of affordable and accessible housing options for people with disabilities who receive accommodation support funding. An information paper and application kit is now available. [www.disability.qld.gov.au/support-services/providers/funding/housing.html](http://www.disability.qld.gov.au/support-services/providers/funding/housing.html) Closing date 4 pm on Monday 19 January 2009.

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## GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING RESEARCH NEWS

**A review of the research to identify the most effective models of Best Practice in the management of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders** Jacqueline Roberts and Greta Ridley Centre for Developmental Disability Studies, University of Sydney [jmroberts@hotmail.com](mailto:jmroberts@hotmail.com) April 2004 The project reviewed literature relating to the management and treatment of children with autism with the aim to identify the most effective models of best practice. [Models of Best Practice in the management of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders](#)

### **A Study in Difference: Structures and cultures in Australian registered training organisations**

The findings of a National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) study examining organisational culture and structure in ten public, private, community and enterprise-based Australian registered training organisations is presented in this report.

[More](#)

Howe, Brian (2004) [Empowering the Disabled](#) Paper presented at *ACE National Conference*, September

**Evaluating diagnostic tools in autism assessments** Kerrie Baker University of Western Sydney  
[kerrie.baker@bigpond.com](mailto:kerrie.baker@bigpond.com) March 2004 The project examined the validity of the Gilliam Autism Rating Scale (GARS) in a sample of 26 children presenting for assessment with and without concerns about autism disorder. The parents' experiences with the assessment and diagnostic process were also surveyed. A comparison of the GARS with gold standard diagnostic research methods was also undertaken. [Evaluating Diagnostic tools in the Assessment of Autism and Parental Experiences of the Assessment and Diagnostic Process](#)

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## GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING FEATURED COURSE

### University training in autism

The University of Canberra offers:

- [Graduate certificate in inclusive education in autism](#)
- [Master of inclusive education in autism](#)
- [Graduate diploma in inclusive education in autism](#)

Click here for the latest information on University training courses in autism spectrum disorders.

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## GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING EDUCATION RESOURCES GUIDE

### Enteral Nutrition Training Resource

#### [Dinner is Served - Food & Fluid through a Tube : Enteral Nutrition Explained](#)

***Do you employ staff or volunteers who assist people with tube feeding or enteral nutrition?  
We can help you train them.....!***

*Dinner is Served* will be of great value to support workers in the disability and aged care fields, as well as carers, families and individuals. This resource will assist in the training of workers in the community services sector to safely and competently administer nutrition and medication via a gastrostomy tube.

This resource is based on realistic work situations and supports a number of competencies in the Community Service, Health & Disability Training Packages:

- CHCAC16A Provide food services
- CHCCS303A Provide physical assistance with medication
- CHCHC302B Provide personal care in a home and community care environment
- CHCDIS10B Provide care & support
- HLTIN1A Comply with infection control policies and procedures

Great value ! \$80 for DVD/CD Rom and colour work book; \$30 for carers plus \$15 p&h.

*Contains :*

- Detailed Lessons and activities
- Step by step procedures
- Resources
- Facilitator's Guide and Assessment Tasks
- DVD showing the procedure of delivering Enteral nutrition step by step and the insightful stories of Anne-Marie and Michael who tell of their experiences of being fed by gastrostomy.

The resource is published by Disability Enterprises with funding by the Commonwealth Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations(DEEWR) under their Workplace English Language and Literacy Programme (WELL).  
<http://www.disabilityenterprises.com.au/content/well-enteral-nutrition-resource>  
[Click here for the order form and brochure](#) or call us on (02) 4784 1118 for further information.

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## GLOBAL POSITIONS VACANT

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**Disability Nursing Positions in the Hunter & Central Coast: Registered Nurses, Enrolled Nurses, Assistants in Nursing** (with min. 1 yr exp with Level 3 or 4 cert in Aged Care or AIN.) (Agency Casual Work)

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Looking for a place to work with all the community facilities of the Central Coast and Hunter (beaches, lakes, wineries and more). We have positions for Nurses to work as part of our agency staff for disability large residences. Great opportunities for the right candidates. If you are looking for a great places to work with a relaxed life-style, contact us today. Whether you are an Australian Resident or here on an overseas holiday, we can help you find the right position to suit your lifestyle.

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**Registered Nurses & Endorsed Enrolled Nurses specialised in aged care, disability and mental health in the Sydney Region** (casual agency work)

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## GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING CONFERENCES GUIDE

**5 - 9 January 2009**

**2009 Biennial Conference of the South Pacific Educators in Vision Impairment** will be held in Adelaide.

<http://www.visionaustralia.org/info.aspx?page=828&event=504>

**12 - 15 January 2009**

**Behavioral Health & Addictive Disorders Conference.** Clearwater Beach, Florida, United States. Organized by: U.S. Journal Training, Inc., and The Institute for Integral Development. <http://www.usjt.com/bhad09/>

**27 - 30 January 2009**

**ANS 2009: The 29th Annual Meeting of the Australian Neuroscience Society** National Convention Centre, Canberra , Australia. <http://www.sallyjayconferences.com.au/ans2009/index.html>

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**National Disability Services NSW State Conference NDS NSW 2009 Strength 2 Strength**

The Menzies, 14 Carrington St, Sydney.

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Enquiries to [Gabrielle Jones](mailto:Gabrielle.Jones@globaladvantage.org), State Planning Coordinator on 02 9256 3103

<http://www.nds.org.au/nsw/2009conference.htm>

**Program:** Download the [full colour program](#) (2MB) or [printer friendly colour program](#) (1MB)

**Registration:** [REGISTER ONLINE HERE](#)

**Early bird closes 30 January 2009 – Don't Miss Out!**

#### **18-21 February 2009**

**3rd International Cerebral Palsy Conference** Sydney Australia. The 2009 conference theme of 'Across the Life-span' aims to facilitate collaboration between internationally renowned researchers across all disciplines to help find the answers to cerebral palsy. <http://www.cp2009.com.au>

#### **18 to 25 January 2009**

**Guide to Dealing with Disability** Miami, Florida USA. This is a Live Lecture 7-Night Western Caribbean Cruise Conference from Miami, Florida. <http://www.continuingeducation.net>

#### **6 Febrary 2009**

**Mental Capacity Act, Human Rights and sexual relationships'** Kidderminster UK  
[http://www.bildservices.org.uk/acatalog/Mental\\_Capacity\\_Act\\_Human\\_Rights.html](http://www.bildservices.org.uk/acatalog/Mental_Capacity_Act_Human_Rights.html)

#### **19-21 February 2009**

**Third International Cerebral Palsy Conference**  
Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour. Meeting Planners, Ph 02 8221 8814 or  
[cp2009@meetingplanners.com.au](mailto:cp2009@meetingplanners.com.au)

#### **19-20 February 2009**

**Asset Based Community Development Workshop.** Sport Waikato, Hamilton, New Zealand. <http://www.lifestyletrust.org.nz>

#### **22-26 February 2009**

**Down Under Institute on Inclusion, Diversity and Community** Hamilton, New Zealand. For those who wish to explore international best practice in the areas of inclusion, diversity and community building. Organized by: Lifestyle Trust and Disability Resource Centre Hawkes Bay Lynda Rangitaawa <http://www.lifestyletrust.org.nz>

#### **26-27 February 2008**

**Values and Public Policy: Fairness, Diversity and Social Change conference (26 - 27 February, 2009)**

#### **27 February 2009**

**Board Builder Conference - Better Boards: Better Outcomes** Telstra Dome, Melbourne. *The leading national conference for community boards, committees and governing councils - featuring the Treasurer of Australia, The Honourable Wayne Swan.* <http://www.ourcommunity.com.au/boardbuilder2009>

#### **27 February 2009**

**'Developing good practice: reducing the use of restrictive physical interventions'** Cardiff UK  
[http://www.bildservices.org.uk/acatalog/Developing\\_good\\_practice.html](http://www.bildservices.org.uk/acatalog/Developing_good_practice.html)

#### **2-4 March 2009**

**Graphic Facilitation in Support of Inclusion, and Person Centred Planning through MAPS and PATH.** Sport Waikato, Hamilton, New Zealand. <http://www.lifestyletrust.org.nz>

#### **2-5 March 2009**

**The Big Skills Conference** Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour, NSW The 2009 Skills Conference is the first of its kind to be held in Australia and will bring together major national and international players with an interest in skills and training to debate issues. Convenor: Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations. Email: [skillsconference2009@deewr.gov.au](mailto:skillsconference2009@deewr.gov.au)  
<http://deewr.gov.au/skillsconference2009>

#### **3 March 2009**

**The Mental Capacity Act 2005 and restraint – principles and best practice'** Midlands UK  
[http://www.bildservices.org.uk/acatalog/Mental\\_Capacity\\_Act\\_and\\_Restraint.html](http://www.bildservices.org.uk/acatalog/Mental_Capacity_Act_and_Restraint.html)

10 March 2009

**Implementing the Mental Capacity Act for people with autistic spectrum disorder'** Harvest Field Centre, Sutton Coldfield UK. [http://www.bildservices.org.uk/acatalog/Implementing\\_MCA\\_for\\_people\\_with\\_ASD.html](http://www.bildservices.org.uk/acatalog/Implementing_MCA_for_people_with_ASD.html)

15-17 April 2009

**National Career Conference 2009** Grand Hyatt, Melbourne, Vic. The theme for this conference is 'Get smart: Career development value adds for people and business. Convenor: Career Development Association of Australia.

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