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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

New Directions in Day Programs

In 2009 two new day programs for adults with a disability will be implemented in NSW under *Stronger Together* as part of the *New Directions in Day Programs*:

- *Life Choices*
- *Active Ageing*

The draft [New directions in day programs](#) sets out the policy directions, intended outcomes, key result areas, and operating principles for the new programs.

The *Life Choices Program* will provide people aged 25 – 54. The draft [Life Choices Program Guidelines](#) set out the policy and operational requirements.

The *Active Ageing Program* will respond to the needs and interests of older people aged 55 - 64 (and people with early onset ageing). The draft [Active Ageing Program Guidelines](#) set out the policy and operational requirements.

Check out the **NSW Department of Ageing, Disability & Home Care web page on Day Programs** at <http://www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/People+with+a+disability/Day+Programs.htm>

GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

Five steps to operating in a financial crisis - Expert advice for NGOs

Time-honoured business skills and strategies are indispensable in a traditional Not for Profit environment, but while they have been shown to be useful they are insufficient for today's fast changing environment according to one expert.

In the financial environment Australia now faces and eroding of business confidence, what are the most important things Not for Profits should be doing this year? Board Governance expert Steven Bowman offers Not for Profits five of the most important things they should do in 2009.

Read the advice on the **Community Builders web site** at http://www.communitybuilders.nsw.gov.au/getting_organised/capacity/5steps.html

GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

LIGHTER, BRIGHTER, SUNNIER FUTURE

Global Advantage has launched its new look web site – capturing aspects of the Australian environment – a lighter brighter sunny outlook.

www.GlobalAdvantage.org

The site provides information for local job seekers with the organisation at

http://www.globaladvantage.org/page/work_with_global.html

It also provides information for overseas disability and nursing professionals as Global is the only agency in Australia with a Commonwealth “Labour Hire Agreement” for the sponsorship of overseas qualified disability care professionals and one of only a few agencies for overseas trained nurses to work in Australia for up to four years. Global is also a participant in the Employer Nomination Scheme for those sponsored staff who like us so much that they want to stay and become permanent residents. More information at

<http://www.globaladvantage.org/page/immigration.html>

Customers can find out more information about our range of services from the site at

<http://www.globaladvantage.org/page/services.html> .

Global Advantage Education Services are in the process of adding information about the divisions programs and welcome external participants into our staff training programs for disability workers. Regularly checkout new information posted at <http://www.globaladvantage.org/page/education.html>

Global recently was the Platinum Sponsor for the February NDS NSW Annual Conference 2009 and is an active participant in the disability and health field. See more information about our involvements at

<http://www.globaladvantage.org/page/affiliations.html>

Underdevelopment is a new Resource Centre section to provide a range of reference links for professional development, general professional reference and students further study – so do come back to the new Global web site for further developments.

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BIG DAILY LIVING EXPO - DISABILITY AIDS & EQUIPMENT

2009 IRSA Expo.

Hosted by the Independent Rehabilitation Suppliers Association of NSW

Rosehill Gardens, Rosehill, NSW. 50 exhibitors featuring products and services for people with a disability and aged people. Starting at 10 am daily. Check out the Clinical Education program and get a FREE PASS at

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

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING FEATURED ORGANISATION

The Queensland Centre for Intellectual and Developmental Disability (QCIDD), Australia, supports people with intellectual disability. It does this through research, teaching and clinical activities.

They believe that all people with disability have the right to a *healthy and full life* and recognise that people with intellectual and developmental disability have historically experienced systematic *neglect* of their health and well-being needs. This neglect and lack of access to appropriate, high quality medical services continue to impact on the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disability.

Collaboration and negotiation with the person with disability and their carers provides better health outcomes and we support persons with intellectual and developmental disability and their carer/s to become *involved in their health care* and health care planning. Given that people with intellectual and developmental disability have been historically *underrepresented in research*, we seek their involvement in research development around health issues. We actively promote improvement of health and well-being for people with intellectual and developmental disability through our education programmes for students, services and practitioners.

They also produce resources on a range of health and well-being issues.

<http://www.som.uq.edu.au/research/qcidd/resources.asp>

Their **free diabetes information** was developed with people with intellectual disability and families.

<http://www.som.uq.edu.au/research/qcidd/diabetes/index.htm>

You can find them at: <http://www.som.uq.edu.au/research/qcidd/default.asp>

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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.

More information available at <http://www.globaladvantage.org/page/immigration.html>

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GLOBAL SCHOLARSHIPS NEWS

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

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

Victoria - Senior Practitioner Scholarships Program for 2009

The Office of the [Senior Practitioner Scholarships Program](#) for 2009 is offering two Ph.D scholarships to undertake research into restrictive interventions and compulsory treatment and provide information about best support practice options.

Check out our **Global Scholarships Guide** at http://www.globaladvantage.org/page/scholarship_guide.html

GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

14 April 2008

Your Life Your Choice ...creating an inclusive world Conference aims to contribute to the welfare and resilience of people with disabilities, their families, carers, friends and interested community members. Shoalhaven Campus UOW. We have presenters from Criminal Justice Support Network, Intellectual Disability Rights Service, IDEAS, Citizen Advocacy, DADHC Psychologist and Your Time Carer Counselling.

Registration closes 16th March. For further information contact Claudia Bartsch 02 42558031 Melinda Creamer 02 44217563 info@disabilitytrust.org.au

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

COMPANION CARD – NSW (New)

It is here – the NSW Companion Card. The Companion Card allows people with a significant and permanent disability, who require attendant care for the rest of their lives, to participate in community activities and events without discrimination. NDS NSW is your link to the NSW Companion Card Scheme.

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

COMPANION CARD in Victoria, Western Australia & Tasmania.

A great scheme for people who have a disability and their carers. An innovation started in Victoria.

http://www.companioncard.org.au/cc/CCPortal/portal_index.htm

The Victorian State Government owns the trade mark and intellectual property rights for the Companion Card. The Victorian Government is keen to support other states and territories to facilitate the rights of people with a disability by providing a licence and full support to implement a Companion Card program in their state. For more information, see the [Trade Mark & Licence](#) section of their web site.

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING BOOKS GUIDE

[Dementia Day Care Centre Design: A Virtual Tour of Contemporary Best Practice](#) Downloadable free pdf publication.

The Rational Use of Psychotropic Medication for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities

Edwin J. Mikkelsen, M.D. ISBN: 1-57256-057-6 NADD # DT07-038B The central premise for this book is the thesis that a psychiatric diagnosis is a necessary, but not a sufficient, basis to justify the use of psychotropic medication in individuals with intellectual disabilities (ID). For example, the diagnosis of a depressive disorder does not legitimize the use of three antidepressants (or even one), if efficacy cannot be demonstrated. A corollary thesis is that in those situations where a psychiatric diagnosis has been established, there still needs to be a rigorous risk-benefit analysis with regard to the utilization of the proposed medication. NADD Members: \$US29.95 Non-members: \$US34.95 <http://www.thenadd.org/pages/products/bookdetails/dt07-038b.shtml>

Cashman, R. & Darcy, S. 2008,

Benchmark Games: The Sydney 2000 Paralympic Games,

Walla Walla Press in conjunction with the Australian Centre for Olympic Studies, Petersham, NSW Australia.

ISBN: 978-1-876718-05-3 - \$49.95 Available: http://www.wallawallapress.com/benchmark_paralympics.php

Criminal Offenders With Mental Retardation: Risk Assessment And The Continuum Of Community-Based Treatment Programs

Edwin J. Mikkelsen, M.D. & Wayne J. Stelk, Ph.D. ISBN: 1-57256-011-8 NADD ID# OF99-002B Individuals who present with the combination of developmental disabilities and a history of criminal offenses elicit a wide variety of responses from clinicians and administrators. These responses vary from overly punitive to dismissive. It is relatively easy to find examples of each extreme applied to the same type of offense in different areas. The purpose of this monograph is to present a systematic objective method of assessment that can facilitate the development of clinically appropriate individualised community treatment programs. The Appendix to this monograph contains an Annotated Bibliography of selected recently published articles on this subject. NADD Members: \$US24.94 Non-members: \$US29.95 <http://www.thenadd.org/pages/products/bookdetails/of99-002b.shtml>

Disability & Society: Challenges in the 21st Century

R. Brown. First published 2003 This succinct monograph, authored by Professor Roy I. Brown, formerly Foundation Professor and Dean of the School of Special Education and Disability Studies at Flinders University in South Australia, consists of two chapters. The first chapter contains the 2001 Hilary Johnson lecture presented prior to Professor Brown's departure from the Adelaide academic scene. It describes current and future challenges faced by people with disabilities and their families, setting the scene for change in the current difficult climate of economic rationalism. The second chapter encapsulates highlights from the 'Options Report' - an evaluation of 'Options Coordination', a service model initiated by the South Australian government involving five disability agencies working together to provide case management, service brokerage and service provision to people with disabilities. Purchase Price: \$15.00 AUD - includes postage ASSID PO Box 84 ROSANNA Victoria, 3084

GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING GUIDE TO POLICIES & GUIDELINES

[New legislation for restrictive practices - Queensland](#)

The new legislation strengthens safeguards to uphold the rights of adults with an intellectual or cognitive disability who exhibit challenging behaviour. It also provides a positive behaviour support system to improve the quality of life of these adults.

Under the Act, disability service providers must conduct an assessment of the adult and develop a positive behaviour support plan before considering, or gaining approval or consent for, the use of restrictive practices.

Amendments to the Queensland Disability Services Act 2006 commenced 1 July 2008 to regulate the use of restrictive practices. <http://www.disability.qld.gov.au/key-projects/positive-futures/legislation/>

Learn more about the regulation and authorisation of the use of restrictive practices in the [overview of amendments \(PDF 225 kB\)](#).

More detailed information is contained in Disability Services Queensland's new [policies and procedures](#) for the use of restrictive practices.

[Revised Decision Making and Consent Policy and Procedures \(Feb 2009\)](#)

Just released by NSW Department of Ageing Disability & Home Care – free download

[Australian Implementation and Evaluation of Active Support](#)

" The Active Support model is a research-based suite of interrelated procedures which focus strongly on the way group home staff work with consumers and the organisation of the group home to ensure that the primary focus is on direct support of residents to enable them to participate actively in everyday activities. The present study serves as a demonstration project to assess the effectiveness and viability of implementing Active Support in Australian group homes, by introducing Active Support to five Sydney group homes and evaluating its impact."

Download this free report from the DADHC NSW web site at

<http://www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/NR/rdonlyres/A228AA8A-8A20-4058-AAA0-D82C0E37F339/1666/AustralianImplementationandEvaluationofActiveSuppo.pdf>

[Models of Supported Accommodation for People with a Disability](#)

Discussion papers, agreed principles, round tables and supporting information on models of supported accommodation. A variety of documents to download from the DADHC NSW web site at.

<http://www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/People+with+a+disability/Models+of+Supported+Accommodation+for+People+with+a+Disability.htm>

GLOBAL ONLINE DIRECTORIES GUIDE

[Indigenous Disability Advocacy Service \(IDAS\)](#)

The Indigenous Disability Advocacy Service can assist indigenous people with most types of disabilities, their families and carers when the person they are looking after needs help, especially if they have been unfairly treated or are confused about a big decision. They are funded to service Indigenous persons with a disability in Western Sydney and Regional centres in areas of high need in NSW.

Crisis Support Contacts – Sydney <http://www.sydneyingleparents.org.au/Crisissupport.html>

Australian Health Directory - www.healthdirectory.com.au

Agency Disability Nurses & Residential Care Workers Wanted

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING GRANT NEWS

DADHC NSW Unit Costing Tool

If you are preparing funding submissions and need to prepare budgets you might find the NSW Dept of Ageing Disability & Home Care Unit Costing Tool very useful.

The tool and manual can be freely downloaded from their web site at:

Manual http://www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/NR/rdonlyres/4A85B509-4842-4DD3-BF7B-A070AA5B03EC/3496/UCT_Training_Manual.pdf

DADHC Unit Costing Tool http://www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/NR/rdonlyres/4A85B509-4842-4DD3-BF7B-A070AA5B03EC/3725/Unit_Costing_Tool_v1_2.zip

Version 1.2 (20 June 2008) This is a Microsoft Excel document which has been zipped and will require pc-Zip or similar software to unpack. zip, 2.4 MB

Streamlining Individual Support packages – Victoria

The [Individual Support Package Guidelines and Individual Support Package Funding Proposal](#) have been updated following review after the first three months of operation. The information sheet [Streamlining individual support packages - What it means for current individualised support package recipients, May 2008](#) is now [available in a number of community languages](#).

DADHC – NSW - Leaving Care Program - Mentoring Service - DADHC.09.01

[Cover letter](#)

[Request for tender](#)

[Program description](#)

[Information session for potential applicants](#)

[Application form](#)

[Budget sheet](#)

DADHC – NSW - EarlyStart - Diagnosis support supporting families at the time of their child's diagnosis of a disability - DADHC.08.87

[Cover letter](#)

[Request for tender](#)

[Profile of available services](#)

[Program description](#)

[Information session](#)

[Application form](#)

[Proposed service budget template](#)

[Questions and Answers sheet one](#)

DADHC – NSW - Transition to Work (TTW) Tender - DADHC.08.115

We are seeking applications from suitably qualified organisations to deliver Transition to Work services in identified Local Government Areas where there is limited or no supply of services. These areas are situated in the following Local Planning Areas - North Sydney, Far North Coast, Mid North Coast, New England, Illawarra (identified as Southern in the Request for Tender and Application Form), Southern Highlands and Riverina/Murray. Tenders close at 5.00pm on Friday 20 March 2009. [Tender documents](#)

GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING RESEARCH NEWS

Research funding opportunity recently released
from the NSW Dept of Ageing, Disability & Home Care.
Research Grants Program- DADHC.08.117

[Cover letter](#)

[Information for applicants and specifications](#)

[Research application form](#)

[DADHC research policy](#)

[DADHC standard research agreement](#)

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 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](#)

[Supporting People at Risk of Unlawful Behavior](#) - Marc Goldman, M.S. NADD Bulletin article.

Emerson, E., Honey, A. & Llewellyn, G. (2008). **The well-being and aspirations of Australian adolescents and young adults with a long-term health condition, disability or impairment.** Report for ARACY.
<http://www.aracy.org.au//AM/Common/pdf/Wellbeing.pdf>

[The ecological validity of common risk assessment strategies for offenders with intellectual disabilities.](#)

Boer. 43rd Annual ASSID Conference Paper. Free download from ASSID web site.

Evaluating diagnostic tools in autism assessments Kerrie Baker University of Western Sydney 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](#)

[Practical Behavioral Solutions to Enhancing Healthcare with Persons with Dual Diagnoses](#) - Jeff Marinko-Shrivers, Ph.D.; Jeanie Zsambok, Ph.D. NADD Bulletin article.

[A method for undertaking formal reviews of behaviour support systems in agencies providing support to people with intellectual disabilities.](#) Dikian 43rd Annual ASSID Conference Paper. Free download from ASSID web site.

CONFERENCE ADVANCED NOTICE: for the latest Australian Research papers.
4 -6 November 2009

44th ASSID Conference 2009 Power and Passion: Progress through Partnerships

Wrest Point Convention centre, Hobart Tasmania <http://www.leishman-associates.com.au/44assid2009/>

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING FEATURED COURSE(S)

FREE ONLINE EDUCATION

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 new web site at

http://www.globaladvantage.org/page/online_education.html

* If you are offering free online professional development in the disability & ageing field or under-graduate or post-graduate distance education courses in disabilities, ageing, community welfare and/or mental health – our readers would be very interested to know about it – so please email me the details and web link at GlobalAdvantage.Education@gmail.com

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING EDUCATION RESOURCES GUIDE

***my future my choice* Community Education DVD**

Victorian Disability Services' community education DVD [Improving Lives](#) illustrates the alternative support options available through *my future my choice*.

Foot Care Training Resource

[Their Feet in Your Hands](#): *Basic Foot Care and Use of Ankle Foot Orthoses for People with Disabilities*

People with disabilities – particularly those with intellectual disability and cerebral palsy, often have significant orthopaedic deformities with consequent foot problems. They are frequently unable to look after their own feet and because of communication difficulties they may not be able to tell anyone how much their feet are hurting. Foot care for these people has been overlooked in the literature and in practiceuntil now.

This resource will train support workers to assist clients with basic foot care and the correct fitting of Ankle Foot Orthoses.

Their Feet in Your Hands is based on realistic work situations and supports a number of competencies in the Community Service, Health & Disability Training Packages:

- CHCHC302B Provide personal care in a home and community care environment
- CHCDIS10B Provide care and support
- HLTIN301A Comply with infection control policies and procedures in health work
- HLTAH405A Assist with podiatric procedures
- HLTAH406A Assist with podiatry assessment and exercise
- HLTAH404A Assist with basic foot hygiene

Interactive CD Rom and colour workbook – only \$40 plus \$10 p&h.

Contains :

- Detailed Lessons and activities to promote better understanding of the need for good foot care and what a support worker *can* do
- Step by step procedures
- Resources – including foot care plan template
- Facilitator's Guide and Assessment Tasks
- Interactive CD Rom with lots of information and fun learning activities. Can stand alone or be used with the workbook.

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-footcare-resource>

[Click here for the order form and brochure](#) or call us on (02) 4781 1118 for further information.

GLOBAL POSITIONS VACANT

Disability Care Workers – Hunter & Central Coast (Agency Casual Work)

Email: john@globaladvantage.org **Free phone:** 1800 009 292

We are a growing casual staff agency offering a variety of shifts to care workers throughout Hunter, Central Coast and surrounding areas. Currently we are seeking experienced care workers to work with people who have a disability. **Plenty of shifts available. Weekly pay.** Choose your own days & shift availability. Must have previous experience in a similar role. Drivers License and First Aid Certificate required. Cert 3 or 4 in disabilities is an advantage. Ability to communicate effectively with people who have a disability is essential. Must be able to work as part of a team. For more information contact John on 1800 009 292 or forward your resume along with contact details of two referees to: john@globaladvantage.org

Disability & Mental Health 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)

Email: John@GlobalAdvantage.org **Free phone:** 1800 009 292

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.

Residential Care Workers - Disability & /or Aged Care in the Sydney Region (Agency Casual Work)

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We are a growing casual staff agency offering a variety of shifts to care workers throughout Sydney and surrounding suburbs. Currently we are seeking experienced care workers to work with people who have a disability. Plenty of shifts available. Weekly pay. Choose your own days & shift availability. Must have previous experience in a similar role. Drivers License and First Aid Certificate required. Ability to communicate effectively with people who have a disability is essential. Must be able to work as part of a team. For more information call 1800 009 292 or forward your resume along with contact details of two referees to: employment@globaladvantage.org

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

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As one of the market leaders in the aged care, disability and mental health fields. Global Advantage can offer you plenty of shifts in the private and public aged care, disability, mental health services and dual diagnosis and disability special care areas. An agency founded and run by Registered Nurses, we can assist you in finding work in a variety of locations. Choose the hours and shifts to suit your lifestyle. Must be registered with the NSW Nurses Registration Board. **Excellent pay rates. Weekly pays.** Why not forward your resume to manager@globaladvantage.org or phone to speak to one of our friendly consultants who can help you make that great career move. Free phone: 1800 009 292.

Consultant Register in Human Services & Health Sector (Project work and sessional sub-contract consulting) **Email:** Education@GlobalAdvantage.org **Free phone:** 1800 009 292

We are looking for experienced and qualified people who are interested in special project assignments in Australia and/or overseas. Send us your resume if you have experience in organizational development, quality management & ISO standards, health services accreditation, education accreditation, policy & procedures development, project management, human resources consulting, nursing management, out-placement & re-deployment management, service evaluation, research, consumer research, demographics & needs indicator research, information technology, client records management, clinical consulting, specialist behavioural programming, multicultural programs, health education and/or community development. There could be some interesting opportunities emerge for the right people.

We are looking for people with professional backgrounds in disabilities, aged & dementia care, mental health, community & welfare services, health services, drug & alcohol, public health, nursing, international aid, and human services.

To Apply Online with Global Advantage go to http://www.globaladvantage.org/form/apply_now.html

GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING CONFERENCES GUIDE

Global Conference Calendar - See a more comprehensive listing of conferences for the year at our web site http://www.globaladvantage.org/page/conference_calendar.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 <http://deewr.gov.au/skillsconference2009>

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2009 IRSA (Independent Rehabilitation Suppliers Association of NSW) Expo.

Rosehill Gardens, Rosehill, NSW. 50 exhibitors featuring products and services for people with a disability and aged people. <http://www.irsa.org.au>

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

3 March 2009

The blooming of a hundred flowers: activism, academia and the disability studies challenge Seminar - Tom Shakespeare, University of Newcastle, UK. 2pm-3pm, Seminar Room, Staff Common Room, Level 2, Law Building, UNSW. Hosted by Disability Studies and Research Centre UNSW RSVP to dsrc@unsw.edu.au or phone: 9385-9908, by Monday 2 March.

3 – 4 March 2009

Human Factors in Healthcare Conference. Crowne Plaza, Darling Harbour
<http://www.informa.com.au/conferences/healthcare/human-factors-in-healthcare-symposium>

4 – 7 March 2009

Brain Injuries: Clinical-based Conference. Las Vegas, USA
<http://www.contemporaryforums.com/m412309/bene.asp>

5 – 7 March 2009

1st International Conference on Bridging Knowledge in Long Term Care and Support: Crossing Boundaries between Aging and Disability, Barcelona, Spain
<http://www.thenadd.org/pdfs/research/conferencebridgingprogramme23jan09.pdf>

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

11 March 2009

Child-Safe Child-Friendly' Workshops Wagga Wagga RSL Club NSW ['Child-Safe Child-Friendly' Workshop information](#)

16 – 18 March 2009

1st Asia-Pacific Nursing Students Conference UKMMC, Kuala Lumpur, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
<http://www.ukm.my/apnsc>

16 – 21 March 2009

24th Annual International Technology & Persons with Disabilities Conference, California State University (CSUN) Centre on Disabilities. For further information [here](#)

23 – 25 March 2009

11th Annual Health Congress Sydney Harbour Marriott Circular Quay Sydney
<http://www.informa.com.au/conferences/healthcare/11th-annual-health-congress>

2 -3 April 2009

Annual Higher Education Summit. Grand Hyatt Melbourne
<http://www.informa.com.au/conferences/education/higher-education-summit>

2-3 April 2009.

Shared Vision Disability Conference 2009. Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre. Contact 09 3255 1002 or sharedivisions09@icmaust.com.au

2 – 4 April 2009

Challenging Positions in Disability Research - normativity, knowledge and praxis, Nordic Network on Disability Research Conference Nyborg, Denmark [Website](#)

6 April 2009

Disabilities & Dementia Seminar with Diana Kerr (UK)
Parramatta (venue to be confirmed) Alzheimer's Australia NSW email education@alznsw.asn.au to register your interest

7-9 April 2009

Rehabilitation: Mobility, Exercise and Sports, 4th State of the Congress, VU University, Amsterdam, www.move.vu.nl/links/rehabmove2009 or email RehabMove2009@fbw.vu.nl

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

16 –17 April 2009

12th Annual Australian Vocational Education and Training Research Association Conference Crowne Plaza Coogee Beach, Sydney, NSW Theme is "Aligning Participants, Policy and Pedagogy: Traction and Tensions in VET Research". http://www.avetra.org.au/annual_conference/index.shtml

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Your Life Your Choice ...creating an inclusive world Conference aims to contribute to the welfare and resilience of people with disabilities, their families, carers, friends and interested community members. Shoalhaven Campus UOW. We have presenters from Criminal Justice Support Network, Intellectual Disability Rights Service, IDEAS, Citizen Advocacy , DADHC Psychologist and Your Time Carer Counselling .
Registration closes 16th March. For further information contact. Claudia Bartsch 02 42558031 Melinda Creamer 02 44217563 info@disabilitytrust.org.au

21-22 April 2009

AITD 2009 National Conference Australian Technology Park, Sydney, NSW Australian Institute of Training and Development <http://www.aitd.com.au/conference>

22 April 2009

'Developing good practice: reducing the use of restrictive physical interventions' Glasgow
http://www.bildservices.org.uk/acatalog/Developing_good_practice.html

23 – 24 April 2009

Fifth Annual Disability Professionals Victoria Annual Conference 2009, The Sebel, Albert Park, Victoria. http://www.dpv.org.au/html/s02_article/article_view.asp?id=796&nav_top_id=-1&nav_cat_id=-1

27 – 28 April 2009

Paediatric Nursing Update Valletta, Malta <http://www.maltime.com>

27 – 29 April 2009

Disability Policy Seminar Washington DC. American Association of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
<http://www.aaid.org/Events/gas.shtml>

28 – 29 April 2009

Ninth Annual Multiple Perspectives on Access, Inclusion and Disability: Change, Challenge and Collaboration: Ohio State University: Call for papers For details:
www.ada.osu.edu/conferences/2009Conf/callforpapers09.html

29 - 30 April 2009

Gathering People, Linking Voices, Living Strong: A joint conference with Disability SA and the Aboriginal Disability Network SA The Shores Function Complex, Military Rd (cnr Hamra Ave), West Beach

29 - 30 April 2009

Disability and Economy: Creating a Society for All. University of Tokyo and Manchester Metropolitan University: Manchester: United Kingdom For details email d.goodley@mmu.ac.uk or Ngase@an.email.ne.jp

30 April – 2 May 2009

The Right Stuff Conference – Australian Practice Nurses Association. Melbourne Victoria.
<http://www.apna.asn.au/conference>

1 May 2009

Australian Federation of Disability Organisations (AFDO) Conference 2008: Policy About Us, For Us! A Practical Revolution in the Live of People with Disabilities, Telstra Dome, Melbourne. www.afdo.org.au, or email afdo@hotelnetwork.com.au

2-3 May 2009

Pacific Rim International Forum, Hawaii Prince Hotel (will focus on the convention on rights of persons with disabilities with special attention to eradicating poverty). Hawaii, USA [Website](#)

4 - 5 May 2009

Working Towards a Brighter Future: 25th Annual Pacific Rim International Conference on Disabilities

Honolulu: For details www.cds.hawaii.edu

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2009 NDS National Workforce Conference Building workforce capacity: satisfaction, safety & skills Hobart [Call for Papers www.nds.org.au](http://www.nds.org.au) email phiippa.angley@nds.org.au

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