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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

Productivity Commission Draft Report on Disability Care and Support

The Commission was asked to examine the feasibility, costs and benefits of replacing the current system of disability services with a new arrangement that provides essential care and support for all Australians in the event of significant disability. The draft report was released on 28 February 2011. **You are invited to examine this report and make written submissions to the Productivity Commission by 30 April 2011.**

In the preamble they state - “The disability support ‘system’ overall is inequitable, underfunded, fragmented, and inefficient and gives people with a disability little choice. It provides no certainty that people will be able to access appropriate supports when needed. While some governments have performed much better than others, and there are pockets of success, overall no disability system in any jurisdiction is working well in all of the areas where change is required.

The central message of this draft report is that a *real* system for people with a disability is required — with much more and better-directed money, a national approach, and a shift in decision-making to people with a disability and their carers. This overview explains what is wrong with the current system and how to improve it. It shows how a new system would work for individuals with a disability and their families, and how it would provide benefits for the community as a whole.

Some of the key points are:

- The current disability support system is underfunded, unfair, fragmented, and inefficient, and gives people with a disability little choice and no certainty of access to appropriate supports.
- There should be a new national scheme — the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) — that provides insurance cover for all Australians in the event of significant disability.
- The NDIS would fund long-term high quality care and support (but not income replacement). Around 360 000 people would receive scheme funding.
- The needs of people with a disability and their carers would be assessed rigorously by NDIS-appointed local assessors. Assessment would lead to individualised support packages.
- The agency overseeing the NDIS — the National Disability Insurance Agency — would be a federal agency created by, and reporting to, all Australian governments.
- The Commission’s preliminary estimates suggest that the amount needed to provide people with the necessary supports would be an *additional* \$6.3 billion, roughly equal to current funding.
- The Commission is proposing that the Australian Government take responsibility for funding the *entire* needs of the NDIS.

For all the links <http://www.pc.gov.au/projects/inquiry/disability-support/draft>

Summaries

[Overview booklet - Disability Care and Support - Draft report \(PDF - 537 Kb\) | \(Word - 289 Kb\) | \(Daisy/ZIP - 24 114 Kb\)](#)

[Key features - Disability Care and Support - Draft report \(PDF - 164 Kb\) | \(Word - 221 Kb\) | \(Daisy/ZIP - 9426 Kb\)](#)

Full Report

[Volume 1 - Disability Care and Support - Draft report \(PDF - 2340 Kb\) | \(Word/ZIP - 1735 Kb\) | \(Daisy/ZIP - 310 Kb\)](#)

[Volume 2 - Disability Care and Support - Draft report \(PDF - 1886 Kb\) | \(Word/ZIP - 901 Kb\) | \(Daisy/ZIP - 305 Kb\)](#)

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Ramp Up – new ABC disability media web site

The ABC has a new website dedicated to all things disability. The aim of the site is to ‘ramp up’ the conversation about disability in Australia – it’s a place for people with disabilities to have a say.

The editor, Stella Young, promises it will be ‘a website with attitude.’ She says “Hi. I’m Stella Young and I’m the editor of Ramp Up, the ABC’s new online destination for news, discussion, debate and humour for everyone in Australia’s disability communities. Whether you live with a disability, are a friend or family member of someone with a disability, work in the sector or just want to get a better picture, this is a lively community space to have your say. I have a background in media, with a BA in Journalism and Public Relations. I’ve worked for Arts Access Victoria and hosted Australia’s only disability specific television show, No Limits.”

This site is where you will find ABC stories, interviews and videos on the subject of disability. As you browse through the site, the links you follow will take you to stories as they appeared in their original context, whether from ABC News, a TV program or a radio interview. Please enjoy.
<http://www.abc.net.au/rampup/>

{It will be a great starting point for monitoring media coverage of disability issues – recommended for ‘bookmarking’ in your ‘favourites’. Editor, Global Gazette Disability & Ageing}

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Australian Human Rights Commission

Disability Rights home page http://www.humanrights.gov.au/disability_rights/index.html

The Australian Human Rights Commission leads the implementation of the [Disability Discrimination Act 1992](#). This Act makes disability discrimination unlawful and aims to promote equal opportunity and access for people with disabilities.

The Commission also has major responsibilities under the international [Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities](#).

[Complaints](#) about discrimination and breaches of human rights can be made to the Australian Human Rights Commission.

The Commission also performs a wide range of functions to assist individuals and organisations to understand their rights and meet their legal responsibilities. They conduct public inquiries, negotiate disability guidelines and standards, support organisations to develop Disability Action Plans and run community education programs. This work is led by [Graeme Innes AM](#), the Disability Discrimination Commissioner and Racial Discrimination Commissioner.

- [Cinema access plan](#)
- [Livable housing design guidelines released](#)
 - [New disability rights blog](#)
- [Submission to NDIS inquiry](#)
 - □ [Final draft bus stop guidelines for comment](#)

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GLOBAL – Australian Work Visa Sponsorship

for experienced overseas trained professionals in disability and nursing.

Global 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 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 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.globalcarestaff.com/page/immigration.html>

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GLOBAL SCHOLARSHIPS NEWS

Rosemary Foundation Travel Grant

The Rosemary Foundation Travel Grant, offered in partnership with the Rosemary Foundation, is a travel project grant up to the value of \$15,000 (exclusive of GST) to enable an Australian researcher or clinician to travel overseas for a period of approximately one month, and learn new techniques and/or network with well known international research teams at a hospital or university outside Australia.

[Download Rosemary Foundation Travel Grant Application form](#) (PDF)

Applications close Monday 18 April 2011.

Check out our **Global Scholarships Guide** at

http://www.globalcarestaff.com/page/scholarship_guide.html

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

Status of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)

99 ratifications of the Convention

147 signatories to the Convention

Optional Protocol to the Convention

60 ratifications of the Optional Protocol

90 signatories to the Optional Protocol

On EU ratification of the Convention

On 23 December, the European Union (EU) ratified the CRPD, becoming the first intergovernmental organization to join a United Nations human rights treaty. The EU ratification (or "confirmation" in the wording of the CRPD) is based on article 42 of the CRPD, which states that the Convention is also open for signature by regional integration organizations. The EU first committed to joining the CRPD by signing it in March 2007. The ratification of the CRPD by the EU represents a significant commitment to raising awareness on the rights of persons with disabilities, mainstreaming disability rights across all areas of EU competency and taking concrete steps towards ensuring that the rights of persons with disabilities in society and development are respected, protected and fulfilled.

GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

More Accessible cinemas in Australia

The Government of Australia will fund the provision of captions for the deaf and audio descriptions for the vision-impaired on at least one screen in cinema complexes by the end of 2014. At present just 0.3 per cent of cinemas screen accessible sessions. More information:

<http://www.theage.com.au/entertainment/movies/disability-groups-hail-film-deal-20100826-13u6o.html>

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Age Discrimination – exposing the hidden barrier for mature age workers

Since the introduction of the *Age Discrimination Act 2004* (Cth), experiences of age discrimination in employment among mature age workers have featured prominently in the complaints of age discrimination received by the Australian Human Rights Commission.

A number of general themes emerged including mature age workers' access to appropriate skills and training, the ability to balance unpaid caring work, issues of law reform and the lack of detailed Australian research into these issues. One of the foremost barriers that emerged was that of unlawful age discrimination - and this in the face of one of the most significant demographic shifts in modern human history where populations across the globe are ageing.

Age discrimination is entrenched through ageism, which can be found in almost every sphere of public life. It doesn't just exist - it thrives. Disturbingly, unlike other forms of discrimination, age discrimination and ageism don't yet seem to be at the point of being stigmatised.

The purpose of this paper is to look at and raise awareness of the issues of ageism and unlawful age discrimination against mature age workers within the workplace. It is a form of discrimination that appears to sit quietly – it can go unnoticed and seems accepted. This paper aims to expose it.

[Download in PDF](#) [1 MB]

[Download in Word](#) [400 KB]

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Criminal Justice Support Network (CJSN)

The Criminal Justice Support Network (CJSN) is a service of the Intellectual Disability Rights Service Inc. (IDRS) that provides volunteer support workers for people with an intellectual disability who are in contact with the criminal justice system.

A support worker is allocated to a person with an intellectual disability seeking assistance at police interviews, courts and related legal appointments whether they are victims, witnesses, suspects or defendants.

Trained support workers are available in targeted areas: Sydney, Southern NSW and the Hunter region.

For more information <http://www.idrs.org.au/cjsn/index.html>

[Police Kit - Getting Arrested Kit - What to Do!](#)

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Australian Ageing Agenda free email newsletter

See the web site at <http://www.australianageingagenda.com.au/>

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Managing Challenging Behaviour

This resource will provide workers with a variety of options to prevent and/or reduce the possibility of the occurrence of Challenging Behaviours. It will also discuss how to be pro-active in your approach instead of reactive, and how to empower the individual to be more responsible for their own behaviour. Price:\$ 85

http://www.educonsult.biz/asp/descriptions/product_info.asp?ID=10

Understanding Disorganized Attachment Theory and Practice for Working with Children and Adults

[David Shemmings](#) and [Yvonne Shemmings](#)

http://www.jkp.com/catalogue/book/9781849050449?utm_campaign=Social-Work-Newsletter_Feb11_NUC&utm_medium=Email&utm_source=CM_jessica-kingsley-publishers&utm_content=Social-Work-Newsletter_Feb11_NUC

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING GUIDE TO POLICIES & GUIDELINES

UNESCO: Step-by-Step guidelines to Accessible Office Documents

UNESCO in partnership with the Inclusive Design Research Centre (IDRC) and the Government of Ontario, Canada have developed consolidated and publicly-reviewed guidance on how to create accessible office documents using many of the more popular office programmes and suites. The guidance takes the form of step-by-step guides, with plenty of illustrations and helpful hints. The effort also included a workshop "Creating Accessible Digital Office Documents" in November 2010. UNESCO thus aims to improve its online presence, preparation of internal and external documents and publications respecting accessibility standards and to make those available in fully accessible formats for persons with disabilities. More information: <http://adod.idrc.ocad.ca> and <http://www.unesco.org/webworld/icts/disabilities>.

Proposed nationally consistent list of core equipment for people with a disability - issues paper

This Issues Paper has been developed by the PADP Community Alliance following the agreement by the Australian Community and Disability Services Ministers in June 2010 to develop a nationally consistent list of core equipment for people with a disability. The Alliance is seriously concerned about the development and implementation of a core equipment list for PADP and other equipment programs to support people with disability. This paper outlines the potential issues with a core equipment list and provides advice for the Australian Ministers to guide considerations on the provision of disability equipment. [Click here to download issues paper.](#)

The revised **National Mental Health Standards** are now available for download from www.health.gov.au/mhsc. Alternatively, copies can be sourced from the National Mail and Marketing: health@nationalmailing.com.au.

GLOBAL ONLINE DIRECTORIES GUIDE

Australian Ageing Agenda Online Trade Directory

The Australian Ageing Agenda Online Directory brings together over 310 industry suppliers in 119 product categories showcasing 612 brands. The information in this directory will be updated regularly so check in often!
<http://directory.australianageingagenda.com.au/categories>

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

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING GRANT NEWS

Alzheimer's Australia Research announces new research grants

Thanks to strong community support, Alzheimer's Australia Research is today able to announce research grants in excess of \$1million per year for the next three years.

Alzheimer's Australia CEO Glenn Rees said: "this milestone has been achieved as a result of increased donations and bequests, and is a clear reflection of the fact that the community is increasingly concerned about the epidemic of dementia and Alzheimer's disease that we are facing.

Most applications close Monday 18 April 2011.

Visit the Dementia Research grant information at <http://www.alzheimers.org.au/research-publications/dementia-grants-program.aspx>

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING RESEARCH NEWS

Disability support services 2008-09

Disability support services 2008-09 reports on data collected as part of the Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement National Minimum Data Set (CSTDA NMDS) between 1 July 2008 and 30 June 2009. The NMDS provides information on services funded under the Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement to 30 December 2009 and its replacement, the National Disability Agreement from 1 January 2009. This report describes the service outlets and the uses of these services, including their support needs and informal carer arrangements. AIHW catalogue number (DIS58). Available from CanPrint for \$34.00 (1300 889 873). Click on the link to view the [media release](#) and [report](#).

Growing and maintaining social networks for older people (previously called Active engagement of older people in the community) Dr Debra Horsfall Social Justice and Social Change Research Centre, University of Western Sydney. Her research explored the social networks of older people and carers receiving HACC funded services. Using an innovative "photovoice" technique, the research identified how caring can contribute to the growth of social capital. [Final report: Growing and maintaining social networks for older people](#)

Health of Australians with disability: health status and risk factors

This bulletin is the first in a series about health of Australians with disability. It examines how health problems affect health status of people with disability in Australia with a focus on prevalence and age at onset of some significant long term health conditions and relevant health risk factors and behaviours. AIHW catalogue number (**AUS 132**). Available from CanPrint for **\$10** (1300 889 873). Click on the link to view the [media release](#) and [report](#).

Effective assessment of social isolation A/Professor Jan Sansoni University of Wollongong, Centre for Health Service Development This project reviewed the scientific and 'grey' literature concerning instruments used for the effective assessment of social isolation. The research initially identified 155 assessment instruments and used an evaluation framework to identify the most promising instruments for comprehensive review. Four instruments were selected: De Jong Gierveld Loneliness Scales; the Lubben Social Network Scales; the Multidimensional Scale of Perceived Social Support and the Medical Outcomes Study Social Support Survey for further testing and linguistic validation. [Final Report: Effective Assessment of Social Isolation](#)

Mental Health Carers Report

The Mental Health Carers Report 2010 provides the first quantifiable measure of the issues and concerns of Australian mental health carers and the people they care for. It is the first in an ongoing series of surveys to record, compare and comment upon the changing experiences of mental health carers. [Click here to download report.](#)

Pathways in Aged Care: program use after assessment

Analysis of care pathways provides information that is useful to both policy planners and service providers alike. The Pathways in Aged Care (PIAC) cohort study linked aged care assessment data for a cohort of 105,100 people to data sets showing use of five main aged care programs and deaths over 4 years. This report presents an overview of the PIAC cohort, investigating care needs, assessment patterns, common care pathways, time to entry to permanent residential aged care and time to death after assessment for use of aged care services. AIHW catalogue number (CSI10). Available from the internet only. Click on the link to view the [media release](#) and [report](#).

Social Isolation - Development of an Assessment Tool for HACC Services

Michael Fine and Rochelle Spencer Centre for Research on Social Inclusion Macquarie University This review was commissioned to provide a survey of the literature on social isolation, with the intention of identifying best practice strategies and to help develop guidelines for Home and Community Care (HACC) services. The aim of the review was to promote evidence-based practice and assist in the development of indicators of social isolation for HACC services to use in identifying and addressing social isolation. [Social Isolation - Development of an Assessment Tool for HACC Services](#)

Research Request: Great Group Homes

Do you know a group home for people with severe and profound intellectual disabilities that you regard as being one of the best of its kind? You may work in such a setting or know one that you consider to be a flagship service. We want to understand what the staff culture in good group homes looks like, how it emerges, how it changes over time and what supports it. Our findings will help to inform organisational development, policy and practice in group homes. The project (funded by Australian Research Council) brings together key researchers in this field, Professor Jim Mansell, Professor Chris Bigby, Dr Julie Beadle – Brown, Dr Marie Knox and Dr Tim Clement. If you are able to recommend such a service in the broadest terms (i.e. without breaching confidentiality), that we might follow up and invite to participate in our research please contact Professor Christine Bigby: c.bigby@latrobe.edu.au or (03) 9479 1016.

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING FEATURED COURSE

Leading OHS in the Disability Sector Online Training Resource

NDS has been funded through a WorkCover Training and Education Assist Grant to develop an online training program for managers and supervisors in the Disability Sector. This training program is now completed and is ready for use. "Leading OHS in the Disability Sector" has been developed using disability specific material and case examples.

Modules include: Legislative Framework, OHS Management System, OHS Consultation, Risk Management, Management of Specific Risks, Injury Management, OHS Training, Records and Information Management and Continuous Improvement.

There is no requirement for all modules to be completed in one sitting so completion of the course can be organised around other duties.

You can access the training program by going to the disability safe website www.disabilitysafe.org.au and clicking on the [Leading OHS in the Disability Sector banner](#) at the bottom of the home page. To first access the training you will need to click on the register button in order to gain a username and password. Registration allows you to track your progress with the program and will result in notification to NDS of its completion so that a certificate of completion can be generated.

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.globalcaresstaff.com/page/online_education.html

GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING EDUCATION RESOURCES GUIDE

Communication and challenging behaviour

A 45-minute DVD examining the link between communication and behaviour, produced by the Challenging Behaviour Foundation. Cost: £30 plus postage, but free to parent carers. [Visit the Challenging Behaviour Foundation website](#)

The **Schizophrenia Evidence Library** can be accessed by the general public, researchers, clinicians and policy makers, and has the capacity to provide an evidence base for policy development and clinical practice, in areas such as:

- schizophrenia and young people
- schizophrenia and poverty
- comorbid mental health and drug and alcohol issues as they relate to schizophrenia; and
- schizophrenia and the criminal justice system

To access the library go to <http://www.schizophreniaresearch.org.au/library/home.php>

MS Australia - Bilingual MS Resources

New bilingual resources which provide information about living with multiple sclerosis (MS) for people with MS, their families, carers and friends.

Each of the four resources was developed individually in consultation with community groups. We have provided you with copies the following:

- Multiple Sclerosis - Arabic and English
- Multiple Sclerosis - Greek and English
- Multiple Sclerosis - Italian and English
- Multiple Sclerosis - Spanish and English

For people who require information, support and advice in languages other than English our information line, MS ConnectT [1800 042 138](tel:1800042138) (freecall), offers an interpreter service which can be accessed directly by calling [13 14 50](tel:131450). Face-to-face or telephone interpreters are also available for all of our clinical programs.

[Additional copies of these new resources are available on our website](#), or hard copies can be ordered from the MS Library on [03 9845 2809](tel:0398452809) or library@msaustralia.org.au

rightsED is guided by a clear set of [education principles and learning outcomes](#).

Our approach supports the goals and direction of the [UN World Programme for Human Rights Education](#), which aims to advance the implementation of human rights education programmes in all sectors.

The Commission also supports Australia's state and territory education departments, schools, organisations and facilitators to promote an understanding of and commitment to human rights education. The Commission's *rightsED* resources include a range of interactive, education activities for teachers and their students. They are designed to introduce students to human rights concepts in an engaging, relevant way. While the majority of resources and activities have been developed for secondary students - Year 9 and up (14 years and up), some resources and activities are suitable for younger students - Year 5 and up (10 years and up). The resources are free to download or order and may be photocopied to use individually or as an entire resource.

- [Download resources](#)
- [Download resources by human rights topics](#)
- [Download resources by key learning areas](#)
- [Multimedia resources](#)

For further information on the Commission's human rights education resources for teachers join our [mailing list](#) at: www.humanrights.gov.au or email education@humanrights.gov.au

Meeting the health care needs of people with multiple disabilities

A series of eight training and development packs for support staff produced by Pavilion. Topics include medication, epilepsy and allergies. Cost: £45 per pack or £295 for the full set. [Visit the Pavilion website](#)

Working in an Australian Disability Enterprise

Australian Disability Enterprises employ people with all types of disability and support needs. Most people with disability, including those with high support needs, can work successfully in a job if they have the right support. Centrelink Pulse newsletter item. [Continue reading.](#)

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FOR READERS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Call for Applications to Receive Global Disability Rights Library

The Global Disability Rights Library project announces a call for organizations to apply to receive a free digital Global Disability Rights Library (GDRL). Applications are open to disabled people's organizations, universities, and agencies in developing countries. Sixty organizations will receive the digital library to empower them to disseminate valuable disability rights knowledge and toolkits to their communities.

The goal of the GDRL project is to improve the lives of persons with disabilities in developing countries. The project uses an innovative "internet in a box" technology to deliver digital resources to people beyond the reach of the internet. Users will include disabled people's organizations (DPOs), decision makers, individual advocates, and others who cannot easily download information from the web.

Ideal deployment site candidates will have a demonstrated commitment to promoting and facilitating disability rights. Successful applicants will have the organizational capacity to become a hub for disseminating disability rights information and will be inclusive of a diverse disability community.

Read more <http://www.usicd.org/index.cfm/global-disability-rights-library>

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http://www.globalcarestaff.com/page/conference_calendar.html

March 2011

National Epilepsy Awareness month

1 -4 March 2011

International Society for the Study of Personality Disorders Congress. Crown Promenade Hotel Melbourne Australia <http://www.isspd2011.com.au/>

2 -4 March 2011

Annual Gatlinburg Conference On Research & Theory in Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities. San Antonio, TX, USA. Theme: "Adolescence and Developmental Disabilities: From Neurobiology to Interventions." <http://kc.vanderbilt.edu/gatlinburg/>

7 - 8 March 2011

Understanding Mental Illness Seminar for Nurses. Sydney. Ausmed Conferences.

<http://www.ausmed.com.au/nursing-conferences-australia/understanding-mental-illness-seminar.html>

8 - 10 March 2011

Aboriginal Community Care Conference. Novotel Northbeach, 2-14 Cliff Rd, Wollongong. NSW Aboriginal Community Care Gathering Committee. Funded by NSW Human Services: Ageing, Disability and Home Care. June Riemer at NCOSS on Tuesdays and Thursdays: ph 9211 2599 ext 104 or june@ncoss.org.au

10 - 11 March 2011

Inaugural Spine Care Conference. 'Laying the Foundations'. Doltone House, Jones Bay Wharf, Sydney. www.spinecareconference.org.au For more information please contact Madeleine Donkin, T 02 9890 0162, E madeleine.donkin@spinecare.org.au

14 - 17 March 2011

Pacific Disability Forum Regional Conference 2011. Promoting actions on the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) in the Pacific Region. Auckland New Zealand. www.pacificdisability.org

17 - 18 March 2011

Carers NSW Biennial Conference. Novotel, Brighton-le-Sands, Sydney www.carersnsw.asn.au/conf2011 Carers NSW on 02 9280 4744 or email conference@carersnsw.asn.au

18 March 2011

6th Annual Brain Injury Rehabilitation Conference. Sheraton Carlsbad Resort, Carlsbad, California, United States. <http://www.scripps.org/events/brain-injury-rehabilitation-conference>

21 - 22 March 2011

Disability Support: Options for Reform Conference. Melbourne The deadline for contributions is 30 November 2010. for [further information.](#)

22 - 23 March 2011

National Disability Services- Disability Professionals Victoria Conference. From Strength to Strength. The Sebel, Albert Park, Victoria. www.strengthtostrengthconference.com call for papers <http://www.strengthtostrengthconference.com/index.php/speakers>

25 March 2011

Exploring Disability Experience in Social Science Research. New Delhi, Delhi, India. Centre for the Study of Social Systems School of Social Sciences Jawaharlal Nehru University New Delhi. <http://www.jnu.ac.in/main.asp?sendval=conference>

26 March 2011

Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness – Epilepsy Australia

29 - 30 March 2011

Australian Council of Social Services (ACOSS) National Conference. Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. <http://www.acoss.org.au/nationalconference>

29 March to 2 April 2011

International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses 13th Annual Conference. Tucson, Arizona, United States. <http://www.ispn-psych.org>

4 – 7 April 2011

Pacific Regional Conference on Disability 2011. Waipuna Hotel Conference Centre. Auckland, New Zealand. Pacific Disability Forum. <http://www.pacificdisability.org/event.aspx?eventId=77>

6 – 7 April 2011

Carex 2011 Melbourne, Caulfield Racecourse. <http://www.totalagedservices.com.au/melb.asp>

9 April 2011

Disability Support Worker Awards 2011. WA. Winners will be announced at a Gala Dinner at the Burswood Entertainment Complex. <http://www.nds.org.au/events/1284678992>

11 – 13 April 2011

United Cerebral Palsy Annual Conference, Ritz-Carlton, New Orleans, LA. www.ucp.org

14 – 15 April 2011

National Affordable Housing Exchange. Australian Technology Park, Redfern, Sydney, NSW. Community Housing Federation of Australia (CHFA). <http://exchange.in-sync.com.au/>

18 – 19 April 2011

Pacific Rim International Conference on Disabilities. Honolulu, Hawaii, United States. Center on Disability Studies at University of Hawaii. <http://www.pacrim.hawaii.edu/>

1 – 7 May 2011

Motor Neurone Disease Week

2 – 3 May 2011

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