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35th Annual Conference

Friday 15th - Saturday 16th September 2017

Wrest Point Convention Centre, Hobart

Out of the Shadows - Into a Life!

To register:

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Held after the Hobart:



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The Australian Government Department of Social Services

Department of Health and Human Services, Tasmania



Delegate Program Includes:

Alastair McEwin Disability Commissioner Keynote Address & Panel Member

Alastair McEwin is Australia's Disability Commissioner and brings to the position extensive personal and professional experience of disability.

Alastair's educational background is in arts, law and business administration. He was the Executive Director of Community Legal Centres NSW, the peak body for Community Legal Centres in NSW. Previous roles include CEO of People with Disability Australia and Manager of the Australian Centre for Disability Law, President of the Deaf Society of NSW and Chairperson of the Disability Council NSW.

Robert Strike AM Talking About My Human Rights

Robert will share his experience of attending the United Nations Conference in New York about the Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and the journey that got him to the UN including establishing Self Advocacy Sydney and working in Rights education.

Julie Bates Touching Base

People with disability have a fundamental right to sexual expression. Julie will present sessions for the disability sector and people with disability.

For the sector - find out about the Touching Base database and how it works, policies and procedures manuals to assist organisations effectively respond to people's rights about sexual expression, and ask Julie Bates questions.

People with disability – an informal discussion with everything you wanted to know about seeing a sex worker but didn't know who or how to ask – Conversations on the couch presented by speakers from Touching Base and Scarlet Road.

Our Voice Committee Inclusion Australia National Council on Intellectual Disability

Our Voice members present stories and data from a Self Advocacy Research Project they've undertaken in 5 states.

Paul Cain Inclusion Australia

Recognised nationally for his expertise in Open Employment for people with intellectual disability, Paul is a highly valued and sought after speaker who was instrumental in the design of the School Leavers Employment Support program.

School Leaver Employment Supports is NDIS funding to help school leavers get ready for work. It offers 2 years of funding to address skills and barriers that may be preventing young people get jobs.

SLES is about remaking Australia as a place where people with disabilities are included in the labour force the same as other Australians.

Melissa Palframan & Brett Wake Developing Housing Solutions

What is community housing? How do we start?

Hear from Melissa and Brett as they discuss community housing for people who are disadvantaged in the private market and struggle to either rent appropriate accommodation affordably, or are unable to obtain home ownership.

Kelly Ford & Carolan Hand Disability and Community Services

DCS will offer a short presentation on the Complaints Handling resources including:

Everything you wanted to know about complaints (booklet), A Good Practise Guide and Self Audit Tool; and a Complaints Systems and Practise Self Audit – Quick Checklist.

Sarah Bolt Anti-discrimination Commissioner

In early 2017 Sarah returned to Tasmania from South Australia where she was Police Ombudsman. She has previously held the role of Anti-Discrimination Commissioner for Tasmania and is very pleased to be back.

Sarah will discuss the role of Equal Opportunity Tasmania, the importance of reporting complaints, how to lodge a complaint on behalf of someone and what happens next. She will also respond to questions from the sector.

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PROGRAM (DAY 1)	FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2017			
9.00am - 9.30am	REGISTRATION			
9.30am - 10.30am	OPENING CEREMONY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Welcome - Peter Huett, President Speak Out Members' Executive ○ Welcome to Country ○ Speak Out – Year in Focus ○ Keynote Address, Commissioner Alastair McEwin ○ NW Youth Group and Co performance ○ Minister's Address, The Hon Jacquie Petrusma 			
10.30am - 10.55am	MORNING BREAK			
11.00am - 11.45am	PLENARY – PANEL – “Are we out of the shadows?” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disability Commissioner, Alastair McEwin • Local government representative • Gregg Lennox, Metro • Detective Senior Sergeant Jim Semmens • Members' President, Peter Huett 			
11.50am - 12.35pm	Complaints Handling Resources for Support Providers Kelly Ford & Carolan Hands, DCS	Strategies for successful employment support Paul Cain, Inclusion Australia Peter Ramsden, Speak Out	Talking about Our Human Rights at the United Nations Robert Strike AM, Council for Intellectual Disability	NDIS – what it is, how it is different, how to get involved Katie Marx, Community Connector
12.40pm - 1.25pm	LUNCH			
1.30pm – 2.15pm	Touching Base – people with disability and sex workers working together to champion equality Julie Bates	Queensland Self Advocates & the Journey Out of the Shadows Donna Best & Samantha Matheson, QDN	Become a Leader Alanna Julian & Kylee Roberts Council for Intellectual Disability	NDIS – getting ready for planning TBA
2.30pm – 3.15pm	Disability, Health and the NDIS Kristy Bartlett-Clark, Manager St Giles, Cristina Blanch RN, Watson-Blanch, Carla Watson, Maree McCulloch, RN, Educator, Robyn Wallace, SHAID Clinic, Physician	Self Advocacy Around Australia Our Voice Committee, Inclusion Australia	Public Speaking Alanna Julian, Council for Intellectual Disability	Everything you wanted to know about seeing a sex worker but didn't know who or how to ask Julie & Jade

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3.15pm – 3.45pm	AFTERNOON BREAK			
3.45pm – 4.30pm	Deaf Awareness – issues and strategies in effective communication Stephen Nicholson, Tasdeaf	My Voice Can Help Change! Margaret Reynolds	NDIS – self management Greg Harwood, Senior Stakeholder Relations officer, NDIS	Developing Housing Solutions for People with Disabilities Melissa Palframan & Brett Wake, Community Housing Ltd

PROGRAM (DAY 2)	SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2017			
9.00am - 9.30am	REGISTRATION			
9.30am - 10.15am	Everyone's responsibility - reporting complaints on behalf of others Sarah Bolt, Anti-Discrimination Commissioner, Equal Opportunity Tasmania	Personal Story & Journey Heather Forsyth, VALID	Being safe and getting good services Mary Mallett, DANA	Lifestyle Choices project Susan Banks, University of Tasmania
10.20am – 11.05am	Judgements of Parents with Disability Rebecca Astell, Parent	Rights, Self Advocacy & Peer networks - build your skills Kylee Roberts, Council for Intellectual Disability	Quality and Safeguarding Mary Mallett, DANA	Death and Disability – Let's have the discussion Anna Holliday, Li-Ve
11.10am - 11.35am	MORNING BREAK			
11.40am - 12.25pm	Disability, Death, End of Life, Bereavement Anna Holliday, Li-Ve	Everything you wanted to know about seeing a sex worker but didn't know who or how to ask Julie & Jade	NDIS Independent Advisory Council, and Intellectual Disability Reference Group Judy Huett SOAPBOX/OPEN MIKE Have your say!	Where does it hurt? Top tips for a hospital stay Joy Cairns OAM, Managing Director, Aurora Disability Services, Member Tasmanian NDIS-disability-health advisory group
12.30pm - 12.40pm	Afternoon activity briefing			
12.40pm – 1.20pm	LUNCH			

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1.20pm – 2.05pm	Developing Housing Solutions for People with Disabilities Melissa Palframan & Brett Wake, Community Housing Limited	Zero Tolerance... Julie Butler & Jenny Dixon	Staying safe Zoe Broadway, VALID	Come & try activities all afternoon - sneak peak Sailability, Harley rides, Sports cars, Zumba and more....
2.10pm – 2.55pm	Protecting Rights when requesting approval to use Restrictive Practises Charley Hodgson, Senior Practitioner	Consent is a conversation Peter Baldwin, SASS (Sexual Assault Support Service)	Come & try activities	Come & try activities all afternoon - sneak peak Sailability, Harley rides, Sports cars, Zumba and more....
2.55pm – 3.20pm	AFTERNOON BREAK			
3.20pm – 4.15pm	CLOSING CEREMONY			
	PRE-DINNER ENTERTAINMENT			
7.00pm-11.30pm	GALA DINNER DANCE - “Celebrating 35 years of Speak Out!”			

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