NEW NDCO WEBSITE

Hi Everyone,

The year is moving ahead with great speed and there are lots of changes and opportunities on the horizon!

We hope you have had a chance to look at our new NDCO SA website with downloadable resources: www.ndcosa.com.au.

We will soon be introducing monthly online forums via our Facebook page. This will be a great opportunity for people to gain up to date information and become involved with constructive discussion about topical issues.

Jen (NDCO Region 23)

PEER CONNECT

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The Peer Connect website is for people living with disability, their families and supporters, with information about having choice and control in life, the NDIS, connecting with Peer Support Networks and getting involved with the community. It also has information for disability support organisations (DSOs) participating in the DSO Capacity Building Project.


SISTERS OF INVENTION

CD LAUNCH

Adelaide band – Sisters of Invention: A pop group comprising women with disability has released their debut album and want to change people's perceptions of what people with disabilities are capable of.


REPORT OF THE NATIONAL REVIEW OF MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMMES AND SERVICES

Commissioned by the National Mental Health Commission and published in November 2014, makes a number of recommendations to address what it sees as “fundamental structural shortcomings”. Of note was the recommendation that future funding be redirected away from acute hospital services towards community-based psychosocial, primary and community mental health services.

That recommendation was summarily dismissed by Federal Minister for Health, Sussan Ley and the findings of the report have generated significant public debate about the system. The full report is available at:


LAW FOR COMMUNITY WORKERS -LSC

The Legal Services Commission periodically runs Law for Community Workers Courses. The training has a practical focus on developing skills in identifying legal problems, and providing legal information and referrals. The courses are aimed at caseworkers and information officers providing direct client services.

If you have any queries regarding the Law for Community Workers Course, contact Legal Education Officer, Juliet Badics or visit the Legal Services Commission website: www.lsc.sa.gov.au

LAW4ALL

Law4All is a new community programme funded by the SA Government under the Disability Justice Plan 2014 – 2017. It provides education to people living with disability and community workers to understand the law and how it can affect them.
The aim is to assist people to know their rights, understand their responsibilities and navigate confidently through the legal system, knowing when and where to ask for help and advice.

Responding to need the Law4All programme delivers community legal education that is relevant and in a style appropriate to the needs of people living with a disability and community workers.

Some suggested topics for people living with disability and community workers:
- The court system /legal services
- What to do when talking to police
- Violence in my home – not OK
- Disclosing my diagnosis to police
- Worried about warrants?
- Getting arrested and your rights
- Bail. A promise to attend court
- Compensation for victims of crime
- Dealing with fines
- Helping a friend in trouble
- Finding a lawyer

For more information contact Melanie Robinson, Legal Education Officer, telephone 8111 5732 or melanie.robinson@lsc.sa.gov.au

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**MINDMATTERS**

MindMatters is a mental health initiative for secondary schools that aims to improve the mental health and wellbeing of young people.

http://www.mindmatters.edu.au/
DISABILITY STANDARDS FOR EDUCATION - 2015 REVIEW

The Disability Standards for Education 2005 seek to ensure that students with disability are able to access and participate in education on the same basis as students without disability. They are currently being reviewed.

A discussion paper is available to provide historical context to the 2015 Review, as well as an update on new initiatives since the previous review in 2010. If you would like to contribute to the review you can make a written, video and audio submission on the consultation website at: www.dsereview.urbis.com.au

You can also take part in an active discussion forum if you would like to make a contribution in that way.

If you have any questions about the Review please email dsereview@urbis.com.au or call 1800 244 863.

MY BIG TOMMORROW

My Big Tomorrow aims to demonstrate the importance of sound literacy and numeracy skills for future careers.

The development was heavily informed by the lived experience of students from high schools.

The website profiles over 90 different career choices, and students can search for careers based on hobbies and interests or search for random careers.

Each career profile includes a short video, the good and bad bits about the careers, salary expectations, pathways into the career and most importantly how numeracy and literacy are relevant to that career. Each career has a section where students can practice their numeracy and literacy skills and in time each of these activities will be tailored to the career.


There is also a video that provides hints and tips on how to make the best use of the website: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uUsw2zUkge4

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Workshop - How to support the classroom teacher to plan an inclusive and differentiated lesson

The session focuses on the Australian curriculum and students with special learning needs, covering differentiation and inclusive practice, current practice and research perspectives.

When: Friday 5 June
From: 9.30 am to 3.30 pm,
Where: Education Development Centre, 4 Milner St, Hindmarsh
Cost: $125 GST exclusive

ACCOMABLE

Accessible holiday accommodation around the world: ‘Accomable’ is a new service with free listing of accessible properties around the world. The site is still being tested, so share with them any recommendations or feedback you might have.

http://disabilityhorizons.com/2015/04/introducing-accomable/

ASSISTIVE TECH VIDEO PLAYER

A new video player has been developed for people with blindness or visual impairment.


DISABILITY ARTS LEADERSHIP

The Australia Council is offering up to 10 arts leaders with disability the opportunity to join the Sync Leadership Program, providing a focus on the interplay between leadership and disability. Applications close Tuesday 2 June.

JOSEPH SERIDIS TRUST FUND

The Joseph Seridis Trust Fund aims to assist young people with physical and multiple disabilities by meeting the cost of providing equipment associated with enhancing daily living and independence. The trust has altered one aspect of its criteria for help – there is now no age limit for applicants.


LAUNCHPAD

Launchpad is a website for young people with autism and their families. Developed by Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) it focuses on teenagers and young people aged 16+.

The site covers topics needed for the transition from school to adult life, such as study, work, health, social life, learning to drive, independent living and how to be a good self-advocate.

http://www.autismlaunchpad.org.au

APPS FOR ALL CHALLENGE 2015

The Apps For All Challenge 2015 will award outstanding apps which are accessible to all Australians. Every minute 47,000 apps are downloaded worldwide, but millions of Australians may be missing out on the digital revolution if apps are not accessible. An accessible app is designed with the largest number of people in mind – including people with disability and older Australians.

The Apps For All Challenge 2015 is facilitated by the Australian Communications Consumer Action network (ACCAN) and sponsored by Telstra. To find out more go to: http://accan.org.au/our-work/app

THE NATIONAL DISABILITY ABUSE AND NEGLECT HOTLINE

The National Disability Abuse and Neglect Hotline 1800 880 052 (free call) is a telephone service for the public to report suspected cases of neglect and abuse of people with disability. Abuse and neglect can be physical, sexual, psychological, legal and civil abuse, restraint and restrictive practices, financial, or withholding care and support that exposes a person to harm. Always call 000 if there is imminent danger.

http://www.disabilityhotline.net.au/

WORKREADY

Many of the jobs in growth sectors of our economy require workers to have skills and capabilities they can only get through further education. This is why in South Australia we are launching the WorkReady strategy - to help people gain higher level skills for jobs in critical industry sectors such as advanced manufacturing and high-tech service industries. For more information visit the WorkReady website:

www.workready.statedevelopment.sa.gov.au

NEW BOOKS

I am an Aspie Girl.

This is a colour illustrated storybook for young girls with autism spectrum conditions. Lizzie, an 'Aspie Girl', talks about all the things she and other girls with Asperger Syndrome sometimes find difficult. It contains helpful discussion points for parents and professionals, and helps Aspie Girls to understand their diagnosis, recognise their unique strengths and celebrate their differences.

http://www.aspiengirl.com/

MY LOW VISION SHOP

A new online shop with a very wide range of low-cost high-tech and low-tech vision aids has been launched. It is a fantastic resource that links together suppliers from Australia and around the world. The new online shop offers vision aids from low-tech devices like a needle-threader through to the latest electronic options. Devices can help people read and write again, continue with daily living activities, and open up opportunities for hobbies and recreational pastimes.

www.mylowvisionshop.com.au