

Date	Event	Venue	Presenter	Details
Sept 7 Oct 18 Nov 28	<b>Getting to the Heart of What Matters</b> <i>(Training for Support Workers)</i>	Ipswich Kingaroy Brisbane	Bridget Wickert / Suellen Welch	This workshop encourages support workers to critically reflect upon the essential purpose of their role. This includes the values that underpin & drive 'support', particularly in relation to valued roles & community belonging. Topics covered will include: The role of a support worker, roles vs activities, moving from presence to contribution.
Aug 15	<b>Employment for ALL: Getting &amp; keeping jobs for people with disability</b>	Brisbane	Michael Callahan	This seminar will explore the feasibility of employment for ALL & explain customised employment & the process of 'discovery'. Having worked with Marc Gold & Associates (MG&A) for thirty-eight years, Michael brings a wealth of practical and proven strategies to inspire & equip individuals to get and keep jobs.
Aug 30	<b>An evening conversation for Brothers &amp; Sisters: What will the NDIS mean for me and my family?</b>	CRU Office Brisbane	Catherine Laherty + others	This conversation evening will be a chance for brothers and sisters to find out more about the NDIS and what it is likely to mean for their family member with disability. The session will include a brief update on the NDIS along with some brothers and sisters, whose family member is already in the NDIS scheme, sharing their experiences so far. A light meal will be provided.
Aug 31	<b>Attending the local school - Inclusion that's good for everyone</b>	Autism Hub	Bob Jackson	This workshop will help families make schooling decisions for their child by giving them the evidence about the benefits of inclusive education and examples of how it works in practice.
Sept 7	<b>Equipping Organisations for the NDIS: Keeping in Touch with What Matters</b> <i>(Training for Managers)</i>	Brisbane	Jane Sherwin	An interactive & timely training day for coordinators & managers of services looking to maintain the focus on the people they serve in an increasingly business-oriented & competitive NDIS funded sector. The day will offer opportunities to reflect on what matters & to connect with other managers dealing with similar challenges.
Oct 31	<b>Securing the Good Life: Developing Safeguards for Vulnerable People</b>	Brisbane	Michael Kendrick	Taking risks is an important part of living a full life but how to do that without comprising the safety of a person with disability can present challenges and tensions. A deeper understanding of the concepts of vulnerability and safeguarding will assist participants to sensitively manage vulnerabilities and implement intentional safeguarding strategies that help maintain and enhance the lives of people with disability.
Nov 2	<b>Imagining Better: the importance of exploring what might be possible</b>	Townsville	Michael Kendrick	This seminar will examine the process of vision building for people & the critical role that 'imagining better' plays in forming, strengthening & expanding a positive vision of what might be possible. How to then translate this into practical strategies will also be addressed. The day will include a panel of local people sharing their experiences & strategies.
Nov 3	<b>Investing in the Future: What One Person Can Do</b> Seminar and Dinner	Brisbane	Michael Kendrick + others	Join us for a challenging and inspiring exploration of current leadership challenges with Michael Kendrick and a panel of local speakers. The seminar will be followed by a dinner to celebrate 30 years of Michael's contribution to our thinking about what's possible for people with disability in Queensland.
Nov 16	<b>Responding Well to 'Challenging Behaviours'</b>	Toowoomba	Ann Greer	This practical, down-to-earth training will deepen understanding about the situations in which people labelled with 'challenging behaviour' find themselves. Strategies to support people in a positive way, even when those needs are complex, will be explored.

### What do we need to be ready for the NDIS?

The **National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)** started on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016 and is gradually rolling out across Queensland. CRU is running short workshops and information sessions that help people understand how they can access the scheme and best use this new way of getting disability support.

**From July to December 2017, CRU is pleased to be working in Logan, Redland City and Gold Coast to provide Participant Readiness workshops, as well as continuing in Brisbane.**

These workshops are for **people with a disability, their families and close friends** who are interested in exploring what they can do to be ready when the NDIS starts in their location. See more at [www.cru.org.au](http://www.cru.org.au)

#### July

31<sup>st</sup> **Inala** in partnership with Western Suburbs Special School. *For families of school-aged children with disability*

#### August

9<sup>th</sup> **Jindalee** Hotel

24<sup>th</sup> **Zillmere**  
North East Community Support Group

25<sup>th</sup> **Capalaba** Redland Community Centre

31<sup>st</sup> **Carina** Belmont Services Bowls Club

#### September

6<sup>th</sup> **Woodridge** Diggers Services Club

7<sup>th</sup> **Upper Mt Gravatt**  
Mt Gravatt Bowls Club

13<sup>th</sup> **Upper Coomera** Centre

**Stay tuned for more NDIS Participant Readiness events to be scheduled for 2017.**

CRU has capacity to run a small number of additional short sessions. If you have a group that is interested, please get in touch.

**Dates soon**

### Real Stories of the NDIS New Opportunities for a Good Life

**This one day forum showcases stories by and about people with disabilities and their families who are using the NDIS.**

Presenters from Queensland and other states will share their experience of using the scheme.

#### Brisbane

#### Gold Coast

These forums are for **people with disability, families, friends, allies and people in paid support roles.**

**Dates & venues will be confirmed soon.**



Contact CRU if you need assistance to register, attend or participate in these events.

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