

DiverseAbility: NDIS Inclusion Conference Program

19 April 2018, Novotel Parramatta

Morning

8.30am – 9.15am

Registration

9.15am – 10.40am

PLENARY Session - facilitated by Yasmin Farhart

- Welcome to Country by Uncle Greg Simms
- Welcome by Elisabeth Shaw, Chair, Settlement Services International
- V Samuela, My NDIS Journey
- Scott McNaughton, General Manager Participant Pathway Design, NDIA
- The Hon Ray Williams, MP, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services
- Quang Nguyen, My Story

10.40am – 11.10am

Morning tea

11.10am – 12.40pm

CONCURRENT Sessions

(You can choose between 4 concurrent sessions. Each of them have 4 different speakers)

Session 1. NDIS Accessibility (Lennox Room 1)

CALD parent's experience with the NDIS

Presented by Bala Adhikaris, CALD carer

NDIS sector readiness for CALD service delivery

Presented by Pino Migliorino and Mitra Khakbaz
from DiverseWerks and Multicultural Development Australia

Aiming for practices that meet the needs of CALD clients: challenges and ways forward

Presented by Alan White and Mereline Muriwa Rarami
from SydWest Multicultural Services

NDIS Access for Arab Australians

Presented by Robyn McEwan Alswir
from Arab Council Australia

Q&A

Session 2. NDIS Accessibility (Lennox Room 2)

Return to driving - Jubran's story

Presented by Jubran Eesee, CALD ambassador

The Hills Support Group: Establishing a carers group to access services and the NDIS

Presented by Sonal Chatrah
from SSI Ability Links

Accessing NDIS - a community perspective from Arabic speaking community in the Hunter

Presented by Sundus Ameen and John Biswas
from Northern Settlement Services

Accessibility, navigation and participation in the NDIS for people from CALD backgrounds with disability

Presented by Ivan Wong and Eva Liu
from Chinese Australian Services Society

Q&A

Session 3. Cultural Responsiveness (Lennox Room 3)

Koorana CAM: Client Access Manager

Presented by Helen Wilkinson and Kathy Canty
from Koorana

Layla's story - How responsive is the NDIS?

Presented by Lou Bacchiella and Atef Hamie
from MetroAssist

Opportunities and challenges for CALD carers in the NDIS

Presented by Tom Hinton
from Carers NSW

How are newly arrived refugees experiencing the process of gaining NDIS services they need?

Presented by Natasha Reid
from NSW Refugee Health Service

Q&A

Session 4. Evidence-based Practice & Response (Madison Room)

Disability Entrepreneurship in Australia: Preliminary insights into the IgniteAbility program

Presented by Professor Jock Collins and Professor Simon Darcy
from University of Technology Sydney

Evaluation of SSI Ability Links program

Presented by Jade Maloney, Director ARTD Consultants for SSI Ability Links
and Ebad Amid

Bridging the Gap: experiences of people from CALD communities and accessibility to the NDIS

Presented by Thushara Senaratna, Charlotte Smedley and Ayah Wehbe
from Advance Diversity Services

CALD Parenting and Disability - Benefits and burdens of living in Australia

Presented by Mira Mitrovic and Shirin Mosaferi
from Community Migrant Resource Centre

Q&A

12.40pm – 1.40pm

Lunch

Afternoon

1.40pm – 3.00pm

CONCURRENT Sessions

(You can choose between 4 concurrent sessions, each of them have 3 different speakers)

Session 1. Children (Lennox Room 1)

Making NDIS work for CALD children with disabilities in foster care

Presented by Kathy Karatasas
from SSI Multicultural Out of Home Care

Positive success stories and outcomes for children from CALD backgrounds accessing NDIS

SDN Children's Services
Presented by Jyoti Timilsina and Selina Oum

Tools to support culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) families and communities caring for children who learn and behave differently

Presented by Emma Dresens
from Positive partnerships

Q&A

Session 2. Innovation (Lennox Room 2)

Befriending scheme for adults with disability fostering friendships and access to mainstream activities

Presented by Matthew Collins and Tony Giles
from Gig Buddies

Tapping into passion - Ignite Ability Small Business Start Ups

Presented by Merenia Marin
from SSI IgniteAbility project

From passive to innovative: learnings from supporting CALD community group transition to NDIS- Northern Sydney region

Presented by Xue (Snow) Li and Hideki Yamaguchi
from Northside Community Forum

Q&A

Session 3. Planning, Partnerships & Capacity Building (Lennox Room 3)

The evolution of support planning strategies for the NDIS and the role of trust when working with CALD communities

Presented by Alicia Rodriguez and Daniela Correia
from Multicultural Disability Advocacy Association

A Jewish caring response to the planning and development of services around the NDIS

Presented by Suzi Parker
from Jewish Care

A Planned Approach: Towards Cultural Competency

Presented by Erin Crockford
from St Vincent De Paul Society

Q&A

Session 4. Learning & Development (Madison Room)

CALD positioning: Organisation in the new environment training package

Presented by Maria Pouloupoulos
from Macarthur Disability Services

Travel training as a critical linkage service

Presented by Kristine Pedler
from Easylink Community Services

The benefits of a multilingual easy to use digital platform

Presented by Shaun Palmer and Alexandra Gonzalez
from Tecuris - Digital Platform

Q&A

3.00pm – 3.20pm

Afternoon tea

3.20pm – 4.20pm

SOLUTIONS Hubs

Issues and solutions related to CALD Access to the NDIS

Hub 1 - For CALD people with disability and carers. (Lennox Rooms 1 and 2)

Hub 2 - For CALD organisations (Madison Room)

Hub 3 - For LAC, NDIS and disability providers (Lennox Room 3)

4.20pm – 4.50pm

Report back from Solutions Hubs

Facilitated by Thomas Kuzma

4.50pm – 5.00pm

Closing remarks

Georgia Zogalis, Manager FutureAbility, Settlement Services International

5.00pm

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