



National Disability Coordination Officer Programme
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National Disability Coordination Officer Programme Region 17

I am very pleased to announce that the Minister for Education and Training has agreed to extend the existing NDCO contracts for a further 12 months (to 30 June 2017).

The Minister has asked the department to commission an evaluation of the NDCO programme, which will commence by June 2016 and complete by the end of the year. A consultant will be employed to conduct the evaluation, programme arrangements beyond June 2017 will be guided by the outcomes of the evaluation.

I have had a very busy few months working with the networks across region 17 supporting some very good work in relation to improving transitions for people with disabilities from school/community into further education and subsequent employment.

Could you please share this newsletter with your networks.

Yours Sincerely

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<http://www.ndcovictoria.net.au/region-17>

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NETWORKS UPDATE

Latrobe and Baw Baw Disability Transition Network

Over the last six months the Baw Baw Latrobe Passport 2 Employment (P2E) partnership a sub group of the Disability Transition Network which included the NDCO, Baw Baw Latrobe LLEN, Latrobe City, Baw Baw Shire and Federation Training have worked together to deliver two seven week P2E programs. The two programs ran in Morwell on a Tuesday and Warragul on a Thursday. Last week Graduation Ceremonies were held for each of the programs.

Wellington Disability Transition Network

Congratulations to Sale Specialist School a 2016 Community Grants recipient. I am really excited to be part of the small team from the Wellington disability Transition Network who have supported the Sale Specialist School to apply for this grant. I look forward to working on the EMPLOY ABILITY program which will produce a YouTube video and a DVD for distribution to schools, employment agencies and prospective employers, highlighting the skills that young people with disabilities can bring to the workforce. This Community Grant will fund the production of the DVD, showcasing a number of Sale students who have taken part in work experience and highlighting the skills they developed on placement. By increasing awareness of the contribution young people with disabilities can make, the DVD will increase inclusive employment opportunities and foster community connections

<https://www.commbank.com.au/about-us/in-the-community/employee-giving/staff-community-fund/2016-recipients.html>

South Gippsland Bass Coast Youth in Transition Network

The network members collaborated to run a forum for young people with disability 'let's have a chat about the future' an event for young people with learning barriers, their families and educator which was held on the 18th May 2016 at Federation Training Leongatha campus.

Feedback from the event:

"It was great to take the time to think about what I enjoy and what I want" Student

"It was great to hear stories from young adults living independent lives" Parent

"Respect for human spirit deepened. Loved examples of the need to remain positive and real"
Service Provider

Resources

Building teacher capability for inclusive education

As a part of the Victorian Governments Department of Education and Training strategic direction, building teacher capability for inclusive education requires all Victorian teachers to undertake some professional development in the area of disabilities and special needs. For further information go to

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/snpskilledteachers.aspx>

For learning diversity resources go to

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/teachingresources/diversity/Pages/default.aspx>

The Making Experience Count eBook

The Making Experience Count eBook is a collection of 12 personal stories aimed at sharing helpful information and resources for mature age job seekers with disability.

Developed by the Inner Melbourne VET Cluster (IMVC) National Disability Coordination Officer Programme - the Making Experience Count eBook showcases 12 success stories of mature age workers with disability (aged 45+), who have successfully transitioned from unemployment to employment.

<https://imvc.com.au/youthservices/broaden-your-horizons/national-disability-coordination-officer/making-experience-count-ebook/>

NDIS Planning Guide and Workbook

This planning guide is for people who are able to access the NDIS. It has been designed to assist you through the process of developing your individual plan. It will help you identify your needs, goals and current supports. There are a number of questions for you to think about, and you can note your thoughts in the following pages.

http://www.ndis.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/planning_guide.pdf

Clips Worth Watching

NDIS Ready- National Disability Insurance Scheme

Getting ready for the NDIS Video Clip <http://www.ndis.gov.au/ndis-ready>

Professional Development

Pathways 13 Conference Website - Celebrating 25 years of Pathways

30 November - 2 December 2016 Canberra

The ATEND Pathways Conference is a bi-annual event organised by the Australian Tertiary Education Network on Disability (ATEND). The conference brings together disability practitioners, NDCOs and a range of other professional, academic staff and students with disability to identify and remove barriers for people with disability participating in higher education and training.

Pathways provides a unique opportunity to improve our knowledge and plays a pivotal role in supporting practitioners and the sector in general with an opportunity for professional development. It encourages discussion and debate which informs the sector and ensures that we are all working towards an improved practice model. Pathways 13 centres around the theme; Changes, Challenges and Choice – embracing the future. The Pathways 13 conference will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Pathways in Australia.

Register your interest here <http://www.pathways.consec.com.au/register.html>

SPELD Training

The following are workshops that SPELD Victoria:

Comprehensive 2 day workshop for educational support staff and integration aids 15 July & 22 July 2016

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/a-comprehensive-two-day-workshop-for-education-support-staff-integration-aides-tickets-25041799697?ref=ebtnebtckt>

Four day Teacher Training Course in Specific Learning Disorders 12th-13th & 19th-20th October 2016

<http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/4-day-teacher-training-course-in-specific-learning-disorders-october-12th-13th-19th-20th-registration-19466925097?ref=ebtn>

Disability and a Good Life: Thinking through Disability – Free online Course

Learn how disability is part of who we are as human beings, and how a good life is possible for everyone. <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/thinking-through-disability>

This course started on the 16th May however you are still able to join.

Graduate Certificate in NDIS Business Development

The Graduate Certificate in NDIS Business Development offers students a program of study to enhance their understanding and appreciation of the issues affecting the disability sector. As such it offers study of both legal and business frameworks that might impact upon organisational operations that may affect the optimum delivery of client focused services. At the end of the program of study students will have a sound grasp of the legislative frameworks underpinning the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

<https://my.une.edu.au/courses/2016/courses/GCNDIS>

Reports / Policy

Attorney-General's release of the Willing to Work: National Inquiry into Employment Discrimination Against Older Australians and Australians with Disability Report

The report findings are in three key themes:

- Priority Government Commitments
- Improving existing systems
- What employers and businesses can do

With a total of 56 recommendations there is plenty of reading in this extensive report. Also included are highlighted examples of best practices, a wide variety of case studies and an appendix chock full of data and statistics.

To access the full report: <http://www.humanrights.gov.au/our-work/disability-rights/projects/willing-work-national-inquiry-employment-discrimination-against>

For a summary of the recommendations compiled by Mark Cottee Region 15 NDCO: <https://ndcoacrossthesdesk.wordpress.com/>

The Victorian state Government has announced -More Support For Victorians Who Have A Disability <http://www.premier.vic.gov.au/more-support-for-victorians-who-have-a-disability/>

Programs

Stepping into Program

Are you a student with Disability looking to gain valuable work experience whilst getting paid? Stepping into is a paid internship program designed specifically for university students with disability. We currently have 65 internships across Australia, with the list growing daily and we would love to get more students involved. There are currently many opportunities in Melbourne and Geelong which may be of particular interest to you.

<http://www.and.org.au/pages/stepping-into...-programs.html>