

INCLUSIVE RESEARCHERS COLUMN

The IRN at ASID 2019



Last November the Inclusive Research Network attended the ASID Conference in Adelaide. This was one of the highlights of the year for us and we had been looking forward to it all year. Getting to Adelaide was quite challenging though. Some of us managed to get funding from the NDIS to cover travel and registration costs, but most of us couldn't. This meant that we had to find ways to raise enough money so that we could all get there.

Our facilitator Dave and his colleague Sarah ended up doing a fundraising campaign through Chuffed.org. As well as this we put on a trivia night at our local pub and a silent auction. In the end we raised \$5280. This was just enough to make sure that everyone who couldn't afford to get to Adelaide could make it. In the future we are hoping to find ways of raising funds to make sure we can keep attending ASID conference and sharing about our important work.

At the conference we gave 2 papers that a lot of people attended and said that they enjoyed. Our first paper was on friendships and relationships for people with disabilities. In this paper we talked about why it is important that people with disability are given the right support to have friendships and romantic relationships.

Our second paper was about the work of an artist called Greg Sindel who had created artistic interpretations of the National Standards for Disability Services. Greg is a person who has a disability and we found that this lived experience gave him a unique perspective that helped him communicate to other people with disabilities about their rights.

Overall, we had a very good time in Adelaide and are hoping to keep presenting our work at ASID conferences in the future!

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