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Hello to all in the ASID Community,

Kathy Ellem has recently resigned as IDA editor and I have raised my hand to step in as interim editor until the transition to the new editor and on-line format. I originally volunteered to do a brief newsletter for ASID however to due the fantastic support from Ross Tudman, editorial assistant, I was happy to take up the challenge to see this printed version of IDA occur. I have also had fantastic encouragement and support from my workplace, STAR Tasmania in particular project officer, Kim Bluett.

This issue of IDA has some interesting reports and news from the ASID committee and regions. NSW / ACT have supplied us not only with a 2013 conference report but they have also made some interesting points in their report “social media as a networking tool for ASID”. I recently attended a seminar in Tasmania on “The role of social media in business” and I learned that whether your need is to promote your business, sell online or just be more visible to your customers, having an online presence is essential in today’s world. All social media, advertising and marketing plays a role in growing brand awareness - being seen on Twitter, Youtube, the blog, advertising and brochures all equals reach which is a major contributing factor to growth in brand awareness. Moving IDA to an on-line version just may support ASID to increase brand awareness and therefore increase membership which all supports the goals and objectives of ASID.

Our president, Angus Buchanan informs us that “there is significant amount of activity happening at Board level that will have an important and positive impact on the future of ASID”. As always, Angus welcomes feedback from members and I encourage you to read his report and drop him an email to give him your feedback on the future of ASID.

Don’t forget to catch up on what is happening in your region and most importantly don’t forget to register early for the 2014 ASID conference in Fremantle Western Australia.

Darryleen Wiggins
At the 2013 ASID Annual Conference in Sydney, the organising committee were excited to trial a new approach to engaging the audience. Moving into the tech savvy 21st Century, ASID NSW/ACT created a page, www.facebook.com/ASIDNSWACT and utilised the social networking site Facebook.

The page was created to drum up some initial support for the conference and had a humble 34 likes before the conference kicked off. Since then, the page has grown to a decent 105 likes.

So what does this mean?

People who ‘like’ our Facebook page become connected to our updates as they show in the individual’s newsfeed. This newsfeed is a tailored and constant report of everyone they are connected with through the site. This is a great benefit to ASID as people are communicated with and engaging in real time. People can like our posts, which then show in the newsfeed of all their friends, really casting a broad net for all activities of the NSW/ACT committee.

Did it work? Let’s share some statistics

- From the 5th November to 23rd November 2013, our followers (likes) nearly doubled in size.
- On 5th November, our net likes were 27, the highest on any single day thus far.
- On 6th November (the first day of the 2013 ASID Annual Conference), our reach peaked at 400 people! That’s right, 400 people saw our activity on the 6th November!
- Our page was visited over 100 times during the 3 days of the conference.

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How are we using it today?
• Our most recent post, seeking feedback from our followers, on 14th March 2014 reached 88 people.
• One of our most popular posts was in regards to our AGM, posted 11th December, 2013 which reached 204 people. 48 people clicked on the post and 15 people liked it, commented on it or shared it with their friends.

Who is engaging in our page?
• 80% of our followers are women.
• The biggest age group (at 32.4%) is 25-34 age bracket.
• 90 people from Australia, 8 from New Zealand, 2 from Nepal, 2 from Singapore, 2 from USA and 1 from the UK.

That is a large and broad reach! To have followers from 6 different countries! Are we underutilising this resource for developing our network?

People really enjoyed connecting with the NSW/ACT committee during the conference. Updates were made on all keynotes and some of those can be seen in the snapshots of activity on the page. People were keen to become a follower and like our page as can be seen by the sheer number of new likers on the page on Day One of the conference.

The NSW/ACT committee were able to communicate to members through a new medium and people were very keen to be engaged in this way. It wasn’t uncommon to catch delegates with their smart phones and laptops out checking the latest update throughout the conference.

Now the page has been converted to a communication hub for those that the support the activities of NSW/ACT Committee. It is a great way to advertise upcoming events and encourage members to engage with their local committee.

Western Australia has followed suit and created their own Facebook page. You can find this at the URL www.facebook.com/ASID2014. This page already has 74 likes and the conference is still a way off! If you have a Facebook page, head over and check it out, like the page and share it with your friends. You can see who is the latest person to “Get on Board”? Let’s get ASID out there and known by the whole of the Facebook community!
asid is an organisation of that runs on the goodwill and commitment of volunteers. I am not sure if members know that apart from the Secretariat who manage the organisational administration all other roles in ASID are unpaid or honorary. As members we need to remember that most activities that occur in ASID are primarily because of the dedication of fellow members who make significant contributions towards the goals of the organisation. These efforts range from organising local events, sitting on regional committees, being a board member, convening conferences, and editing publications.

Publications is a good example. ASID has three editors, one each for the Journal of Intellectual and Developmental Disability (JIDD), Intellectual Disability Australia (IDA) and the new journal Research and Practice in Intellectual and Developmental Disability (RAPIDD). The editors put in many hours each week to produce the required number of publications each year. I would like to acknowledge Associate Professor Michael Arthur-Kelly (JIDD) and Professor Christine Bigby (RAPIDD) for their ongoing commitment to their important roles. Recently Kathy Ellem who edited IDA has resigned from that role and we thank her for her work over the past 12 months on this publication.

IDA is now in transition as we move towards the redevelopment of the publication. Our interim editor is Darryleen Wiggins and the Board thanks her for stepping into this role. ASID remains committed to ensuring members receive a quality publication. With the first edition of RAPIDD later this year it is important that we make sure IDA is fulfilling the role that was intended. As part of this discussion we are working toward how IDA could be delivered in an online format which is also downloadable. While it is acknowledged that this may not be everyone’s preferred format ASID is only too aware of the need to maintain a contemporary approach to its activities and how it delivers services to its members. We would welcome your feedback on this initiative and please feel free to send me an email with your thoughts on this development.

There is significant amount of activity happening at Board level that will have an important and positive impact on the future of ASID.

As was previously communicated to members the Board has been engaged in comprehensive discussions regarding the appropriate governance structure of the organisation. This culminated in a workshop last May where the Board resolved to move forward with the development of a new governance structure with a focus on one Australasian incorporated body with regional divisions compared to the current model of each region being its own incorporated body. The change process is very complex and the Board is working hard with external expertise to develop and present a new model to the membership. Further work on this will be conducted at the upcoming Board meeting in May with an expectation of an agreed change management process being finalised. Of course change will only occur if our current Regions (the members) agree to what is being proposed. There will be lots of consultation to ensure we get a model that’s for ASID and the membership.

The Board has resolved that further work needs to be undertaken on the current website to increase its usability for members and the general public. Proposals for future developments are being developed and will be agreed on later in the year. Much of the work that needs to be completed sits at “back end” which relates to membership management.

The annual Board Conference is and will remain the largest event run by ASID. The work that sits behind the organisation and running of a

President’s report

Dr Angus Buchanan

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The NSW/ACT ASID committee thanks everyone who came along to the Australasian Conference ‘Our Time’ in Sydney last year. A special thanks to those who took the time to complete our conference evaluation. Your responses will not only help to shape the 2014 conference in Fremantle but will also be used to help our local committee plan for future events.

It was fantastic to hear that most of you had a great time at the conference; learnt a lot, met new people, caught up with others, visited and enjoyed the trade displays, danced at the dinner and drummed along with the fabulous Sylvanbeats, networked at the cocktail event and all the other experiences that make a conference event something to remember.

Some of the other important messages from your feedback were:
- Welcome to Country: Thank you for the lovely comments about the Welcome to Country ceremony which opened our conference. Those who

conference is mammoth and as previously mentioned is predominantly done by member volunteers. Work is currently underway to develop more streamline processes for the running of the conference to support local regions in their work. It is expected by the end of 2014 a comprehensive manual with an agreed process will be completed.

The Board have asked that exploration is undertaken regarding the current membership categories and benefits. While these have served the organisation well for many years it is important that we ensure that they are meeting the requirements of current and future members and support the vision and mission of ASID. A small working group will be reporting back to the Board later in the year with regards to their findings and suggestions for any refreshing of the categories that needs to occur.

One of ASID’s strategic directions is to build partnerships that further the work of the organisation. This is a dynamic process and in the current environment with all the changes has taken on a renewed focus. There is also an increased focus on disability research emerging from a range of areas. It is essential that ASID connects with these agendas to ensure that the voice of people with intellectual disability is include in research programs.

I often receive comments about the pace of progress achieved by ASID. ASID needs to be both a developmental and a responsive organisation towards the promotion of research to practice for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. As the ASID Board works to maintain and hopefully increase it relevancy, inevitably discussions will need to take place regarding the viability and capacity of a volunteer organisation to achieve its objectives. ASID will continue to do wonderful work and always rely on the skills and capacities of its membership but is the time coming where as an organisation we need to seriously consider how we increase our capacity and responsiveness?

There is a lot happening and I always welcome comments and feedback from members. Please feel free to contact me - a.buchanan@curtin.edu.au

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attended the conference will never think of the Sydney Harbour Bridge or Tower in the same way again.

- **Easy Read Abstracts**: You told us that you appreciated the short easy read abstracts for each papers presented at the conference. This message has been passed on to the WA committee and we will continue to do this for future NSW/ACT events.

- **Keynote Speakers**: It was good to know that most of you enjoyed the variety of Keynote topics. The program committee lived up to the challenge of selecting a range of topics to benefit the diverse group of conference participants.

- **Social Program**: They say a picture is worth a thousand words and the photos from the cocktail event and conference dinner (published in the last edition of IDA) said it all. Those who came along to the social events had a great time!

- **Program Balance**: There was mixed feedback about the length and number of papers presented each day. The committee thought long and hard about the balance of the program prior to the event. It was reassuring to hear that some of you thought we had it right!

- **Program Booklet**: Most of you really liked the program booklet layout; our young graphic designers were really pleased with that feedback.

- **Posters**: You told us that there were too few posters and that they were hard to find. We have passed this message onto WA for their planning.

- **Venue**: We were pleased to hear that you found the venue to be well located and accessible. We’ve taken on board your comments having a place to sit and eat. We will keep this in mind when we plan future events.

- **Overall Cost**: Some of you found the cost of the conference and the dinner quite high. Sydney is an expensive location to host an event of this size and we tried our hardest to keep costs to a minimum.

This is only a snap-shot of the 48 pages of feedback we received. As you will see in our NSW/ACT State Report we are currently working on our Operational Plan. Much of the information from the Conference Evaluation has made its way into our plan, including a “Where to from here” for the World Café that was hosted on Day 1 and 2 of the conference. Watch this space – NSW/ACT has some exciting things in the pipeline!  ●

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for
49th Conference
and
other news
All Aboard - ASID WA

We have set sail for a very big year here in the West! Obviously all hands are required on deck as we prepare for the 49th Australasian conference to be held in beautiful Fremantle later this year and so most of what we are doing is aimed at making the conference an enjoyable and successful one.

The local conference organising committee is meeting furiously along with the sub-committees and there is much excitement about the keynote speakers and scientific program; sponsorship and promotion and of course the wonderful social program we have planned. We are being very ably led by Sue Peden who brings a beautiful blend of experience and enthusiasm. We look forward to welcoming you aboard.

In preparation for the conference and to ensure that we keep the wind on our sails we have recently held a members breakfast to share information about the year ahead and to do some strategic thinking.

By the time this article goes to press we will also have held a workshop for people with intellectual disability who are intending to submit an abstract. So lots happening here in the West and we are being blown towards November with the roaring 40s at our back.

Ahoy from Fremantle!

Victoria

The year is off to a busy start for the ASID Vic Committee. We’ve seen some committee personnel changes including the resignation from the committee of longstanding member, Patsie Frawley, whose contributions to ASID Vic have been substantial. On the up side, we have had a number of new committee members who are sure to contribute fresh ideas to our thinking. An important focus for us is organising member events especially presentations from eminent international speakers in the field of intellectual disability whose work focusses on research to practice translation. An April seminar will be a presentation from Professor Juliet Goldbart entitled ‘Interacting with People with Severe and Profound Disability – what’s the evidence?'

Reflecting our major focus for the next 18 months, work is well underway on the planning for the ASID 2015 conference which will be held in Melbourne. To date, members for the ASID Vic conference committee are being recruited and expression of interest has been sent out to the broader ASID Vic membership base to join the conference committee. We are really keen to hear from others who might be interested in contributing to the planning and organising of the conference. We have a draft theme that will be finalised after the May board meeting.

On the information sharing front, we have just circulated a newsletter to members that includes lots of useful information on news, events and updates from the committee and members. We continue to strengthen our processes around such things as office bearer roles and good committee governance and making sure we are working to our strategic plan.
New Zealand
by Sharon Brandford

NZ Council have had a planning day earlier in the year, and will hold a 2 day national conference next week in Hamilton April 10-11. We have 170 registrations to date, and we are looking forward to a great conference. Our theme is “Let’s Talk Some More” – where we will showcase the key research to practice challenges that People First indicated at the ASID conference held in Wellington in 2012 (in their report called “Let’s Talk”).

South Australia
by Denice Wharldall

In November and December we hosted two Workshops related to Restrictive Practices which were well attended. The South Australian Disability Services Act has been reviewed and after extensive consultation the amended Act was enacted in December 2013. One of the key features of the changes to the act is the inclusion of a section related to Safeguarding Policies which outlines the responsibilities of funded service providers.

In November Richard Bruggemann was appointed to the role of Senior Practitioner, Restrictive Practices and is working towards establishing systems and process in South Australia to address Restrictive Practices. I encourage ASID Members to contact Richard at richard.bruggemann@desi.sa.gov.au with your thoughts and ideas.

The State Election dominated South Australia in March and in the lead up to the election there was several opportunities to hear both major parties views on support for individuals living with a disability. Both parties confirmed their commitment to the NDIS which was reassuring.

Our Health Support Workshop will occur in May and Flyers will be distributed shortly.

If you have any ideas on events or Workshops you would like ASID to organise please contact either myself at dwharldall@cara.org.au or Ian Pearce at Ian.Pearce@minda.asn.au

Queensland
by Joanne Richards and Morrie O’Connor

This year ASID Queensland chose to set the following strategic objectives –

• Increasing accessibility of ASID to people with Intellectual Disabilities
• Ensuring people with Intellectual Disabilities benefit from NDIS in Queensland
• Increasing membership of ASID and
• Promoting the voice of people with Intellectual Disabilities in Queensland.

Actions in relation to these objectives include:

• Mail out to prospective members
• Forum on Intellectual Disability and the Criminal Justice System.

The Queensland committee have also been working very hard on the following:

• Began planning for a June conference on NDIS
• Invited dialogue with a number of groups of self-advocates in Queensland on how ASID could be more accessible to people with Intellectual Disabilities.
• Written to the Premier of Queensland regarding the absence of objectives around people with disability in the Queensland Plan.

Additionally there have been some great initiatives (not part of ASID) but taken on by other folks in Queensland. National Disability Service QLD/Nundah Community Enterprises Co-op are discussing with assistance of the Co-operative Business Partnership, a forum on employee co-ops, service co-ops, participation co-ops and mix stakeholder co-ops and their potential relation to NDIS. Queenslanders with a Disability Network is launching a peer educator project where people with Intellectual Disabilities will educate peers on preparing for the NDIS.

Dis–Abili-Tea Event “ Celebrating International Day of Person’s with Disabilities” - 3rd December 2013

IDPWD, International Day of People with Disability is often seen as a chance to bring the marginalised into the mainstream and highlight issues and barriers. This year at, our Member Organisation, Micah Projects of Brisbane Qld, the focus was on people with a Disability celebrating and affirming continued page 10
themselves. Many people with a disability in greater Brisbane do not have families to support and advocate for them, they do not have the supportive and loving networks and many do not have the luxury of a home and relationships they can value and feel proud of. Many people with a lived experience of disability are forced to live in Boarding Houses and Hostels around Brisbane.

Micah Projects Dis-Abili-Tea provided a venue for all people living with a disability in the accommodation settings to meet, have a great afternoon High Tea, dance and listen to music written and presented by peers. A wonderful address was delivered by Miriam Taylor, a life long advocate and supporter of people with disabilities in the Queensland community. She shared her stories of family and friends and their impact on her in her life and work. 50 people attended the day and the feedback from those attending the event was all positive, particularly for the scones and jam and the lamingtons.

• How to use evidence based practices in your work

The aim of this workshop will be to get people to think about instances at work that need improvement and the research skills to identify scope for investigation.

From this we will be submitting a paper which we hope will be presented at the next ASID conference in Perth.

We have also had a review of the Strategic Plan and targeted areas that we know we can realistically achieve over the next 12 months.

NSW & ACT

By Tina Purdon

It was a great start as your NSW / ACT Regional Committee commenced the year with a Planning Day. Planning days are always good opportunities to measure progress from the past year and reinvigorate the group for the coming year. And this is exactly what we did.

Much of the focus over the past 2 years has been the 2013 Australasian Conference. Now that this event is complete and we have handed the mantle over to our fabulous WA colleagues, we are ready to reframe our efforts to the interests of our local members.

We are excited with the new concepts being discussed to engage with ASID members and colleagues across NSW and ACT. Some initiatives we are chasing include:

• our Regional Conference – focusing on sharing learning specifically relevant to local members
• our Regional Disability Support Professional Recognition Awards, acknowledging the partnerships between people with disabilities and their staff, across the region and the great things being achieved together
• new ideas to make use of technology and other resources to bring professional development opportunities to regional and remote ASID members and friends
• Fact Sheets to assist members and friends understand research, evidence based practice, ethics in research and other topic areas identified by the membership
• Expanding the methods through which we share information with members and friends to ensure the application of the principles of inclusion as applied at the 2013 Conference
• Our Seed Grant program
• Building strategic partnerships which support the objectives of ASID

Tasmania

by Lena Mitchell

WE have started the year with great enthusiasm with the events committee coming up with some very good ideas for the year ahead.

Our first event will be a “Research to Practice Training Seminar” with learning outcomes such as:

• How to conceptualize research
• How to identify situations that require investigation
• How to convey your ideas to a research professional with the aim of collaborating on a research project
• How to navigate data bases
• How to read a journal and interpret a journal article
• Improving our consultation with members and friends across the region and targeting our actions to align with local needs.

So - if you have ideas for your Regional Committee we would love to hear from you! We are looking to hear your ideas, thoughts, feedback and anything you would like to share with us. Look out for contact from us and please be sure to reply OR send us your great ideas whenever you want by emailing your Regional Secretary, at LindaWard@sunshinegd.org.au

Be sure to check out the Regional Updates in IDA throughout the year to follow what is happening in your Region. We look forward to connecting with all local members and friends.

So cheers to all for a great year ahead, as across Australia we support people with intellectual disability and their circles of support through the changes to the disability sector.

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**Renewals**

Members with a membership period that runs from 1 July to 30 June each financial year will be receiving their membership renewals towards the end of April.

Please ensure you have notified the ASID secretariat of any change to your email address ASAP.

Email: secretariat@asid.asn.au
Phone: 1800 644 741 (within Australia)
Fax: 08 8215 0011
Post: ASID, 38 Surrey Road, KESWICK SA 5035

If you don’t renew by 30 June 2014 you will no longer be entitled to the great member benefits.

**ASID Membership Benefits**

• Membership of a strong and active association comprising people working or studying in the area of intellectual disability, people with an intellectual disability and their families or carers.

• Membership of a regional association which meets on a regular basis to pursue issues of local, national or international relevance.

• Annual conferences hosted by each regional association featuring keynote addresses from leading international speakers.

• Locally organised regional conferences, seminars, workshops and social gatherings.

• Opportunities to hear touring international and national experts sponsored by the Society.

• Opportunities to meet and exchange ideas with people having similar interests in other parts of your region and the country.

• Opportunity, through a united society, to influence developments in the area of intellectual disability.

• Quarterly issues of the Journal of Intellectual and Developmental Disability which has an international readership and contributorship.

• Quarterly issues of the society’s magazine, Intellectual Disability Australasia, which includes articles of general interest and contributions from regional associations.

• Opportunity to join various networks within ASID which pursue areas of special interest.

• From early 2014, access to a new journal Research and Practice in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, which will be issued twice per year.
The Endeavour Foundation Endowment Challenge Fund aims to benefit Australians with a disability, especially people with an intellectual disability, by encouraging innovation in the disability services sector and wider community sector.

Grants are available for researchers and students undertaking research into key issues within the Australian disability sector. Grants are also available for non-profit organisations who wish to expand their current activities to include people with a disability, or deliver projects that enhance community inclusion for people with a disability.

The 2014 Grants Round opened on 31 March 2014. Applications across three award categories are invited:

1. **RESEARCH AWARD:** $40,000 (for research conducted by appropriately qualified researchers)

2. **STUDENT AWARD:** two awards of $5,000 each (for research conducted by higher degree students)

3. **NON-PROFIT ORGANISATION AWARD:** total grant pool of $20,000 (for non-profit organisations located in Queensland, New South Wales or Victoria only)

Visit the Endowment Challenge Fund Website (https://www.endowmentchallengefund.com.au/) for more information about application guidelines, the assessment process, past award winners, and to download application forms.

All applications must be emailed to: endowment@endeavour.com.au by 9 May 2014, 5pm (EST).

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**Over a year ago now (how time flies!) we updated you on ASID’s progress with tackling the issue of ensuring the ethical conduct of research in our sector. Just some context: In June 2012 ASID NSW/ACT and Northcott Disability Services co-convened a forum, “Research Ethics in to Practice: A Roundtable Discussion for Disability Service Providers”, attended by 45 participants from across government, the not-for-profits, and universities. The forum resulted in a working party with the role of developing easy-to-use guidelines that service delivery agencies could use as a checklist and monitoring instrument.**

After tireless work from the working party, and input from the participants from the Roundtable forum, the guideline document was completed. Titled “Q & A Ethical review of research in the disability services sector”, the document was launched at ASID’s national conference in November 2013 and was subsequently adopted as a position statement by the National ASID committee. You can find a copy of the Q & A at: http://www.asid.asn.au/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=OstmydnDs4%3D&tabid=116

**So what’s next?**

The launch of the document is a small step forward, and part of a much larger journey to ensure that our sector conducts research and quality assurance activities in line with legislative requirements. Together with...
Your participation in a survey and optional interview is sought so that I can learn from your experiences and improve Australia’s current disability anti-discrimination regime.

I want to hear from disabled people who have experienced discrimination in the field of employment so please spread the word.

The survey and full details are here: www.dalereardon.com.au/survey

I am a PhD student at the Australian National University College of Law and I am undertaking research into the area of disability discrimination in the field of employment. I am seeking your assistance by completing a survey and optionally undertaking an interview about your experiences with disability discrimination in the area of employment.

I believe my research could prove beneficial to disabled people in Australia by uncovering current problems with the disability anti-discrimination system in Australia. Unlike much other research I want to involve the disabled and hear from the disabled themselves. Too often research is done about the disabled without actually involving them. I am blind myself and use a seeing eye dog and appreciate personally the issues involved. I really want to listen to your personal stories and learn from your experiences.

My research involves an online survey about your experiences with the disability anti-discrimination legal system and then also some in-depth interviews with some disabled people. If you undertake the survey you will be given the opportunity to provide your personal details to undertake an interview with me. The survey is completely anonymous though and an interview is completely optional. Your participation in the survey will really help my research.

I am asking you to participate in the research and survey if you can spare a little of your time. I would like to get as many survey responses as possible as the larger the sample size, the more valid the findings will be. I would also like to ask you to tell your friends and colleagues about the survey research.

If you experience any difficulty completing the online survey due to your disability then please contact me to make arrangements to either fill out the survey over the telephone or via email. You can also have someone complete the survey for you, according to your instructions. A full information statement about the research is contained here www.dalereardon.com.au/survey/ and if you have any queries about the research or ethical approval then full contact details are provided there.

The ethical aspects of this research have been approved by the ANU Human Research Ethics Committee: Human Ethics Application: U5150331

I would very much appreciate it if you could undertake the survey and tell your friends and colleagues about the research. You can also register to receive a copy of the findings once you have completed the survey.

Many thanks for your assistance,

Dale Reardon dale.reardon@anu.edu.au

Northcott Disability Services, who provided ongoing support to the working party, ASID NSW/ACT has been requested to conduct a masterclass at the upcoming Centre for Applied Disability Research conference in Sydney in May. We hope that forum will result in planning about how we can best advance “Q & A Ethical review of research in the disability services sector”.

As always, we will keep you posted. If you’d like more information please don’t hesitate to contact Michele Wiese (michele.wiese@northcott.com.au).
Do you have good writing skills and an enthusiasm for bringing interesting current news about activities of ASID, key events and issues in the news about intellectual disability to the membership across Australia and NZ?

Want to take a lead in redesigning IDA as an e-newsletter for members?

Then the job of IDA EDITOR is for YOU!

Expressions of interest are sought immediately via email to the secretariat secretariat@asid.asn.au

Deadline 31 May 2014

Provide a brief summary of the reasons for your interest, previous experience within the field of intellectual disability and previous experience in publication and/or journalism in a volunteer or professional capacity.

You must have:

- great skills in written communication
- enthusiasm, and curiosity to seek out and share stories from across the regions that promote the goals and objectives of ASID
- ability to be part of a team: to work with the publications committee and to ensure IDA aligns with other publications and initiatives of the ASID Board
- ability to work to deadlines and goals, so ASID members get a regular magazine they value
- NB Once appointed, the Editor must have full membership of ASID.

It will be helpful to have:

- previous experience in communications activities and electronic and paper-based publishing/journalism.

For further information please contact

Angus Buchanan at a.buchanan@curtin.edu.au, or Christine Bigby at C.Bigby@latrobe.edu.au, or Sharon Brandford at sharon.brandford@idea.org.nz

... free ASID conference registration, flights and accommodation for three years!
### Upcoming Events

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                      New York, USA  
                      www.yai.org/resources/conferences |
| 6 - 8 May 2014   | 1st Global Conference: Sexuality and Disability  
                      Lisbon, Portugal  
                      www.inter-disciplinary.net |
| 19 - 20 May 2014| Pacific Rim International Conference on Disability and Diversity  
                      Honolulu Hawaii  
                      www.pacrim.hawaii.edu |
| 21 May 2014     | Australian Network on Disability (AND) National Conference  
                      Leading the Way 2014  
                      Aerial UTS Conference Centre, Sydney CBD  
| 26 - 27 May 2014| Centre for Applied Disability Research Conference  
                      Research to Action  
                      Sydney Masonic Centre  
                      cadr.org.au/research-to-action-conference |
| 26 June 2014    | NDCO Program’s Inclusive Learning Conference  
                      Monash University, Peninsula campus (Frankston) Thursday 26th June 2014  
| 14 - 17 Jul 2014| 4th IASSID Europe Congress,  
                      Vienna, Austria  
                      www.iassidd2014.univie.ac.at |
| 6 - 7 Aug 2014  | Australia’s Disability Employment Conference  
                      Mercure Gold Coast Resort  
                      conference.disabilityemployment.org.au |
| 20 - 22 Aug 2014| Australian Rehabilitation & Assistive Technology Association (ARATA) Conference  
                      Canberra, ACT  
                      www.arata.org.au/conference |
| 5 - 7 Nov 2014  | 49th Annual ASID Conference  
                      All Aboard!  
                      Fremantle, Western Australia  
                      www.asid.asn.au |
| 10 - 12 Jun 2015| The Sixth SRV International Conference  
                      Providence, Rhode Island, USA |
| 15 - 16 Aug 2016| IASSID 15th World Congress  
                      Global Partnerships: Enhancing Research, Policy and Practice  
                      Melbourne, Victoria Australia |

If you want to advertise your conference in IDA’s upcoming events section,  
please e-mail: darryleen.wiggins@startas.org