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Drs Gary LaVigna and Thomas Willis
at the IABA Conference

photo by Darryleen



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editorial



W elcome to the newest edition of IDA.

We are so close to the ASID board conference, I am sure you all have registered and have all your flights and accommodation all booked. The program which is now on-line has a great line up of presenters and papers. If for some reason you have not registered, you can still do so. There is something for everyone in this year's program. I will see you there and hopefully I can get some great photos for the next edition of IDA after the conference.

The board will again be meeting prior to the conference and after the conference to look at the organisation as a whole exploring some exciting new and ongoing goals for 2016.

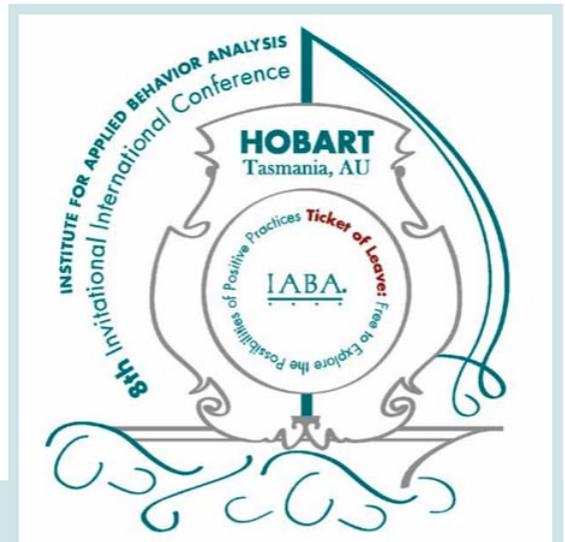
IABA's 8th Invitational International Conference was held Hobart, Tasmania from the 23rd til the 26th August 2015. The theme for the conference was Ticket of Leave: Free to Explore the Possibilities of Positive Practices. I was excited to play a part in the organising of the conference and also to attend. It was very inspiring to be immersed in all that is positive practices and to see the depth and breadth of work / research that has occurred.

There were attendees from all over the world and every person came to inform others of their work and also share their work for the benefit of others. I don't believe I have been to a conference where there were no barriers to the sharing of knowledge, expertise and experience. It was also great to see and hear Gary La Vigna and Tom Willis provide such reassuring and encouraging support to all of the presenters. There were a number of presentations that personally touched and inspired me which confirmed my belief that people with disability can have better lives with the right support and positive practices and that there are people in this industry who are doing great work in this area.

Once again ASID Tasmania was extremely supportive of IABA and provided support for the conference. ASID were recognised on all promotional material and also thanked by

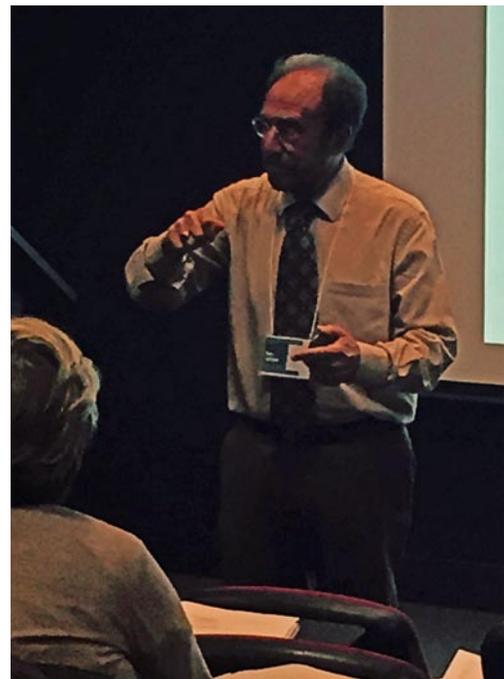
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IABA's 8th International Conference photo gallery



The Old Woolstore Hotel
Hobart, Tasmania
23 - 26 August 2015

Gary W. LaVigna, Ph.D., BCBA-D



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the Governor of Tasmania at the Government House reception along with other sponsors and supporting organisations.

Again please feel free to drop us a note to let us know

your thoughts on how ASID can better serve you and our membership.

Until next time,

Darryleen Wiggins

IABA's Conference photo gallery



Positive Behaviour Practices



Person Centred Crisis Support



Transforming Hell's Gates

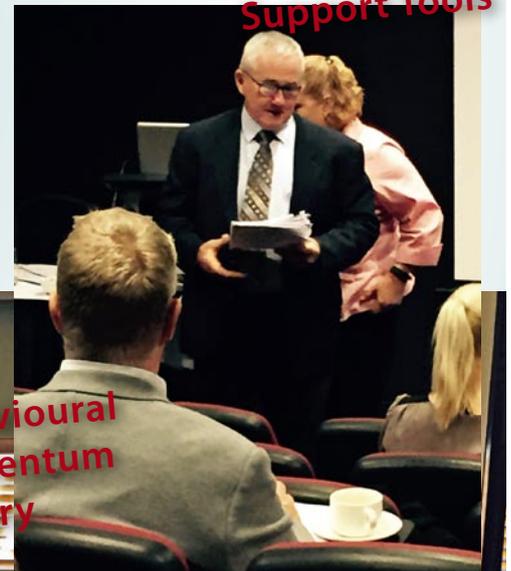
Implementation Support Tools

Listen with Heart, Celebrate Life, Achieve Dreams



Matthew Spicer

Nicola Crates



Molding Mediators

Behavioural Momentum Theory



NEW BENEFIT

FOR ORGANISATIONAL MEMBERS

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for our organisational members.***

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ASID Conference - update October



**Making it
real together**

ASID Conference Melbourne
11-13 November 2015

The 50th Annual ASID Conference is almost upon us!

The Program

With a program that spans 3 days consisting of 135 presentations, 6 streams, 7 sessions, and 41 symposiums, the conference is jam packed with action and sure to impress.

The conference will cover topics including:

- Effective service delivery,
- Self advocacy,
- Health,
- Access and equity,
- Freedom from abuse,
- Home and family,
- Education,
- Employment, and
- Recreation and leisure.

Keynote Presenters

Wednesday 11th November



Bruce Bonyhady AM

Chairman, Board of
the National Disability
Insurance Agency

NDIS: Progress, Participation and Potential

For the Scheme to achieve its Vision, the NDIS must be able to draw on the knowledge and experience of people with intellectual disability and their families and carers. There is still a mountain to climb but the opportunities and potential are enormous, so long as we continue to learn and build, use technology and data smartly and have a culture and values based on inclusion, rights and responsibilities.



**Aine Healy
and
Michael Sullivan**

NSW Council for
Intellectual Disability

Speaking up about the BIG issues!

This presentation will look at 'how we do what we do' - sharing our ideas, tips and what we have learnt along the way.



Thursday 12th November



Prof. Chris Oliver

Cerebra Centre for
Neurodevelopmental
Disorders, University of
Birmingham, UK.

The Challenge of Difference

In this presentation important psychological differences amongst people with intellectual disability are described and their role in challenging behaviour and quality of life is described. A significant challenge for the field of intellectual disability is how these differences are described and recognised in order to design environmental modifications that facilitate inclusion without emphasising difference unnecessarily.

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Dr Jennifer Clegg

Associate Professor,
University of Nottingham

Imagining six possible things before breakfast

There is a growing movement to rethink

the way that we understand and support people with ID, their families and care staff. If services are to avoid being constrained by the sense that things already make and stay dynamic, we need new ideas that are better able to respond to the wide range of types of people and levels of complexity called 'intellectual disability'. A philosopher's tools for thinking will be outlined that would enable us to revitalise ID by generating new concepts.

Friday 13th November 2015



Mr David Behan

Care Quality Commission's
new Chief Executive, UK.

Regulating the quality

Health and Social Care Services in England:

What might be learned for Australia.

David Behan is the Chief Executive of the Care Quality Commission, the independent quality and safety regulator for health and social care services in England.

Since 2012 he has overseen a radical redesign of the way health and care services are regulated. In his presentation he will outline a range of experiences and challenges of the reform and improvement in health and care services in the United Kingdom and reflect on the challenges ahead with the Australian context.

For details on the program and to read up on the presentations in more detail, go to www.asid.asn.au

What to look forward to at the conference...

The Lounge

Everyone is welcome in our Lounge!

Whether you are after stimulating conversation, a place to take a little time out or want some help with using the conference apps, The Lounge is the place to be. People in The Lounge will help you sort through the conference program, show you how to use the technology on offer or just find you a comfy space to relax for a while. While you're there have your say in the vox pop video booth or find out what self advocates are doing.

A special thanks to the Self Advocacy Resource Centre and the self advocates for organising and taking time to make The Lounge a success.

Dangerous Deeds Exhibition

Dangerous Deeds is a video art installation featuring works developed by people with disability that explores their passions and tells the stories of their involvement in the disability, advocacy and self advocacy movements.

Four of the Dangerous Deeds art installations will be displayed around the venue for the duration of the conference.

Dangerous Deeds is a project of DnD, SARU and start Community Art.

Wild@HeART, 2Hot2Handle Hip Hop Crew

2 Hot 2 Handle is a fully inclusive hip hop crew made up of skilled, passionate dancers and MCs who live with disability. The crew create original hip hop songs and dance pieces with professional Melbourne hip hop artists and always provide an exciting and entertaining performance that highlight the unique styles within the group.

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Evening Cocktail / ASID Birthday Party Celebrations

The Conference Cocktail Party will take place at the Crown Promenade Conference Centre in the Exhibition hall. This is a fabulous opportunity to catch up with old friends & colleagues and to meet some new ones. We are also happy to celebrate ASID's 50th anniversary. There will be entertainment and cake to be enjoyed!

Restaurant Night

The restaurant night gives you an opportunity to experience Melbourne's infamous food culture, whilst providing an opportunity for you to network and get to know other conference delegates. There will be a number of restaurants on offer to attend, with bookings at

a maximum of 15 people per restaurant. Get in quick and book your spot as soon as possible. Registration for restaurant night closes at the end of Day 1, 11th November.

Check the website for details

Register now to be a part of the conference!

To register go to www.asid.asn.au

Why Join ASID?



There are many benefits for members of ASID including:

- 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 and, 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 .
- Access to a new journal Research and Practice in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities issued twice per year.

Presidents report

Dr Angus Buchanan



This month sees a significant milestone for ASID with the 50th Annual Conference being held in Melbourne. Over the past 50 years there is much to celebrate regarding how the quality of life for many people with intellectual disabilities has improved but yet we all know much still needs to be achieved to ensure that people are fully included in society. With this in mind the last few months for me have been an opportunity for reflection. I was fortunate enough to have some long service leave and a seven week break away from work including a very pleasant trip to Europe.

While in Rome I was confronted many times by the sight of people with significant disabilities begging on the streets. The scenes that I saw are still very vivid in my memory and four weeks later are often re-played. Begging has been described as one of the most powerless situations where control is almost resigned to the whims and generosity of those around you. I related my experience at a recent ASID event stating that I hoped that I would never experience what I saw in Rome on the streets of Australia. I received many nods from the audience. It was however interesting that during the break a number of people came up to me indicating that perhaps I should get out and about more in Australia. That may be so and maybe I will. However, you are left from experiences like this wondering regardless of location how people with disabilities are in such a position that their only option for survival is begging. Maybe people with disabilities and their families are not begging on the street. However for those of us who have or still work at the operational level we know there are many stories of people with disabilities and their families who have been reduced to begging to get the services and supports they require.

As time rolls on interest is rapidly growing to understand the successes coming from the NDIS trial sites, find out what learnings are and how responsive it is

being to needs and aspirations of people with disabilities and their families. It is right to expect that in the new world people with disabilities and being provided opportunities rather than having to beg for it, and that possibility is being created through, choice and control provided by self-direction.

I have expectations that the 50th ASID Conference will be an opportunity to explore the recent development in policy, program and practice. The theme 'Making it Real Together' is particularly pertinent. There is a growing need that part of making it real is that known and current evidence is used to underpin developments. ASID will continue to advocate strongly that scholarly evidence is being considered and to ensure that the voices of people with intellectual disability are being heard. The voice of ASID itself is as strong as its membership. As a member of ASID your involvement is appreciated and I strongly encourage you to promote the value of ASID to others to strengthen what needs to be achieved.

ASID is continuing to work hard on demonstrating best practice. Significant work has been undertaken to ensure that people with intellectual disability are involved in the governance of the organisation. We are working hard to make it real and I hope that you will hear more of the proposals for this to be achieved in the near future.

I would like to thank all members of ASID who contribute to the governance of this organisation including members of divisional committees and all my fellow Boards members. We always need to remind ourselves that this work is provided in a voluntary capacity by highly passionate and dedicated people.

Thankyou. ●

division update

Western Australia

by Nicole Beresford

In August of this year the Western Australian division held a very successful Sundowner entitled ‘What does Choice and Control Mean for People with Intellectual Disability in the WA NDIS My Way trial.’ The audience heard the experiences of the Cockburn/Kwinana My Way NDIS team as they meet and complete plans with

participants of the NDIS. This followed on from the Sundowner held last year which discussed choice and control for people with an intellectual disability under the Commonwealth NDIA NDIS model in Western Australia.

The feedback from the Sundowner was very positive and inspired the theme of this year’s State Conference; “Who is in the driver’s seat?”

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Our keynote speakers included Kathy Boxall from Edith Cowan University in Bunbury and Christine Bigby from La Trobe University. Kathy's presentation focused on choice, control and personalised services in the lives of people with intellectual disabilities, and placed the development of the NDIS in Australia and WA in the context of personalisation developments internationally. Christine's presentation focused on the impact of the NDIS on the lives of people with intellectual disability, and how the information gained can be used to foster and develop opportunities for people with intellectual disability into the future.

Members of the audience commented that they appreciated hearing real life examples and also how the Australian models compare to other countries. Christine then sat on a panel discussion at the conclusion of the Conference with representatives from NDIA and NDIS My Way to compare the trials, answer questions and provide advice from her learnings.

The Conference also included presentations from local organisations, working across both NDIS models, researchers at Curtin University in the field of Occupational Therapy and Social Work and individuals and family members about their own planning experiences.

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The Western Australian division has welcomed three new council members and we look forward to planning another year of successful events for our members and the wider community.

Victoria

by Hilary Johnson

The year has been busy with the restructure to the ASID division and the preparation for the ASID board conference in Melbourne. We have been fortunate to attract a large conference committee of 26 contributors. We've seen some committee personnel changes including our treasurer, Mark Heeney, taking time off on paternity leave but we also have attracted new members. We would like to thank Sean Wilson for being such an able secretary, and recording our actions in detail. Recently we held our general meeting and elected 12 committee members; Chris Bigby, Mark DiMarco, Coral Farr, Brent Hayward, Nick Hagiliassis, Hilary Johnson, Anne Marie Mumford, Alice Nicholas, Loretta Sheppard, Sophia Tipping, Claire Quilliam

and Sean Wilson There will be three Victorian board director's, Hilary Johnson, Claire Quilliam and Mark DiMarco. Welcome Mark to the Australasian Board.

The Victorian conference committee has met each month, ably convened by Alice Nicholas with the chair of each subcommittee, Chris Bigby - scientific committee, Mark DiMarco - venue committee, Brent Hayward - sponsorship and marketing, Sharon Anderson - restaurant and registration committee, and Chris Fyffe from the inclusion committee.

New Zealand

by Adrian Higgins

Kia ora tatou- Greetings to you all. Dunedin turned on three days of brilliant September weather for our 10th Regional Conference . The Conference theme was Putting it all together: Connecting people ideas and communities and it was clear from the animated conversations, laughter and good humour of the 140 delegates who attended that we achieved our goal. A spirited mihi whakatau (

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speech of welcome to those gathered) set the scene by bringing together and uniting the local people with the manuhiri (visitors) in a common agenda. Our four keynote speakers, Professor Robin Kearns, Professor Kelly Johnson, Dr Nathan Wilson and Dr David Bathgate further developed the theme of connectedness over the following two days covering areas as diverse as the need for “third places of solitude” in order to have places to connect, engaging people with intellectual disability as active researchers, the role of Men’s Sheds in connecting boys with intellectual disability with their communities and transition

Tanya Black receiving ASID Media Award from Honourable Nicky Wagner, Minister for Disability as Lily Harper looks on



from medium secure units into community settings. Running through many the individual papers presented was the consistent theme of the importance of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons With Disabilities. As usual there was a strong self-advocate presence and a group from People First New Zealand Nga Tangata Tuatahi presented a paper on the work carried out by their education arm called Learn with us. With Dunedin not being the most accessible place for our Australian ASID colleagues there were fewer in attendance than in past years however we were delighted to have Dr Patsie Frawley from Deakin University and Katelynd Turner NSW Department of Family and Community Services presenting papers.

The social side of the conference included a well-attended conference dinner and pre-conference function where we hosted the launch of Professor Kate Diesfeld and Ian McIntosh’s recent book *Elder Law in New Zealand*. We were delighted to have Professor Diesfeld present for the book launch and conference. While the book focuses on the fundamentals of law for older people New Zealand so of relevance for those working with older adults with intellectual disability, with its coverage of issues such as legal capacity, capacity and the protection of personal and property rights it also contains a specific chapter on “Legal issues faced by older people with intellectual disability” authored by Dr Brigit Mirfin-Veitch and Sharon Brandford two long-standing members of the ASID-NZ Council.

In April in conjunction with our annual face-to-face meeting ASID-NZ hosted a function to present the ASID Media award to New Zealand’s Attitude Pictures for its film ‘The Lily Harper Show’. Lily and her parents were in attendance as the Honourable Nicky Wagner, Minister for Disability presented the award to the Tanya Black Associate Producer and head of content for Attitude Pictures.

With the conference over our thoughts are turning to 2016 where we hope to partner with self-advocates, the Donald Beasley Institute and the NZ Human Rights Commission to host a bioethics symposium.

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NSW & ACT

by Angela Dew

ASID NSW Division Annual Meeting

On the 15th of September, 2015 the ASID NSW Division hosted an evening networking cocktail event at the Novotel Hotel in Parramatta. Thirty seven people attended the event which coincided with the Professional Association of Nurses in Developmental Disability Australia (PANDDA) conference held at the same venue. The event attracted four new ASID NSW division members. Guest speaker Ee-Lin Chang from Family Planning NSW provided an informative

ASID NSW Division Networking Event



Guest speaker Ee-Lin Chang, Family Planning NSW



overview of the need for people with intellectual disability to receive high quality information and support about sexuality and relationships. Fourteen attendees completed a brief online survey after the event with generally very positive comments particularly around the opportunity to network and the quality of the guest speaker. People also provided feedback on future topics for ASID NSW events including: chronic sorrow, the international experience of similar models to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), ageing, supported decision making, accessible English, and criminal justice. This feedback will be helpful in planning future ASID NSW events.

The ASID NSW committee for 2016 comprises: Helen Amos, Samuel Arnold (board director), Sarah Butler, Julie Deane, Angela Dew, Laura Hogan (board director), Suzie Jessep, Vivienne Riches (board director), Linda Ward, and Michele Wiese.

The committee is also excited to welcome two ASID members who will fill temporary vacancies on the ASID NSW committee for the next 12 months: Bernadette Curryer and Benjamin Chain.

NSW NDIS rollout announced

On the 16th of September, 2015 the NSW Premier Mike Baird signed a bilateral agreement with the new Prime Minister, Malcolm Turnbull for the full rollout of the NDIS in NSW beyond the current Hunter trial site. The rollout will start in July 2016 and is estimated to result in 140,000 people with disability in NSW receiving NDIS funding. The NDIS will be introduced in stages according to the following timetable:

- **From July 2016**
Central Coast, Hunter-New England, Nepean-Blue Mountains, Northern Sydney, South-Western Sydney, Western Sydney, and Southern NSW.
- **From July 2017**
Illawarra-Shoalhaven, Mid-North Coast, Murrumbidgee, Northern NSW, South-Eastern Sydney, Sydney, Western New South Wales, and Far West NSW.

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Tasmania

by Ben Crothers

A new initiative titled School Leaver Employment Supports will be commencing in 2016 with the aim of assisting young people with a disability to transition into employment after leaving secondary school. The program has been developed by the National Disability Insurance Agency in consultation with Disability Employment Services and will be modelled on similar transition to work programs currently offered in New South Wales. Tasmanian students finishing school this year have already applied for the funding with support from their teachers and are waiting to find out if they have been accepted. This initiative further demonstrates the NDIA's commitment to improving economic participation of people with a disability, and given Tasmania's high rate of NDIS participants who identify as living with an intellectual disability; this is good news for ASID too.

Several Tasmanian organisations have been contributing to Inclusion Australia's #wecanwork campaign, which has the aim of highlighting people living with an intellectual disability's potential to participate in the Australian workforce. You can follow the campaign by searching your favourite social media service for the hashtag, #wecanwork, or visit the campaign website to read proof of the truth of the message - http://wecanwork.nationbuilder.com/i_can_work

ASID Tasmania has been experiencing some problems lately keeping our membership numbers up and our members engaged; this is particularly worrying for us as we want the 2017 ASID Annual Conference - to be held in Hobart - to be the best conference you've ever been to. We urge individuals and organisations to sign-up as ASID members, and we'd love to see current members take an active role in ASID - either as a member of the divisional committee, or as a member of the conference organising committee. If you are interested, please contact us at asidtasmania@gmail.com

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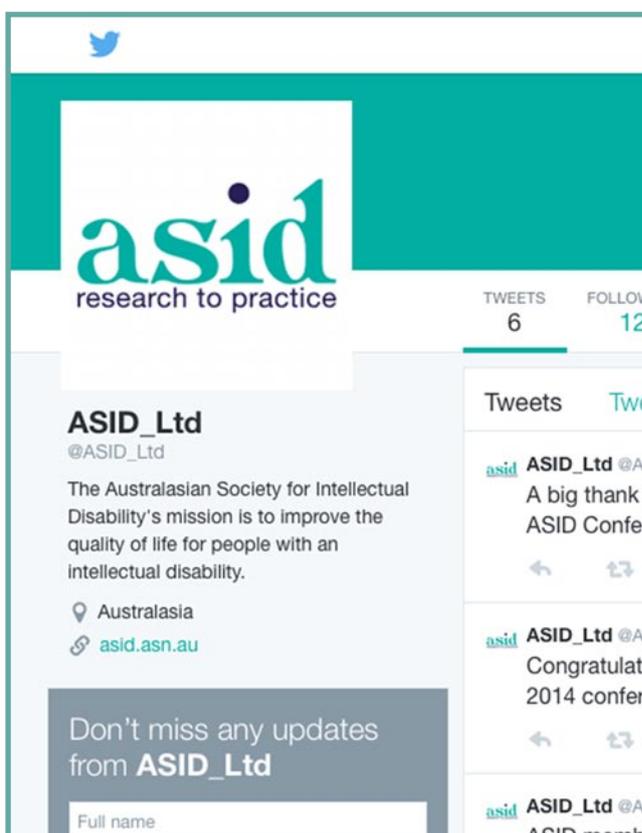
by Morrie O'Connor

QLD Division will be holding Annual Meeting and elections on Friday, 30th October. In conjunction we will be holding a forum around people with intellectual disability in correctional system. A number of speakers will share research including Nick Lennox of QCID and Kathy Ellem of Queensland University of Technology.

QLD Division will be launching a position paper on Intellectual Disability, Corrections and NDIS which will be forwarded to QLD Government and NDIS.

South Australia

(Update not available at time of publication)



upcoming events

5 Nov 2015	Enable2015: Enabling Children in the Early Years Conference Kensington, London www.enableearlyyears.com
5 - 6 Nov 2015	Ageing and Society: 5th Interdisciplinary Conference Washington DC, USA agingandsociety.com/the-conference-2015
9 - 11 Nov 2015	11th National Allied Health Conference Crown Convention Centre, Melbourne www.nahc.com.au
10 Nov 2015	Resourcing Families Seminar: Families Getting NDIS Ready Moree NSW theinstituteoffamilyadvocacyandleadershipdevelopment.formstack.com/forms/getting_ndis_ready_november_2015
11 - 13 Nov 2015	Australasian Society for Intellectual Disability Annual Conference Crown Promenade South Bank, Melbourne, Victoria www.asid.asn.au
14 Nov 2015 9:00am to 5:00pm	Neuro-Degenerative Disorders (NDD) The Tramsheds Function Centre, 4 Invermay Road, Launceston www.primaryhealthtas.com.au/events/managing-complex-neuro-degenerative-disorders-ndd
9 - 15 Nov 2015	Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Week
17 - 18 Nov 2015	2nd National Complex Needs Conference Canberra, ACT phaa.eventsair.com/QuickEventWebsitePortal/second-national-complex-needs-conference/ancnc-website
25 Nov 2015	National Conference on Incontinence Crown Conference Centre, Melbourne www.continence.org.au/pages/national-conference-on-incontinence.html
3 Dec 2015	International Day of People with Disability www.idpwd.com.au
10 Dec 2015	Human Rights Day www.un.org/en/events/humanrightsday

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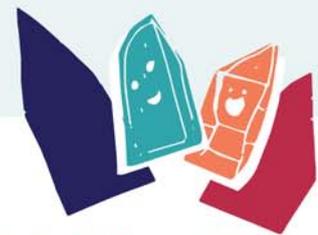
6 GREAT REASONS TO JOIN ASID

- 
 Strong and active local and national community
- 
 Annual conferences featuring leading international speakers
- 
 workshops & social gatherings

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To connect with ASID, sign up for Facebook today.

Pre-Conference workshops



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50th ASID Conference
11 - 13th November
Melbourne

Wanting to get more out of your conference experience? Or are not attending but want to be involved?

ASID is offering 3 pre-conference workshops on Tuesday 10th November 2015.

For more details and to register go to the website
<http://to.ly/UKUc>



Workshop 1:

The Other 23 Hours: Enabling Environments in Intellectual Disability

Dr Jennifer Clegg

Associate Professor, University of Nottingham

Tuesday 10th November, 9.00am – 12.30pm

LaTrobe University, 215 Franklin Street, Melbourne.



Workshop 2:

Prof. Chris Oliver

Cerebra Centre for Neurodevelopmental Disorders, University of
Associate Professor, University of Nottingham Birmingham, UK.

Tuesday 10th November, 1.30pm – 4.30pm

LaTrobe University, 215 Franklin Street, Melbourne.



Workshop 3:

Transition to Retirement Workshop: A seminar for people who support people with Intellectual Disability that explores the transition from work to retirement.

Prof. Roger Stancliffe

Univeristy of Sydney

Tuesday 10th November, 9.00am – 3.30pm

Victorian Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission
Lvl 3, 204 Lygon Street, Carlton



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