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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

Launch of the first World Disability Report

More than one billion people worldwide experience some form of disability, the United Nations and the World Bank said today in a report that calls for the elimination of barriers that often force the people with disabilities to “the margins of society.”

The [World Report on Disability](#), developed by the World Health Organization ([WHO](#)) and the World Bank, with contributions from over 380 experts, urges governments “to step up efforts to enable access to mainstream services and to invest in specialized programmes to unlock the vast potential of people with disabilities.”

“Disability is part of the human condition,” said WHO Director-General Margaret Chan at a ceremony in UN headquarters to launch the report. “Almost every one of us will be permanently or temporarily disabled at some point in life.”

“We must do more to break the barriers which segregate people with disabilities, in many cases forcing them to the margins of society,” Dr. Chan said.

Etienne Krug, a WHO disability specialist, suggested that the barriers themselves are a cause of disability. “Disability results a lot from the barriers that society erects for people with disabilities,” he said, “barriers such as stigma and discrimination; such as lack of access to health services and rehabilitation services or problems of access to transportation and buildings and information services.”

About 15% of the world's population lives with some form of disability, of whom 2-4% experience significant difficulties in functioning. The global disability prevalence is higher than previous WHO estimates, which date from the 1970s and suggested a figure of around 10%. This global estimate for disability is on the rise due to population ageing and the rapid spread of chronic diseases, as well as improvements in the methodologies used to measure disability.

More information: http://www.who.int/disabilities/world_report/2011/en/index.html

- [Full report](#)

Technical content

Full and summary report and separate chapters in various languages.

- [More information](#)

GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

\$200 million funding for students with disability to improve school experiences

The Prime Minister Julia Gillard and the Minister for School Education Peter Garrett recently announced new budget funding of \$200 million to provide extra support for students with disability in Australian schools.

The Australian Government believes that every child deserves a great education that meets their needs and allows them to reach their full educational potential. Through the More Support for Students with Disabilities initiative, the Government is providing \$200 million in new funding. Funding will be allocated to government and non-government education authorities and non-government schools.

This new funding will provide immediate benefits to students with disabilities and their families, such as:

- the provision of coordinated and specialised services by health and student welfare specialist within a school such as speech or occupational therapy;
- the provision of specialised assistive technologies for use in classrooms so that students are better able to learn and engage with their classmates, such as hearing loops or IT equipment;
- additional hours of in-class support from paraprofessionals, health and allied health professionals; and
- adapted curriculum tailored to their needs based on the latest research and expert advice.

In addition, students with disabilities will benefit from enhanced support for their teachers so their teachers can:

- better plan and deliver programs, lessons and activities that enhance the way students with disabilities learn and are included in the classroom; and
- engage paraprofessionals, health and allied health professionals to assist them in providing appropriate support for students in their classrooms, outdoor learning areas and other school learning environments like Trade Training Centres and sports and facilities.

There are more than 164 000 students with disabilities in Australian schools.

The Government will provide new funding to education authorities to strengthen support for students with disabilities and non government schools up until December 2013.





Education authorities will commence implementation of this initiative in schools from the beginning of the 2012 school year. Parents can talk to their local education authority to find out more about the More Support for Students with Disabilities initiative. The initiative will conclude by December 2013.

The Government's Review of Funding for Schooling is currently undertaking work to provide recommendations on the future funding arrangements for schooling in Australia beyond 2013.

As part of this work, the panel leading the review is considering the most appropriate funding arrangements for students with disabilities.

The panel is due to report to the Government by the end of this year.

Making Every School A Great School

- **More Support for Students with Disabilities (fact sheet for families)**
( [PDF 165KB](#) | ( [RTF 76KB](#))
 - **More Support for Students with Disabilities (fact sheet for teachers and schools)**
( [PDF 122KB](#) | ( [RTF 82KB](#))
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Equal Remuneration Case

On 11 March 2010 the Australian Municipal, Administrative, Clerical and Services Union, the Health Services Union, the Australian Workers' Union of Employees, Queensland, the Liquor, Hospitality and Miscellaneous Union and the Australian Education Union lodged an application for an Equal Remuneration order. The case is to be dealt with by a Full Bench of Fair Work Australia.

From this site you can access information about the case and how to participate in it. All relevant materials will be available, including the procedure for lodging submissions, statements and decisions, the timetable, submissions, transcripts and any additional material.

Decision - [\[2011\] FWAFB 2700](#) - 16 May 2011

Recent updates

- [Decisions & statements](#) - Decision issued - 16 May 2011
- [Timetable](#) - 16 May 2011
- [Notices of listing](#) - 13 May 2011
- [Submissions](#) - 4 May 2011
- [Correspondence](#) - 19 April 2011
- [Application](#) - 19 April 2011
- [Transcript](#) - 13 April 2011
- [Exhibits](#) - 12 April 2011

GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING ISSUES IN THE MEDIA

The Burden Of Care, by Cam MacKellar - an insight into real needs and dilemmas faced today by people needing a fairer system of care for people who have a disability. [Read article in New Matilda](#)

[Telling the difference between autism and Asperger's](#) – a good description of the differences.

[Dementia link to aggressive blood sugar control](#)

ABC Health Minutes: Overly aggressive attempts to lower blood sugar are associated with dementia risk, research finds.

[Epileptic seizures linked to risk of brain tumour](#)

[Foetal alcohol syndrome 'as devastating as HIV'](#) ABC Lateline

GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING FEATURED ORGANISATION

Accessible ARTS

<http://www.aarts.net.au/>

Accessible Arts is the peak arts and disability organisation. Accessible Arts promotes and provides opportunities for people with disabilities to participate in arts and cultural activities either as audience members; through attending galleries, theatres, museums and festivals; or as participants in art, drama, music, dance and multimedia activities; and by developing as professional artists. Their vision is a society in which people with disabilities can contribute to and fully experience the arts and cultural life. Accessible Arts aims to promote full inclusion, access and cultural opportunities in the arts for people with disabilities through advocacy, education and information.

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Global has been granted a pre-approved 'Labour Hire Agreement' for the sponsorship of overseas professionals in disability and nursing for 457 work visa for Australia. This approval of Global from the Australian Department of Immigration & Citizenship and the Department of Workplace Relations allows for experienced disability professionals to experience work, travel and life in Australia for up to four years. Global is also a participant in the Employers Nomination Scheme supporting residency applications.

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Survey On Arts Uptake Reveals Dearth Of Professional Practitioners

A new survey of *Arts programs/Projects for People with Disability* has revealed a pleasing increase in provision of arts programs for people with disability that is sadly not matched by appropriate delivery.

This comprehensive survey is the first of its kind to be undertaken in NSW. Accessible Arts NSW, the peak body for the arts and disability sector in the state, invited 806 organisations and individuals to participate in the online survey or which 22% responded.

Arts Programs/Projects for People with Disability survey found that while services using new and current artforms such as digital media were on the rise, creative writing was rarely offered. The majority of arts programs are offered to people with intellectual disability with the younger proportion of this demographic (19- 25 year olds) having the highest uptake. Not surprisingly the issues of adequate funding and access to suitable venues ranked high as concerns across the board.

An executive summary and full copy of the *Arts Programs/Projects for People with Disability* survey can be found online at <http://www.aarts.net.au/policy-research/2010-survey-of-arts-programs-and-projects-for-people-with-disability-in-nsw/>

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New web resource page on disability and sports

The new Disability and Sports web page on the United Nations Enable website highlights the unique ability of sport to transcend linguistic and cultural barriers making it an excellent platform for strategies for advancing inclusion and empowerment of persons with disabilities in society and development. It also draws attention to the universal popularity of sport and its physical, social and economic development benefits that make it an ideal tool for fostering the inclusion and well-being of persons with disabilities. The web page also provides links to publications and other documents on the issue, as well as links to related websites. Along with Member States and civil society, DESA will organize a panel discussion on 27 June at UN Headquarters to discuss issues on how to tap the potential of sports to promote disability-inclusive development and raise public awareness about disability issues. More information:

<http://www.un.org/disabilities/default.asp?id=1563>.

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GLOBAL SCHOLARSHIPS NEWS

FULBRIGHT PROFESSIONAL Scholarship

<http://www.fulbright.com.au/scholarships/australian.html>

Fulbright Professional Scholarships are available to Australian citizens, in junior to mid career positions, poised for advancement to a senior role from the private or public sector (outside academe), or junior to middle level academics whose professional focus is industry related and whose research and sharing of results within the industry is clearly outlined. The award supports a 3-4 month program of professional development in the United States.

Application proposals must include an educational component (such as a short-course and/or research) and identify a potential U.S. host institution at which the applicant would spend a significant period of their scholarship. It may also involve other forms of professional experience including visits to relevant organisations. While the program may include attending a conference, this does not fulfill the educational requirements of the scholarship. The Professional Scholarship does not fund postgraduate (i.e. Masters or PhD) study programs.

Applications for the 2012 Fulbright Australian Scholarships are open and will close on 31 August 2011.

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Better Start for Children with Disability

The Australian Government has announced \$122 million in funding over 4 years to provide services and support to children up to 15 years of age with a disability that affects their development. From July 1 2011, children aged under 6 who have been diagnosed with a listed disability (cerebral palsy, Down Syndrome, Fragile X, vision or hearing impairments) will be eligible to access early intervention funding of up to \$12 000. Phone 1300 653 227 or [click here](#) to go to the FaHCSIA website for more information.

The Better Start for Children with Disability (Better Start) initiative aims to assist eligible children with developmental disabilities to access funding for early intervention services.

- [What are the components of the initiative?](#)
- [Information for families](#)
- [What are the eligible disabilities under the Better Start initiative?](#)
- [Early Intervention Service Provider Panel Application Process](#)
- [What other services are available for children with disabilities and their carers?](#)
- [Fact sheets and further information](#)

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NSW Government Moves Towards Individualised Funding For Disabilities

Minister for Ageing and Disability Services, Andrew Constance, said individualised funding packages would put carers and people with a disability at the centre of decision-making. "Under the O'Farrell Government's proposal, people with a disability won't be dictated to by bureaucrats when it comes to the services they receive," Mr Constance said. "This will put carers and people with a disability in control of their funding arrangements."

A two day summit will be held on the 7th and 8th of July to start the important process of consultation. "The summit will be the catalyst for a significant program of over 100 consultation sessions which will be held throughout NSW over the second half of this year," Mr Constance said. "It'll give us the information we need to make sure we are delivering what people want," Mr Constance said. "The NSW Government is actively seeking the advice of people with a disability about their needs and aspirations for personalised service delivery."

The Government will work with peak bodies such as the Disability Council, NSW Council of Social Services (NCOSS), National Disability Service NSW and consumer organisations.

"Individualised funding packages will give people with a disability more choice and control over their lives and futures, including how the system supports them," Mr Constance said. After this phase of the consultation, the feedback would be analysed to produce a draft person centred model for NSW.

The NSW Government has committed \$2 billion in new growth funding to implement the second phase of *Stronger Together*, which will see the roll-out of more than 47,000 new disability services and places between 2011 and 2016.

[Minister Media Release](#)

also

[Pilot program for individualised funding](#)

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Disability Convention Receives 100th Ratification

More countries Commit to Realizing Rights of World's Largest Minority

NEW YORK, 12 May – The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities is the first international human rights treaty of the twenty-first century. On 10 May, Colombia became the 100th country to ratify this Convention. In doing so, it joins the ranks of those countries that now support greater access, backed by their legal systems, for citizens with disabilities to fully participate in the lives of their communities, including the political process and health and education services.

“This is an important milestone for Colombia and for the global community. The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities is a powerful tool for inclusion and development. Let us use it to make concrete improvements in the lives of persons with disabilities,” said United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, commenting on the 100th ratification.

Around 10 per cent of the world's population, or 650 million people, live with a disability. They comprise the world's largest minority who are excluded from fully participating in the economic, social, political, legal and cultural life of their communities. To address this inequality, in 2006, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which was drafted along with the participation of persons with disabilities and their organizations. At its core, the Convention ensures that persons with disabilities enjoy the same human rights as everyone else. A record number of 82 countries — the highest in the history of a United Nations treaty — signed it on the opening day.

The Convention marks a shift away from the old “medical” view of disability towards a more “social” view that “disability” is a result of the interaction between a person and his/her environment, and not something that resides in the individual as the result of an impairment. An estimated 386 million of the world's working-age population are disabled, but unemployment among the persons with disabilities is as high as 80 per cent in some countries.

Sha Zukang, the United Nations Under-Secretary-General of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, which serves as the secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, said: “We are greatly encouraged by this 100th ratification of the Convention. This is a great achievement by the international community in working towards a just and equitable society, based on equality and equal opportunity for all, including persons with disabilities.”

For more information on the work of the United Nations for persons with disabilities, as well as a list of countries that have ratified the Convention, please see www.un.org/disabilities.

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Developmental Disabilities and Challenging Behaviour: Research to Practice and Policy Conference

Friday, 30 September 2011

The conference will be held at Camperdown campus, University of Sydney.

The Faculty of Health Sciences and Brain and Mind Research Institute, University of Sydney in association with the NSW Council for Intellectual Disability is pleased to announce the conference: "Developmental Disabilities and Challenging Behaviour: Research to Practice and Policy"

Leading International and Australian researchers will present the latest developments in supporting challenging behaviours in people with autism spectrum disorders and intellectual disability. Strategies for gaining government support to implement proper services will also be a focus.

Speakers include:

- Prof Pat Howlin, Institute of Psychiatry, London: 'Helping Adults with Autism Spectrum disorders'
- Prof Eric Emerson, Lancaster University, UK: 'Lessons from population studies for management of challenging behaviour'
- Prof Bruce Tonge, Monash University: 'Recognizing and managing depression in people with ID'
- Prof Gwynnyth Llewellyn, FHS, University of Sydney: 'Supporting parents with ID'.
- A/Prof Roger Stancliffe, FHS, University of Sydney: 'Active support as a mental health intervention'
- Prof. Ian Hickie, BMRI, University of Sydney
- Jim Simpson, NSW Council for Intellectual Disability: 'Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Policy'
- A/Prof. Adam Guastella, BMRI, University of Sydney
- Dr Kylie Gray, Monash University

Registrations will open in July 2011

More information can be [found here](#)

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UN Handbook on National Human Rights Plans of Action

<http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/training10en.pdf>

Attorney-General's Department National Action Plan Background Paper

http://www.ag.gov.au/www/agd/agd.nsf/Page/Humanrightsandanti-discrimination_AustraliasHumanRightsFramework_NationalHumanRightActionPlan

Australian Infection Control Guidelines

The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) recently released the [Australian Infection Control Guidelines: preventing and managing infection in healthcare \(the Guidelines\)](#) on behalf of the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care. The Guidelines will inform clinicians, ancillary staff and administrators about the core principles of infection control in health care delivery.

Vocational Education and Training Workforce

Research report. Australia's Vocational Education and Training (VET) workforce has several shortcomings which need to be addressed, according to a report released by the Productivity Commission. A diverse range of public and private VET providers meets many of the expectations of students and significant segments of industry. However, some industry sectors, such as aged care, disability care and early childhood development, have expressed concerns about the skills of VET workers assessed as competent by some Registered Training Organisations.

[Vocational Education and Training Workforce - Research report \(PDF - 2496 Kb\)](#)

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING GUIDE TO POLICIES & GUIDELINES

Achieving equal employment opportunities for people with disabilities through legislation. Guidelines

These guidelines reflect the reappraisal of disability as a human rights issue. Intended for policy-makers and drafters of legislation, they have been developed with a view to assisting in improving the effectiveness of national laws concerning training and employment of disabled persons, as part of an ILO Project "The Employment of People with Disabilities: The impact of Legislation". This project aims to enhance the capacity of governments of selected countries to implement effective legislation on the employment of people with disabilities - either in the form of laws, or revisions to existing laws, or through the development of regulations or policies to implement laws. The project also provides technical assistance to selected national governments in implementing necessary improvements to their laws. These drafting guidelines are a valuable tool to support this technical advisory role.

WIPO launches accessible publishing guidelines

The Enabling Technologies Framework is a three-year project funded by WIPO and endorsed by the Stakeholders Platform of WIPO that was started in June 2010. This joint project involving both EDItEUR and the DAISY Consortium aims to further develop mainstream publishing processes so that they can deliver digital publications that are fully accessible to persons with reading disabilities. At the end of the first year of the project, EDItEUR launched the "Accessible Publishing, Best Practice Guidelines for Publishers" that are available in HTML, Word and PDF at <http://www.visionip.org>.

Transport standards review released

The first 5 year review of the Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport has been released together with the Commonwealth Government response. Documents are available at: <http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/transport/disabilities/review/>

Accessibility Standards Council Information

Ontario passed the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, (AODA) 2005 on June 13, 2005, making it the first jurisdiction in Canada to commit to creating comprehensive and mandatory accessibility standards in key areas of everyday life. The AODA was enacted to provide for the development, implementation and enforcement of accessibility standards to achieve the goal of an Ontario that is accessible for persons with disabilities by 2025. More information: <http://www.mcass.gov.on.ca/en/mcass/programs/accessibility/OntarioAccessibilityLaws/2005/index.aspx>.

The EmployABILITY policy: A strategy to increase employment opportunities for staff with a disability in the NSW Public Sector:

http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/publications/memos_and_circulars/circulars/2011/c2011-09_employability

The National Human Rights Action Plan - New Website

As part of Australia's Human Rights Framework, the Australian Government is developing a new National Human Rights Action Plan. This presents an opportunity to systematically consider Australia's strengths and address our shortcomings in human rights laws and practice. The [Human Rights Law Centre](#) has created this website to assist the human rights and community sectors to engage in the development phase of the National Human Rights Action Plan and help ensure the Government translates its assessment of human rights needs in Australia into specific goals and practical actions that will ensure high-level commitment to improving human rights across governments. <http://www.humanrightSACTIONPLAN.org.au/nhrap/>

New UN resolution addresses discrimination against persons affected by leprosy

A new General Assembly resolution, "Elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members" (A/RES/65/215), calls for the treatment of persons affected by leprosy and their family members as individuals with dignity who are entitled to all human rights and fundamental freedoms. More information:

http://www.un.org/disabilities/documents/gadocs/a_res_65_215.pdf.

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GLOBAL ONLINE DIRECTORIES GUIDE

FIA Guide for the Disabled Traveller

An FIA Foundation funded project on disability parking permits around the world has recently been completed. The output is the FIA Guide for the disabled traveller. The Guide explains the parking rules for disability parking permit holders in about 130 countries and federal states, and highlights whether or not the parking permit of a disabled visitor can be used in another country. The FIA Guide is a new resource and is freely available on-line at:

www.fiadisabledtravellers.com.

New Human Services Portfolio website

It is now easier to find information about Australian Government health and social services with the launch of the new Human Services Portfolio website. CentreLink Pulse article [Continue reading](#).

Crisis Support Contacts – Sydney <http://www.sydneyingleparents.org.au/Crisissupport.html>

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Early Intervention Service Provider Panel Application

FaHCSIA is establishing a panel of service providers to deliver early intervention services to eligible children as part of the Better Start for Children with Disability initiative. The aim of the Panel is to improve access to targeted and appropriate early intervention services for eligible children.

FaHCSIA is seeking applications from eligible organisations and sole providers who wish to apply to join the Better Start for Children with Disability Early Intervention Service Provider Panel (The Panel).

All intending service providers, including those currently providing services under the Helping Children with Autism (HCWA) package, will need to apply for membership of the Panel.

Applications can continue to be submitted, but assessment of Round Two applications will not commence until Monday 11 July 2011.

Before commencing your application, you are advised to read the following:

- [Services and Support for People with Disability Program Guidelines Part A;](#)
- [Services and Support for People with Disability Program Guidelines Part B \(Information for Applicants\);](#)
- [Services and Support for People with Disability Program Guidelines Part C \(Application Information for Better Start for Children with Disability initiative\);](#)
- [Better Start for Children with Disability Early Intervention Service Provider Panel Operational Guidelines;](#)
- [Better Start for Children with Disability Initiative Service Provider Panel Application Form Guide;](#) and
- [Funding Agreement Standard Terms and Conditions](#)

Services and Support for People with Disability Program Application Form for Membership of the Early Intervention Service Provider Panel for the Better Start for Children with Disability initiative.

- [Application Form – PDF \[973kB\]](#)

Common questions and answers about the application process will be published on this website and updated every Thursday during the application period.

- [Common Questions and Answers](#)

If you have any questions about this application process please send them to Better.Start@fahcsia.gov.au

If you have any difficulties in accessing or completing the application form please contact the FOFMS Helpdesk on 1300 653 227.

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING RESEARCH NEWS

Epidemiology of Autism Spectrum Disorders in Adults in the Community in England

Traolach S. Brugha; Sally McManus; John Bankart; Fiona Scott; Susan Purdon; Jane Smith; Paul Bebbington; Rachel Jenkins; Howard Meltzer

Arch Gen Psychiatry. 2011; 68:459-465. [ABSTRACT](#) | [FULL TEXT](#) | [PDF](#)

Dementia among aged care residents: first information from the Aged Care Funding Instrument

The Aged Care Funding Instrument (ACFI) is a new tool to appraise the care needs of permanent residents in residential aged care facilities. The ACFI appraisal was used to identify more than 104,400 permanent residents in 2008-09 who had a diagnosis of dementia. This equates to 53% of all residents with an ACFI appraisal in this financial year. Seventy per cent of residents with a dementia diagnosis were female reflecting their overall proportion in residential care. Approximately 79% of all residents with dementia were aged 70 years and over. AIHW catalogue number (AGE63). Click on the link to view the [media release](#) and [report](#).

[Non-government community services workforce \(PDF\)](#)

Dr Fiona Hilferty, Social Policy Research Centre, University of NSW (October 2010)

This report's findings will help in the development of capacity building and workforce development plans in the disability and community services sector.

Australian hospital statistics 2009-10

Australian hospital statistics 2009-10 presents a detailed overview of Australia's 1,326 public and private hospitals. In 2009-10, there were 8.5 million separations from Australia's hospitals including: 4.8 million same-day acute separations; 3.5 million overnight acute separations; almost 337,000 non-acute separations. There were 7.4 million presentations to public hospital emergency departments, with 70% of patients seen within the recommended times for their triage categories. AIHW catalogue number (HSE107). Available from CanPrint for \$54 (1300 889 873). Click on the link to view the [media release](#) and [report](#).

Mandatory folic acid and iodine fortification in Australia and New Zealand: baseline report for monitoring

This report presents key baseline data for monitoring mandatory folic acid and iodine fortification in Australia and New Zealand. Data are presented for each component of the fortification monitoring frameworks as follows: food composition; folic acid and iodine intake; folic acid and iodine status of the populations; and health outcomes. AIHW catalogue number (PHE139). Available from the internet only. Click on the link to view the [report](#).

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING FEATURED COURSE

**On-line Master's Degree in Developmental Disability
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University of Sydney, Faculty of Health Sciences

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www.sydney.edu.au/health_sciences/developmental_disability

The University of Sydney's *Master of Health Science (Developmental Disability)* degree offers flexible multidisciplinary education *delivered online* for busy professionals in the rapidly developing field of developmental disabilities.

This unique course was originally developed as a collaboration between the Faculty of Health Sciences and the Centre for Developmental Disability Studies in Sydney. The program is now delivered by the Faculty of Health Sciences, which is home to a number of high profile developmental disability researchers, several of whom teach on the course.

The program provides the opportunity for practitioners from a range of medical, nursing, dental, allied health, social work, behavioural science, educational and other professions to develop specialist skills underpinned by theory, scholarship and research in the field of developmental disabilities.

Information for international students outside Australia

This course does not meet the CRICOS requirements for obtaining an Australian student visa, however international students can complete the course through a combination of online and distance modules from their home country.

More information: www.sydney.edu.au/health_sciences/developmental_disability

Application closing dates (for enrolment in Semester 1, 2012):

- **30 October 2011 (Australian students);**
- 30 November 2011 (international students).

Developmental Disability Course Director: Associate Professor Roger Stancliffe

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING EDUCATION RESOURCES GUIDE

New Versions of CHC08 available on NTIS

The NQC recently endorsed new versions of the CHC08 Community Services (version 3.0) Training Package. Download the Training Packages directly from the <http://www.ntis.gov.au/>

[Training Package Overview and Assessment Guidelines](#) CHC08_1

[Qualification Framework](#) CHC08_2

[Employability Skills and Qualification Summaries](#) CHC08_3

[Competency Standards Codes CHCAC316A to CHCCS416A](#) CHC08_4

[Competency Standards Codes CHCCS417A to CHCES404B](#) CHC08_5

[Competency Standards Codes CHCES411A to CHCNET404A](#) CHC08_6

[Competency Standards Codes CHCNET501A to CHCYTH608C](#) CHC08_7

Document-Writing Skills for Disability Support Workers

This learning resource is a support product for people who work in the Disabilities sector. It will assist Disability Support Workers complete client documentation to provide evidence of the care they provide for their clients. Click here to [download this resource](#)

Duty of Care

An eight minute DVD for community care and allied health workers which clearly explains the complex concept of duty of care. The DVD explores typical dilemmas, such as challenging behaviour, medication and privacy, which workers might face with their clients and offers a simple and effective process to attempt to solve those dilemmas without impinging on the rights of individual clients. The resources were developed by Fran Haarsma and Ideas That Work in partnership with ParaQuad Victoria. The resource can be purchased from: Ideas That Work Email: ideas@ideasthatwork.com.au Web: www.ideasthatwork.com.au Cost: \$87.00 plus postage and handling

Fact Sheets On Health Problems

Published by NSW Council for Intellectual Disability

Sex Health Fact Sheets from <http://www.nswcid.org.au> web site

[Sexuality](#)

[Contraception](#)

[Managing menstruation](#)

Videos from the 6th International Conference on Drugs and Young People

Watch the keynote address and other video presentations from the recent conference held in Melbourne 2-4 May 2011. <http://www.adf.org.au/6dyp>

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

Every Australian Counts Campaign

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING CONFERENCES GUIDE

See a more comprehensive listing of conferences at our web site
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3 - 8 July 2011.

5th IDP Africa Forum: Access Africa. Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA) Accra Ghana. IDP and the Ghana Blind Union. IDP-Institutional Development Forum. <http://www.perkins.org/idp/africa-forum/call-for-papers/>

4 – 8 July 2011.

European Congress Of Psychology. Istanbul, <http://www.ecp2011.org/>

6 & 7 July 2011

Supporting People with Intellectual Disability who are Risk of Contact with the Criminal Justice System – ADHC Offices Lismore, NSW, Department of Human Services: ADHC, Office of the Professional Practitioner. Training. No cost. Bookings disabilityjusticetraining@dhs.nsw.gov.au

6 – 8 July 2011.

Australian Social Policy Conference. University of New South Wales. Social Policy Research Centre (SPRC), University of New South Wales (UNSW). <http://www.sprc.unsw.edu.au/events/aspc-2011>

6 – 8 July 2011.

Spirituality and Mental Health Conference. St John's College, Durham, UK. [more »](#)

13 – 15 July 2011.

Primary Health Care Research Conference. Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre. <http://www.phcris.org.au/conference/>

14 July 2011.

13th UK Joint Social Work Education Conference (JSWEC) with the 5th UK Social Work Research Conference. University of Manchester, UK. [more »](#)

18 – 20 July 2011.

International Conference on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Recital Hall, School of Psychology & Social Work, Universiti Malaysia Sabah. Seri Mengasih Centre. Universiti Malaysia Sabah. <http://serimengasih.org/icidd-2011/>

18 – 24 July 2011.

XVI World Congress of the World Federation of the Deaf. Durban, South Africa. <http://www.wfd2011.com/information/letter.html>

26 & 27 July 2011

Supporting People with Intellectual Disability who are Risk of Contact with the Criminal Justice System – ADHC Offices Parramatta, Department of Human Services: ADHC, Office of the Professional Practitioner. Training. No cost. Bookings disabilityjusticetraining@dhs.nsw.gov.au

31 July – 6 August 2011

Cerebral Palsy National Awareness Week

2 & 3 August 2011

Supporting People with Intellectual Disability who are Risk of Contact with the Criminal Justice System – Dapto Ribbonwood Centre, NSW, Department of Human Services: ADHC, Office of the Professional Practitioner. Training. No cost. Bookings disabilityjusticetraining@dhs.nsw.gov.au

9 - 11 August 2011

National Respite Conference. Twin Towns Clubs & Resort, Queensland. National Respite Association Inc. (formerly Interchange Respite Care) <http://www.interchangensw.com.au/>

10 - 11 August 2011

CAREX 2001 Sydney. Rosehill Racecourse, Main Grandstand. FREE event. Australia's Premier Health & Aged Care Expo. www.totalagedservices.com.au/sydney.asp

18 - 19 August 2011

Australasia Pacific Play Therapy Association (APPTA) Conference. Four Points Sheraton, Geelong. Australasia Pacific Play Therapy Association (APPTA). <http://www.appta.org.au/>

21 -27 August 2011

Speech Pathology Week – Speech Pathology Australia

24 - 26 August 2011

12th International Mental Health Conference. Radisson Resort. Gold Coast, Cararra, Australia. Australian & New Zealand Mental Health Association. <http://www.anzmf.asn.au/conference2011/index.html>

24 - 28 August 2011

World Congress for Psychotherapy. Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour. Australian and New Zealand Association of Psychotherapy. New Zealand Association of Psychotherapists Te Roopu Whakaora Hinengaro. Psychotherapy and Counselling Federation of Australia. <http://www.wcp2011.org/>

29 August 2011

Teaching Strategies & Behaviour Support Autism/Asperger's Syndrome. Cardiff Panthers Club, Educare 1300 887 776 or Educare-Admin@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au

30 & 31 August 2011

Supporting People with Intellectual Disability who are Risk of Contact with the Criminal Justice System – ADHC Offices Parramatta, Department of Human Services: ADHC, Office of the Professional Practitioner. Training. No cost. Bookings disabilityjusticetraining@dhs.nsw.gov.au

31 August – 2 September 2011

ASID – NZ 8th Annual Conference. Novotel Rotorua Lakeside, Rotorua NZ. For enquiries please email with *ASID-NZ 2011* in Subject Heading. gary.wyatt@accessability.org.nz Online registrations open here www.asid.asn.au

5 - 6 September 2011

Disability Employment Forum. Hilton Sydney. <http://www.nds.org.au/events/page/2?s=NSW>

6 - 9 September 2011

21st Annual The MHS Conference. Adelaide Convention Centre. Mental Health Services Conference. <http://www.themhs.org/>

8 - 10 September 2011

Asia Pacific Autism Conference. Burswood Resort, Perth. Autism Association of Western Australia. Australian Autism Advisory Board on Autism Spectrum Disorders <http://www.apac11.org/>

29 September 2011

Master of Health Science (Developmental Disability) Information Session for 2012 Intake. New Law Seminar Room 102. University of Sydney www.sydney.edu.au/health_sciences/developmental_disability Inquiries: Associate Professor Roger Stancliffe at roger.stancliffe@sydney.edu.au

30 September 2011

Developmental Disabilities and Challenging Behaviour: Research to practice and Policy.

University of Sydney Camperdown Campus. Enquiries can be directed to Imelda Noti (Imelda.noti@sydney.edu.au) or Prof. Stewart Einfeld, Convenor (stewart.einfeld@sydney.edu.au). Registrations will open in July 2011.

3– 4 November 2011

PANDDA 2011 Conference, Sebel Hotel, Church Street Parramatta, NSW. Professional Association of Nurses in Developmental Disability Australia. www.pandda.net

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