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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

Productivity Commission's Final Report Into Disability Care And Support

The Government announced that it will start work immediately with states and territories on measures that will build the foundations for a National Disability Insurance Scheme, following the release of the Productivity Commission's final report into the matter.

The Government asked the Productivity Commission to examine reform of disability support services because we believe that the system we have today is not delivering the kind of care and support Australians expect for people with disability.

The main recommendations of the Productivity Commission are:

- A National Disability Insurance Scheme should be created to provide all Australians with insurance for the costs of support if they or a family member acquire a disability. The scheme will provide individually tailored care and support to around 410 000 people with significant disabilities.
- A National Injury Insurance Scheme should be created to provide no fault insurance for anyone who suffers a catastrophic injury.

The Productivity Commission's report finds that it would take at least seven years to transform disability services.

The Australian Government supports the Productivity Commission's vision for a system that provides individuals with the support they need over the course of their lifetime, and wants reform of disability services that is financially sustainable.

The Productivity Commission outlines the creation of these schemes would ensure that every Australian can have confidence that they will receive the care and support they need if they acquire or are born with a disability.

However, the Productivity Commission makes clear that important work needs to be done before further progress can be made - and we want to get that under way. While we have a lot of work to do before the Government could determine the design of a scheme, we believe it is important that work begins now to lay the foundations for this reform.

In line with the Productivity Commission's recommendations, the Government, with the States and Territories, will start work immediately on building the foundations for reform.

We will:

- Deliver an immediate, additional \$10 million, consistent with the PC recommendations, to support this technical policy work;
- Move to establish a COAG Select Council of Ministers from the Commonwealth, States and Territories to lead reform in this area at COAG next month;
- Take steps to establish an Advisory Group to the Select Council, led by Dr Jeff Harmer, to provide expert advice on delivering the foundations for reform and preparation for launch.

The current system is not delivering the kind of care and support Australians expect for people with a disability. Care and support should be based on people's needs, not a lottery of what kind of disability they have, how they acquired it or where they live. That's why the Government put disability reform on the agenda and we thank the Productivity Commission for their work. Future reform of disability services will require investment from all levels of Government.

Further policy work

The Productivity Commission recommended that foundation reforms were a necessary precursor to the establishment of a functional and efficient national scheme. Work is required to:

- Develop common assessment tools to determine eligibility for support
- Develop service and quality standards so that people with disability can expect high quality support irrespective of what disability they have or how they acquired it
- Develop a national pricing structure
- Build the capacity of the disability sector
- Build workforce capacity
- Work on these foundation reforms will recognise the roles and responsibilities of governments as outlined in the National Disability Agreement and recently reaffirmed in the National Health Reform Agreement.

Select Council

The Prime Minister will seek to establish a Select Council on Disability Reform at the next meeting of the Council of Australian Governments. This would bring together Commonwealth and State Treasurers and Disability Ministers to do the work needed to lay the foundations for change. The Select Council would be chaired by the Treasurer and Minister Macklin, and would be supported by an Advisory Group of experts and leaders on disability reform. In response to the Productivity Commission's recommendations for the states and territories to harmonise their approach to catastrophic injury, the Government will also convene a working group led by the Assistant Treasurer to work with State and Territory Governments, lawyers and other stakeholders to progress this important complementary reform.

Advisory Group

The Advisory Group will be led by Dr Jeff Harmer AO, and the Commonwealth will nominate highly regarded national disability advocates Mr Bruce Bonyhady AM and Dr Rhonda Galbally AO to this Advisory Group. Suggestions for additional nominees to this group have also been sought from the states and territories.

These reforms will be delivered in a way that is consistent with the Government's fiscal strategy.

For a copy of the Productivity Commission report visit:

<http://www.pc.gov.au/projects/inquiry/disability-support/report>

SOME OF THE REACTIONS

Every Australian Counts – NDIS (National Disability Insurance Scheme) Campaign

We did it!

You made this happen. By coming together, supporting the campaign and taking action, you showed our politicians that Every Australian Counts. The Government's announcement .. shows that when we speak up, they are prepared to listen. And over the coming weeks and months we will all want to work to ensure the government gets the details right. But first let's take some time to celebrate this colossal win for people with disabilities, their families and carers. After that, let's roll up our sleeves and work to make the NDIS the best it can be. *John Della Bosca and the Every Australian Counts team*

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The **Australian Human Rights Commission** has welcomed the Australian Government's acceptance of the Productivity Commission's final report into Disability Care and Support and its recommendation for a National Disability Insurance Scheme.

"A National Disability Insurance Scheme has the potential to make a huge difference for the human rights of people with disability and their families," said Disability Discrimination Commissioner, Graeme Innes. "It will also significantly enhance the extent to which we – people with disability - can participate in and contribute to Australian society."

Mr Innes said that for too long, people with disability in Australia, and their families, have been paying for disability with social and economic exclusion and lack of choices. "As a whole, Australia has been paying as well - both economically and socially - by missing out on making the most of the contribution that the millions of people with disability in this country have to offer", Commissioner Innes said.

He pointed to studies indicating that better equality in economic participation for people with disability could bring billions of dollars of economic benefits. "A society which effectively includes all its members - including people with disability - will be both a more prosperous and a fairer place," Commissioner Innes said.

Mr Innes said he was looking forward to contributing to the further development of a National Disability Insurance Scheme that helps make this inclusion happen. "I congratulate the Productivity Commission for this landmark report and the Government for responding quickly and positively to its recommendations," Commissioner Innes said.

Commissioner Innes also welcomed the support which has been expressed across the Federal political spectrum and from State and Territory leaders for a National Disability Insurance Scheme.

[PM acts on the PC's 'other report'](#)

Not only has the PC handed down its final report from its Disability Care and Support inquiry but the PM has endorsed the proposed National Disability Insurance Scheme. (Australian Ageing Agenda newsletter)

GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

Australian National Carer Strategy

Carers play a vital role in our community, but many of us do not realise the enormous contribution that they make to Australian society, or fully appreciate the challenges that they face every day. For the first time, Australia has a National Carer Strategy – the second element of the Australian Government's National Carer Recognition Framework. Along with the *Carer Recognition Act 2010*, the National Carer Strategy strengthens our commitment to recognise and respond to the needs of carers so that they have rights, choices, opportunities and capabilities to participate in economic, social and community life.

The National Carer Strategy contains a vision, an aim and six important priority areas for action – recognition and respect, information and access, economic security, services for carers, education and training and health and wellbeing. Collectively, these priority areas outline how the contribution of Australia's carers will be better valued, supported and shared. The National Carer Strategy builds on what the Australian Government already provides for carers and complements reforms to improve supports provided through the aged care, disability, mental health, primary health care, hospital and community care systems.

The Strategy was developed in consultation with carers, state and territory governments, service providers and peak organisations.

[Minister Macklin's media release on the National Carer Strategy.](#)

[National Carer Strategy RTF format](#)

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

Improving conditions in boarding houses

The NSW Ombudsman Bruce Barbour tabled a special report to Parliament titled [More than board and lodging: the need for boarding house reform](#).

The report draws on extensive work by the Ombudsman since 2002, which has identified serious concerns about the safety, health, welfare and rights of the residents of licensed boarding houses, and the adequacy of the system that is meant to protect them.

‘For the past nine years, my office has highlighted the vulnerability and poor circumstances of people living in licensed boarding houses, many of whom have a disability and require daily supervision and support,’ said Mr Barbour.

‘My work has found that boarding house accommodation does not afford residents adequate protection, support or rights, and there is a pressing need for significant reform to address this longstanding and unacceptable situation.’

‘At a minimum, action must be taken to address the existing problems with the legislation governing licensed boarding houses and to improve the circumstances of their residents,’ Mr Barbour said. ‘However, there are compelling reasons to undertake broader reform of the boarding house sector to bring better protections and regulation.’

In June, an Interdepartmental Committee, chaired by ADHC, submitted a report to government on options for reforming the boarding house sector. The Premier has since announced a parliamentary committee inquiry on related issues.

‘I welcome the move towards boarding house reform,’ said Mr Barbour. ‘However, the progress of work in this area has been too slow. The need for concerted and sustained cross-government action to achieve real and improved outcomes for people living in licensed and unlicensed boarding houses is long overdue.’

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Community Mental Health Budget 2011-12

Around 35,000 Australians with mental illness and their carers will have access to much-needed support with a \$269.3 million boost over the next five years to community mental health services.

\$154 million will be allocated to expand Personal Helpers and Mentors services over the next five years for community organisations to employ 425 additional personal helpers and mentors, to work one-on-one with people with mental illness across Australia.

The new personal helpers and mentors will join the more than 1,000 current full-time equivalent workers who are already providing practical support to people with severe mental illness to help them manage everyday tasks, set and achieve personal goals such as finding employment, and improving relationships with family and friends.

The new PHaMs workers will assist an additional 3,400 people with mental illness to help them live more independent lives and reconnect with the wider community.

As part of this expansion, \$50 million will be allocated to provide personal helpers and mentors to specifically help people with mental illness on, or claiming, income support of the Disability Support Pension who are also participating in employment services. This intensive support will help jobseekers with a mental illness to look for work, or participate in education or training.

\$54.3 million will be allocated for extra Mental Health Respite services over the next five years. This will give about 1,100 families of people with mental illness greater access to flexible respite and support services.

\$61 million will be allocated over five years to establish 40 new Family Mental Health Support Services. These services provide a way for families to get help for their children who are suffering from, or at risk of mental illness, outside of the clinical mental health system.

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING FEATURED ORGANISATION

Australian Productivity Commission

Given that the Australian Productivity Commission has done so much important work in the disability, aged care, health and welfare field we thought you would like to check out their web site to know more about this organisation that will prove to have a profound strategic effect on improving the lives of so many Australians. {Ross Fear, Editor, Global Gazette}

The Productivity Commission is the Australian Government's independent research and advisory body on a range of economic, social and environmental issues affecting the welfare of Australians. Its role, expressed simply, is to help governments make better policies in the long term interest of the Australian community.

As its name implies, the Commission's focus is on ways of achieving a more productive economy - the key to higher living standards. As an advisory body, its influence depends on the power of its arguments and the efficacy of its public processes.

<http://www.pc.gov.au/about-us>

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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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Caring for Older Australians

Public inquiry: This inquiry has concluded. The final report was released on 8 August 2011.

In undertaking the inquiry, the Productivity Commission had developed options for further structural reform of the aged care system so it can meet the challenges facing it in coming decades. In particular, the Commission had:

- examined the social, clinical and institutional aspects of aged care in Australia, building on the substantial base of existing reviews into this sector
- addressed the interests of special needs groups
- developed regulatory and funding options for residential and community aged care (including the Home and Community Care program)
- examined the future workforce requirements of the aged care sector
- recommended a path for transitioning from the current regulatory arrangements to a new system that ensures continuity of care and allows the sector time to adjust
- examined whether the regulation of retirement specific living options should be aligned more closely with the rest of the aged care sector
- assessed the fiscal implications of any change in aged care roles and responsibilities.

In the course of the inquiry, the Commission consulted widely with older Australians, their carers, aged care providers, government agencies and other interested parties.

Further information

- [Productivity Commission Inquiry into Aged Care](#) - Joint media release from the Assistant Treasurer and Minister for Ageing (external link)
- [About the public inquiry process](#)

Caring for Older Australians

Inquiry report

This inquiry report, including online appendices and [errata](#), was released on 8 August 2011. **Please note:** [Appendices B to H](#) will only be available online and are not in the printed copy.

See also

- [More about the Caring for Older Australians inquiry](#)

Download the Overview booklet

- [Caring for Older Australians - Overview \(PDF - 1065 Kb\)](#)
- [Caring for Older Australians - Overview by chapters \(Word/ZIP - 374 Kb\)](#)

Download the report

- [Volume 1 - Caring for Older Australians - Inquiry report \(PDF - 1558 Kb\)](#)
- [Volume 1 - Caring for Older Australians - Inquiry report by chapters \(Word/ZIP - 561 Kb\)](#)
- [Volume 2 - Caring for Older Australians - Inquiry report \(PDF - 3134 Kb\)](#)
- [Volume 2 - Caring for Older Australians - Inquiry report by chapters \(Word/ZIP - 1653 Kb\)](#)

SOME OF THE REACTIONS TO THE PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION'S REPORT

[New vision for Ageing Australia must include new affordable housing models](#)

The Benevolent Society welcomes the release of the Productivity Commission's final report of Caring for Older Australians and particularly the emphasis on changes that aim to give older people more choice, control and autonomy.

[Transcript: The PC final report media conference](#)

Read about what went down at yesterday's PC report media conference with Prime Minister Julia Gillard and Minister for Mental Health and Ageing, Mark Butler.

[You won't HAVE to sell your home](#)

AAA explores the PC-recommended new user-pays system of aged care, why it is preferable, what is involved and industry opinion.

[The PC's final report is out!](#)

The long-awaited report has finally been made public. Larger than the draft, the final has few differences and many similarities.

[The PM and Minister respond to the report](#)

Minutes after the PC's final report was tabled, Prime Minister Julia Gillard and the Minister for Mental Health and Ageing, Mark Butler, addressed the media.

Other reports

- [Cost, Revenue and Productivity Trends in Residential Care](#) - released 24 May 2011
- [Changing Dynamics of Residential Aged Care](#) - released 24 May 2011

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

Roger Stancliffe receives AAIDD Research Award

Roger Stancliffe is Associate Professor, Disability Studies, at the University of Sydney's Faculty of Health Sciences. On June 7th, at the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) 135th Annual Meeting in St Paul Minnesota, 33-year ASID member and **past Editor of the Journal of Intellectual & Developmental Disability (2003-08)** Roger Stancliffe, was honoured as the recipient of the AAIDD Research Award. AAIDD President, Professor Michael Wehmeyer presented the award, with a citation that read:

"Research Award.

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In the 40-year history of the AAIDD Research Award, Roger is the first person from the southern hemisphere to be so recognised. Past recipients of this prestigious award include Sir Michael Rutter (UK), Jack Tizard (UK), Donald Baer (USA), David Braddock (USA), Ann and Alan Clark (UK), Lionel Penrose (UK) and Robert Edgerton (USA). **ASID congratulates Roger on this outstanding achievement."**

Published on ASID web site: - <https://www.asid.asn.au/News/tabid/116/entryid/16/Default.aspx>

Roger is one of the presenters at the conference below and the course co-ordinator for the new Online Masters Degree in Developmental Disability at the University of Sydney. He continues to make a significant contribution to the disability field. Congratulations on a well deserved international award for a long standing member of ASID. (Editor.)

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GLOBAL FEATURED CONFERENCE ...

Developmental disabilities, challenging behaviour & mental health: research to practice and policy Conference

Friday 30 September, 2011 (9.00am - 6.00pm)

Venue: New Law School Building (F10), Auditorium 101, Eastern Avenue, Camperdown Campus, **University of Sydney.**

Organisers: Faculty of Health Sciences and Brain and Mind Research Institute, University of Sydney in association with the NSW Council for Intellectual Disability.

Registrations NOW open, see attached flier and registration form or visit the website:

http://sydney.edu.au/health_sciences/disability_community/research_practice_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. This conference will benefit those working with people with developmental disabilities in community and health settings, as well as research students and academics, and clinical practitioners.

Presenters include:

- Prof Pat Howlin, Institute of Psychiatry, London
- Prof Eric Emerson, Lancaster University, UK
- Prof Bruce Tonge, Monash University
- Prof Gwynnyth Llewellyn, University of Sydney
- Prof Ian Hickie, BMRI, University of Sydney
- A/Prof Adam Guastella, BMRI, University of Sydney
- A/Prof Roger Stancliffe, University of Sydney
- Jim Simpson, NSW Council for Intellectual Disability
- Dr Kylie Gray, Monash University
- Convenor: Prof Stewart Einfeld, University of Sydney

Registration

Registration is now open and available via two methods.

- Credit Card - to register and pay online.
- Cheque - to register by completing the attached form.

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GLOBAL SCHOLARSHIPS NEWS

Vision Australia's Further Education Bursaries

The Vision Australia Further Education Bursary 2012 for tertiary students with a vision impairment is now open for applications. **The closing date is 31 October 2011.** Please consider passing this information onto current and future domestic students who may not be aware of what an opportunity it is for them to receive adaptive technology.

Each year Vision Australia awards bursaries to tertiary students who are blind or have low vision consisting of adaptive technology such as CCTVs, laptops, screen reading and magnification software. Such technology enables easier access to course materials. Vision Australia's Further Education Bursary aims to assist clients who would not otherwise be able to afford adaptive technology, thus increasing their ability to participate in further education. Since 1996 220 bursaries have been awarded by Vision Australia to students studying a broad range of disciplines – from Arts and Music to IT and Business.

Each year a Victorian Bursary Recipient who is judged by our selection committee to best display a need for the equipment and ability to be successful in their studies will also receive the Fairhall Memorial Scholarship of \$150.

Visit www.visionaustralia.org/bursary for the application form and more information.

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Alzheimer's Australia NSW - Fight Dementia Campaign

There are currently 269,000 Australians living with dementia and the number of people with dementia is set to increase by almost 50% over the next 10 years. By 2050 there will be almost one million Australians with dementia.

These numbers are terrifying yet the 2011 Federal Budget provided no additional funding to combat the dementia epidemic for the ever increasing number of people affected by dementia. Worse still, the Australian government terminated **the Dementia Initiative – making dementia a national health priority**, which means the loss of guaranteed funding for essential programs and support services for people living with dementia.

Action is needed to tackle dementia in the 2012 Federal Budget.

Dementia must continue to be recognised as a national health priority and the Government must commit to delivering quality dementia care and to reduce the numbers of people with dementia in the future.

To ensure that the Government acts on dementia, Alzheimer's Australia is inviting you to join our Fight Dementia Campaign. If you feel you can lend AA your support with any of the following approaches, please let AA know.

1. Add your voice to the campaign by signing up as a Dementia Champion at: www.dementiachampions.org.au or by providing us with the story of your journey with dementia of no more than 500 words in length by sending it to: fightdementia@alzheimers.org.au
2. Write to your Federal Member and Senator to highlight your story and the issues that are important to you. For more information please contact Tegan McGrath at the National Office by emailing: fightdementia@alzheimers.org.au or call (02) 6254 4233
3. Join the Fight Dementia March on 13 October 2011 in Canberra at Parliament House. More details of the march are listed below and you can register for the march [HERE](#) or by emailing your name, address and email to: fightdementia@alzheimers.org.au or by calling Tegan McGrath on (02) 6254 4233

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING PUBLICATIONS GUIDE

Featured book ...

Challenging Behaviour

3rd Edition by Eric Emerson Lancaster University & Stewart L. Einfeld University of Sydney. A comprehensive coverage of the issue of challenging behaviour for people who have a developmental disability. "Challenging" behaviours are common among people with intellectual disabilities, resulting in significantly reduced quality of life. These may include aggression, self-injury, destructiveness, hyperactivity and inappropriate social conduct. This new edition provides a concise, accessible and contemporary summary of current knowledge about challenging behaviour, drawn from psychology, psychiatry, medicine and public health. Fully updated and revised, it includes comprehensive coverage of the epidemiology and aetiology of challenging behaviours, and evidence of the efficacy and effectiveness of different approaches to intervention. This edition contains significantly expanded sections on the emergence and

development of challenging behaviour and strategies for prevention, at the level of both individuals and service systems. Essential reading for students undertaking professional training in health and related aspects of intellectual disabilities, including psychologists, psychiatrists, nurses, teachers and social workers. This book is a key text for professional staff delivering health, educational and social care services to people with intellectual disabilities." Available from Cambridge University Press, Adobe eBook Reader. (ISBN-13: 9780511855740) Also available in [Paperback](#) | [Mobipocket eBook](#). Printed version published February 2011 \$52.00 USD.

BOOK REVIEWS:

'In Challenging Behaviour Emerson carefully defines his terms, sets the problem in the social context, and demonstrates a systematic approach to the analysis and treatment of behavioural pathology in this little understood aspect of learning difficulties ... and it has the great merit of being set against issues of quality of life.' British Medical Journal

"This well-written book provides a wide overview of challenging behavior in mentally retarded people covering the current findings on the nature, epidemiology, causes and treatment ... this is a good book and very essential reading for all health care professionals involved in the assessment and treatment of mentally retarded people.' Saudi Medical Journal.

[Understanding Behaviour in Dementia that Challenges : A Guide to Assessment and Treatment](#)

By Ian Andrew James. 2011, Paperback: £15.99/ \$26.95. ISBN: 978-1-84905-108-8, 234mm x 156mm / 9.25in x 6in, 176pp. Behaviours that challenge can significantly interfere with the quality of life of a person with dementia, as well as that of those who live with and care for them. Yet there is a great deal of confusion surrounding how such behaviours should be addressed. This book provides theory and practical guidance on the assessment and treatment of behaviours that challenge in dementia, with a particular emphasis on non-pharmacological approaches. <http://www.jkp.com/catalogue/book/9781849051088>

Light for World Releases its First Ever Newsletter, "End Exclusion"

Light for the World, a European confederation of national development NGOs released the first ever newsletter, "End exclusion: let's enable the MDGs". This newsletter will release quarterly updates on the progress of new awareness raising campaigns and provide other news in the field of disability and development. More information: http://www.light-for-the-world.org/nl_ges.html

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING GUIDE TO POLICIES & GUIDELINES

Ageing, Disability and Home Care's (ADHC) Licensed Residential Centres Licensing and Monitoring Policy

ADHC has recently released a revised and updated *Licensed Residential Centres Licensing and Monitoring Policy Manual* in April 2011 which is available on their website.

[To download the PDF Version of the Manual, please click here](#) (PDF is the only version available on the ADHC website)

Valuing and managing diversity statement.

http://www.adhc.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/file/0006/237273/Valuing_and_Managing_Diversity_Statement.pdf

[Flexible Respite Policy Position](#) released 2011

Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport

The *Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002* (the Transport Standards) took effect on 23 October 2002. Information on the Transport Standards [is available on the Australian Government Attorney-General's Department website.](#)

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING GRANT NEWS

Cultivating Arts and Disability Grants

Cultivate is a new professional development fund for Australian artists with disability. Cultivate will provide seed funding to artists who want to further develop their professional artistic practice with the aim of being better placed to pursue a professional artistic career and to compete for funding in general arts funding programs. Grants of up to \$8,000 are available for the costs associated with developing your professional practice as an artist. This could include specific skills or professional development opportunities including mentoring.

For more information about Cultivate, download the guidelines [here...](#)

To apply, download an application form [here...](#)

To apply, you must send a completed Application Form and your support material to Arts Access Australia by Monday the 12th of September 2011. Applications must be received by 10am.

Send your application to: Email: info@artsaccessaustralia.org (preferred) Post: Arts Access Australia, 222 Bank Street, South Melbourne, VIC 3031

Applicants are encouraged to contact Arts Access Australia prior to submitting your application. They can help answer questions about your application or support material and give you information on how to put together an effective application. Contact them on: Email info@artsaccessaustralia.org Phone 0419 201 338 (voice / text)

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING RESEARCH NEWS

Younger people with disability in residential aged care: update from the 2009-10 Minimum Data Set

This report presents data from the Younger People with Disability in Residential Aged Care (YPIRAC) program during its first four years of operation to 2009-10. An estimated 1,141 people aged less than 65 have been helped by the YPIRAC program over this time, including 139 people who have been moved out of residential aged care and into accommodation that better suits their situation, a further 207 who were successfully diverted away from entering residential aged care and over 400 people who were provided with enhanced services while in residential aged care.

AIHW catalogue number (AUS135). Available from CanPrint for \$10.00 (1300 889 873). Click on the link to view the [media release](#) and [report](#).

Social Policy Research Paper no. 43, *The costs of caring and the living standards of carers,*

This paper, written by the Social Policy Research Centre at the University of New South Wales, reviews the Australian and international literature on the costs of care. Research has shown that the role of informal carer has both direct and indirect costs to the carer. Direct costs comprise monetary expenses associated with the provision of care such as transport, additional heating and cleaning costs, and reduced spending on leisure activities. Indirect costs comprise opportunity, time and health costs. The paper examines the data available and the additional data that would be needed to analyse the direct and indirect costs of care. Most existing research fails to disaggregate the costs associated with taking on the caring role from the costs that arise due to disability. The final section of the paper assesses the living standards of carers using data from two waves of the Household, Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia (HILDA) Survey. [Social Policy Research Paper Number 43: The costs of caring and the living standards of carers](#)

Government-funded specialist homelessness services: SAAP National Data Collection annual report 2009-10: Australia

In 2009-10, 219,900 people (or 1 in every 100 Australians) used government-funded specialist homelessness services. Of these, 135,700 (62%) were clients and 84,100 (38%) were children accompanying clients. In 2009-10, young people, particularly young women, children, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, were significant users of specialist homelessness services. Clients were supported for an average of 64 days and, when accommodated, were accommodated for an average of 60 days. Family groups generally had longer periods of support and accommodation than people who presented on their own. AIHW catalogue number (HOU246). Click on the link to view the [media release](#) and [report](#).

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING FEATURED COURSE

Course Information session 29 September 2011

Master of Health Science (Developmental Disability) Information Session for 2012 Intake. – Study online.

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
University of Sydney, Faculty of Health Sciences.

(This is on the day before the Developmental Disabilities, Challenging Behaviour & Mental Health Conference in the same building as the conference. If you are coming to the conference consider popping in a day before to find out more about this online education program.)

ONLINE UNIVERSITY GUIDE (recently up dated)

Online guide to Australian Universities and those offering courses in disabilities.
http://www.globalcarestaff.com/page/university_guide.html

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING EDUCATION RESOURCES GUIDE

New Versions of HLT07 available on NTIS

The NQC recently endorsed new versions of the HLT07 Health (version 4.0) Training Package. Download the Training Packages directly from the <http://www.ntis.gov.au/>

[Training Package Overview and Assessment Guidelines](#) HLT07_1

[Qualifications Framework](#) HLT07_2

[Employability Skills Qualification Summaries](#) HLT07_3

[Competency Standards ? Codes HLTAD301 to HLTARO607A](#) HLT07_4

[Competency Standards ? Codes HLTART401A to HLTEN620A](#) HLT07_5

[Competency Standards ? Codes HLTF201A to HLTOHS600A](#) HLT07_6

[Competency Standards ? Codes HLTOPD401A to HLTTH406B](#) HLT07_7

HACC Slips and Falls - Free Resource

This National Home and Community Care Slips and Falls Learning Resource is developed for trainers to enable training for Home and Community Care (HACC) Workers (also known as Home Care Workers or Community Care Workers). It has a suite of accredited and non-accredited learning resources that provides information, education and preventive interventions aimed at minimising the risk of injury and premature admission to residential care through falls in the home. These resources are available as free downloads from this web page. Alternatively, you can request a free copy of the HACC Slips and Falls CD ROM which includes the 20-minute "Stepping Out" video (not available as a download from this website due to large file constraints). Please contact the ISC on admin@cshisc.com.au or (02) 9270 6600 to request for your copy, and please note that there is a \$15.00 (inc GST) postage and handling fee.

FACT SHEETS ON HEALTH PROBLEMS

Published by **NSW Council for Intellectual Disability**

Keeping Healthy Fact Sheets from <http://www.nswcid.org.au> web site

[Healthy lifestyles](#)

[Annual health assessments](#)

[Preventive health](#)

[Dental care](#)

ONLINE EDUCATION DIRECTORY (recently up dated)

Online professional development is an easy way to access further education – especially valuable for shift workers – so we have researched some options and put them on our web site at http://www.globalcarestaff.com/page/online_education.html

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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

1 September 2011

National Association for Loss & Grief (NALAG) Conference. Melbourne. "Grieving: A Natural Response to Loss" <http://www.nalagvic.org.au/>

5 - 6 September 2011

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

6 - 7 September 2011

Better Practice Conference Melbourne. Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency. Inquiries: betterpractice@accreditation.org.au Web site <http://www.accreditation.org.au/education/better-practice-2011/>

6 - 9 September 2011

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

7 September 2011

Protecting Older People at Home. <http://www.agedservices.asn.au/events/september-7-protecting-older-people-at-home-recognising-assessing-and-responding-to-elder-abuse>

7 - 8 September 2011

Social Inclusion in Education Conference. Stamford Plaza Brisbane. <http://www.informa.com.au/conferences/education/social-inclusion-in-education-conference>

7 - 9 September 2011

Fourth Conference of States Parties to the CRPD. UN Headquarters, New York. The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities was adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 61/106 of 13 December 2006. Article 40 of the Convention stipulates that "The States Parties shall meet regularly in a Conference of States Parties in order to consider any matter with regard to the implementation of the present Convention." <http://www.un.org/disabilities/default.asp?id=1535>

8 September 2011

NDS NSW Fraud & Corruption Awareness Training for Disability Sector. Parramatta RSL Club Macquarie St 10.30am -2.30pm Registration to participate is essential - all registrations must be submitted [online](#). For registration enquiries please contact: Megan Sandford, State Planning Coordinator, NDS NSW on: 02 9256 3103 or email megan.sandford@nds.org.au

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/>

12 - 15 September 2011

ASID NSW State Conference & NSW Disability Professional Awards 2011. Liverpool Catholic Club. NSW. <http://www.asid.asn.au/Regions/NewSouthWales.aspx>

12 - 15 September 2011

ACSA National Conference 2011. Aged & Community Services Association NSW & ACT. Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour, Sydney, <http://events.agedservices.asn.au/> Register <http://www.agedcare.org.au/events-and-conferences/conferences/2011-acsa-national-conference>

13 & 27 September 2011

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

15 & 16 September 2011

NSW Neighbour Aid & Social Support Association Conference. Twin Towns Resort. Tweed Heads. NASSA. [Click here to download program and registration form.](#)

15 - 16 September 2011

2nd Annual National Disability Summit 2011. Novotel Melbourne on Collins. <http://www.iir.com.au/conferences/healthcare/national-disability-summit>

19 - 21 September 2011

National Conference on Community Inclusion of Individuals with Psychiatric Disabilities. Philadelphia, USA http://www.tucollaborative.org/call_for_papers.html

20 - 23 September 2011

National Housing Conference. Brisbane. Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI). Queensland Department of Communities. <http://www.ahuri.edu.au/events/nhc/>

20 - 23 September 2011

HIMSS AsiaPac 11 & HIMAA National Conference 2011. Melbourne, Australia. <http://www.himssasiapac.org/>

21 September 2011

Mental Health Nurses Forum. Waterloo. NSW Nurses Association. <http://www.nswnurses.asn.au/topics/2761.html>

21 - 22 September 2011

Aged Care Nurse Managers Conference 2011. Main Grandstand, Caulfield Racecourse, Melbourne. www.totalagedservices.com.au/acnmconference.asp

22 - 23 September 2011

National Dementia Research Forum. Wesley Conference centre, Sydney. www.dementia.unsw.edu.au

29 September 2011

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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 Registrations NOW OPEN http://sydney.edu.au/health_sciences/disability_community/research_practice_policy

4 - 7 October 2011

Australian College of Mental Health Nurses 37th International Mental Health Nursing Conference. Marriott Resort, Gold Coast, Queensland. <http://www.acmhn.org/>

7 October 2011

AADDM Annual Conference 2011. Brisbane Queensland. Australian Association of Developmental Disability Medicine & Society for the Study of Behavioural Phenotypes. <http://www.ssbp.co.uk/ssbp>

5 - 8 October 2011

II International Congress Dual Pathology. Addictive Behaviors and other Mental Disorders. Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain. sociedad@patologiadual.es Sociedad Española de Patología Dual. <http://www.cipd2011.com>

9 - 15 October 2011

Mental Health Week – Mental Health Foundation of Australia <http://www.mhfa.org.au/>

10 October

World Mental Health Day <http://www.wfmh.org/00WorldMentalHealthDay.htm>

10 - 13 October 2011

Disabled People's International 2011 8th World Assembly. Durban, South Africa. <http://www.dpi2011.co.za/>.

17 & 18 October 2011

Grief & Bereavement: International Perspectives. Mercure Hotel Sydney. Australian Centre for Grief and Bereavement. http://www.grief.org.au/education/programs/special_events

18 & 19 October 2011

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

19 – 20 October 2011

Community Services & Health Industry Skills Council National Conference 2011: Breaking through the Barriers. Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. www.cshisc.com.au/conference2011

19 – 21 October 2011

Inaugural Australian College of Children & Young People's Nurses (ACCYPN) Conference. Novotel Sydney, Brighton Beach, NSW. <http://www.accypn2011.eventplanners.com.au/>

20 & 21 October 2011

Grief & Bereavement: International Perspectives. Melbourne. Australian Centre for Grief and Bereavement. http://www.grief.org.au/education/programs/special_events

21 October 2011

Aged Care Nurses Forum. NSW Nurses Association. Waterloo. <http://www.nswnurses.asn.au/topics/2761.html>

23 – 27 October 2011

9th Asia/Oceania Congress of Geriatrics and Gerontology. Melbourne, Victoria. <http://www.ageing2011.com/>

3– 4 November 2011

PANDDA 2011 Conference, for disability nurses

Sebel Hotel, Church Street Parramatta, NSW.

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Professional Association of Nurses in Developmental Disability Australia. www.pandda.net

Registrations now open http://www.pandda.net/PANDDA/2011_Conference_Page_1.html

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