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Have a great New Year

GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

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Stronger Together Stage 2: \$2 billion historic investment in disability services will deliver 47,000 new places.

The NSW Government announced a further \$2 billion investment in disability services over the next five years for the second phase of the Stronger Together 2006-2016 initiative - reaching out to the most vulnerable in the community and supporting their carers. The first five years of the program has already injected \$1.3 billion in growth funding to the disability sector. This is the largest investment in disability services in New South Wales' history and the most significant investment made by a State Government anywhere in Australia.

The additional funding will increase disability services capacity by an estimated 47,000 places over the next five years. This funding is in addition to the \$2.02 billion it will cost to continue to fund the expansion of disability services already provided under the first five years of the program.

It brings the total new investment by NSW over the ten years of Stronger Together 2006-2016 to a record \$5.5 billion.

In addition, the NSW Government will provide a payroll tax exemption for employers of people with disabilities. The exemption will apply to all new employees who are employed after 30 June 2011. The exemption will be provided in the form of a rebate to employers who fully pay the wages of employees with a disability.

The package follows extensive public consultation with disability service providers, people with a disability, their carers and their families.

Premier Kristina Keneally and Minister for Disability Services, Peter Primrose today joined disability service providers, people with a disability and their carers to announce the expansion of Stronger Together. "Stronger Together has already delivered an additional 29,000 disability service places, and has helped service providers to be more responsive to the individual needs of people with a disability and their families," Ms Keneally said.

"The disability sector has made it clear through our consultation sessions carried out earlier this year that Stronger Together has made a positive difference to people's lives. "We recognise there is still more to do to make sure we get the plan right for the next five years. "People with a disability in NSW need more support, as do their families and carers, and this package is about giving disability service providers the flexibility they need to better respond to people's needs.

“The Stronger Together program demonstrates how government and non-government sectors can work together to provide certainty for people with a disability, their families and carers.”

Minister for Disability Services, Peter Primrose said providing payroll tax exemptions for employers of people with disabilities will help deliver the NSW Government’s State Plan target of an extra 6,000 jobs for people with disabilities by 2016. “

This is great news for people with a disability and follows an announcement by the NSW Government earlier this year exempting employers of people with a disability from normal tendering requirements for Government goods and services,” Mr Primrose said. “The new register enables Government agencies to procure goods and services from companies that hire people with a disability without having to go through a separate tender process. “National Disability Services (NDS) will keep a procurement register on behalf of eligible companies that fulfill certain requirements. “The changes are detailed in a Premier’s Memorandum that encourages NSW Government agencies to access more goods and services from the register.”

For further information please visit www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au. (From media release.)

GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

The United Nations Secretariat congratulates Global on the publishing of the Global Gazette email newsletter.

They wrote:-

Congratulations on your publication! Thank you for including us and we wish you much success!

Sincerely,

Secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
Mailing address: 2 UN Plaza, DC2-1311, New York, NY 10017

Web: <http://www.un.org/disabilities>

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**14 to 15 February 2011**

**NDS NSW Annual State Conference.** Swissotel, Sydney.

This is a major event for disability service managers, team leaders, senior executives and board members. A great way to keep up to date and network with colleagues.

*For more than 10 years, the highly regarded annual NDS NSW State Conference has become the policy centrepiece for disability service CEOs, managers and frontline staff in NSW. In an era of growing demand for disability services in NSW, a vision has been set for the sector founded firmly on the basis of partnership. As partners in change, we must embrace the brave new world before us and lead the way to a future that ensures quality outcomes for people with disability and their families. To achieve this, the disability services sector needs to be increasingly integrated, efficient, innovative, robust and responsive.*

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## **GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS**

### **Transition and Planning for NSW HACC Services**

As an outcome of the National Health and Hospitals Network Agreement, COAG has established the Commonwealth Government as the level of government with full funding, policy, management and delivery responsibility for a national aged care system. These reforms include a transfer to the Commonwealth of current resourcing for aged care services from the Home and Community Care (HACC) Program.

#### **What is the decision?**

The Commonwealth will assume:

    funding and program responsibility for basic community care services currently provided under HACC for people 65 years or over (50 years and over for Indigenous Australians); and  
    funding responsibility for specialist disability services provided under the National Disability Agreement for people aged 65 years and over (50 years and over for Indigenous Australians).

The States will assume responsibility for:

    funding and regulating basic community care services currently delivered under HACC for people under the age of 65 (under 50 for Indigenous Australians); and  
    funding packaged community and residential aged care services delivered on behalf of the Commonwealth for people under the age of 65 (under 50 for Indigenous Australians).

#### **When will this happen?**

**The current HACC Agreement between the Commonwealth and NSW will cease on 30 June 2011. NSW will retain current Funding Agreements with providers until at least 30 June 2012; this includes existing service delivery requirements and conditions.**

The implementation of the new arrangements for basic community care maintenance and support services will be carefully managed to ensure continuity of care for clients. The Commonwealth will work with States to develop new funding arrangements to come into effect from 1 July 2011, with a smooth transfer to Commonwealth operational responsibility for HACC aged care services from 1 July 2012.

The Commonwealth will fund service providers no earlier than 1 July 2012, and will not substantially alter service delivery mechanisms before 1 July 2015.

#### **HACC reforms**

[Fact sheet 1 - COAG Age Split outcome - impact on NSW HACC services](#)

[Fact sheet 2 - Transition and planning for NSW services](#)

Throughout the transition period, ADHC will provide regular updates to stakeholders and maintain information on its website at:

<http://www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/Doing+business+with+us/hacc.htm>

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## **GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING FEATURED ORGANISATION**

### **United Nations Disability**

<http://www.un.org/disabilities/>

### **Secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**

The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol are serviced by a joint Secretariat, consisting of staff of both the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs ([DESA](#)), based in New York, and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights ([OHCHR](#)) in Geneva.

The objectives of the Secretariat at DESA are:

- (i) to support the full and effective participation of persons with disabilities in social life and development;
- (ii) to advance the rights and protect the dignity of persons with disabilities and;
- (iii) to promote equal access to employment, education, information, goods and services.

The mandate of the Secretariat at DESA also includes the review and implementation of the [Standard Rules on Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities](#) adopted in 1994, and the [World Programme of Action Concerning Disabled Persons](#) adopted in 1982. In addition, the Secretariat prepares publications and acts as a clearinghouse for information on disability issues; promotes national, regional and international programmes and activities; provides support to governments and civil society; and gives substantial support to technical co-operation projects and activities.

In Geneva, the Secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities currently comprises the Advisor on Human Rights and Disabilities, housed in the Operations, Programmes and Research Division. With the establishment of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the Secretariat also comprises the Secretary and staff supporting the Committee.

The objectives of the Secretariat at OHCHR, drawn from the High Commissioner's Plan of Action, are:

- (i) country engagement - to support UN human rights field presences increase their work at the country level on the Convention, with a particular focus on awareness-raising and promoting ratification;
- (ii) support for human rights bodies - to mainstream disability within the UN human rights programme, specifically in the work of the Human Rights Council and the existing treaty monitoring bodies;
- (iii) leadership – to encourage the High Commissioner to raise awareness of disability as a human rights issue and to provide tools and publications to assist States, civil society organizations and national human rights institutions to implement the Convention; and,
- (iv) partnership – to work closely with other intergovernmental and civil society organizations to strengthen work on the Convention through cooperation.

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## **GLOBAL – Australian Work Visa Sponsorship**

*for experienced overseas trained professionals in disability and nursing.*

**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 work, travel and life in Australia for up to four years. Global Disability & Health Care Services is also a participant in the Employers Nomination Scheme supporting residency applications for its sponsored disability & nursing staff after two years of work with the company.

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## **GLOBAL SCHOLARSHIPS NEWS**

### **Churchill Fellowship**

**Applications close: Monday 28 February 2011**

A Churchill Fellowship aims to provide an opportunity for Australians to travel overseas to conduct research in their chosen field that is not readily available in Australia.

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To be eligible to apply for a Churchill Fellowship you must:

- be an Australian Citizen over the age of 18
- not be completing tertiary studies directly related to the topic of your proposed project
- have experience in and commitment to the field of your project
- have a worthy project that requires overseas investigation
- be willing to disseminate the results of your research to the broader Australian community and
- not have been awarded a Churchill Fellowship in the past.

**Web site:** <http://www.churchilltrust.com.au/>

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## **ParaQuad NSW Scholarships 2011 for people with a spinal cord injury**

ParaQuad NSW is proud to announce ParaQuad NSW Scholarships for 2011. The available Scholarships are:

- 1) The ParaQuad NSW Scholarships, established through a gift from a generous ParaQuad donor, &**
- 2) The ParaQuad NSW – Golden Stave Foundation Scholarships, established through the generosity of The Golden Stave Foundation**

ParaQuad is now accepting applications for the 2011 Scholarships for people with a spinal cord injury residing in NSW/ACT. The intent of the scholarship program is to award potential applicants attending school, college or pursuing post-secondary trade, technical, or vocational training, an amount of up to \$5,000 each as scholarships. The scholarships are aimed at easing the financial burden of obtaining the necessary education to secure future employment and independence. This program is an opportunity to make a positive difference for young Australians living with a spinal cord injury as well as their families.

**To apply:** Students can download a Scholarship Application Form and the Guidelines from ParaQuad's website: [www.paraquad.org.au/CommunityServices/Scholarships.aspx](http://www.paraquad.org.au/CommunityServices/Scholarships.aspx)

A mailed copy of these documents can also be obtained by making a request on [scholarships@paraquad.org.au](mailto:scholarships@paraquad.org.au)

Completed application forms should be mailed to:

**ParaQuad Scholarships**  
**ParaQuad NSW**  
**PO Box 6347**  
**Silverwater DC NSW 1811**

Completed scholarship application forms must be received at ParaQuad by **Friday, 25 February 2011**.

The scholarship program is an important part of ParaQuad's endeavors to help people with a spinal cord injury to achieve their choices in life.

Check out our **Global Scholarships Guide** at [http://www.globalcarestaff.com/page/scholarship\\_guide.html](http://www.globalcarestaff.com/page/scholarship_guide.html)

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## **GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS**

### **Paralympic Football Recruitment**

Football Federation Australia, in conjunction with the Australian Paralympic Committee, is involved in a recruitment drive to find players with athletic ability and the desire to represent Australia at the 2012 Paralympics in London.

Players with Cerebral Palsy or an **Acquired Brain Injury (with CP Symptoms)** are currently being sought for possible development as state or national representatives.

For further details about criteria, please contact David Campbell (Paralympic Football Team Manager) at [davidcampbell.2709@gmail.com](mailto:davidcampbell.2709@gmail.com) or 0413 713 368.

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## **GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS**

### ***Some of the countries the Global Gazette Disability & Ageing goes to:-***

Albania, Andorra, Antigua, Argentina, Armenia, Australia (every state and territory), Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Columbia, Cook Islands, Congo, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, East Timor, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, England, Ethiopia, Federated States Of Micronesia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Hong Kong-China, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kiribati, Korea, Kyrgystan, Laos, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Malaysia, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nauru, Nepal, Nervis, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Palau, Pakistan, Panama, Papua-New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Samoa, Scotland, Seychelles, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, The Netherlands, Tonga, Turkey, Tuvalu, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Vietnam, Wales, West Indies, Ukraine, Yugoslavia, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

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## **GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS**

NSW Government released the Government's child protection action plan titled **Keep Them Safe: A Shared Approach to Child Wellbeing**. The action plan is in response to Justice James Wood's report of the *Special Commission of Inquiry into Child Protection Services in NSW*, and aims to reform the child protection system in NSW. The 2009-2010 Annual Report for *Keep Them Safe* is now available. A copy of the [Report](#) can be downloaded from the *Keep Them Safe* website: [www.keepthemsafe.nsw.gov.au](http://www.keepthemsafe.nsw.gov.au)

### **Keep Them Safe Annual Report 2009-10**

The first *Keep Them Safe* annual report documents *Keep Them Safe* progress against the March 2009 *Keep Them Safe: A shared approach to child wellbeing Action Plan* (below) and highlights various *Keep Them Safe* initiatives implemented during March 2009 to June 2010.

### **Keep Them Safe: A shared approach to child wellbeing (complete report)**

This is the full report produced by Justice Wood following the *Special Commission of Inquiry into Child Protection Services in NSW*. It includes the findings and schedule of recommendations that form the basis of *Keep Them Safe*.

### **Keep Them Safe (summary)**

*This document summarises the key findings and recommendations contained in Keep Them Safe: A shared approach to child wellbeing.*

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## **GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS**

### ***NDS NSW 2011 Conference - Global Major Sponsor***

*The NDS NSW 2011 Conference (National Disability Services) is a major event for professional development and networking for the non-government sector of the NSW disability services. Representatives from all the rural and city organisations gather at this event.*

*Global is again confirmed as the major sponsor for a fourth year.*

*We look forward to meeting colleagues at this event. Please do come up to the Global stand and say hello.*

**14 to 15 February 2011**

### ***NDS NSW Annual State Conference.***

*Swissotel, Sydney.*

***Global is again a Major Sponsor for the 4<sup>th</sup> year***

<http://www.nds.org.au/events/1281940102>

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## **GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS**

### **NSW Legislation Introduced - "iVote"**

The NSW Government has introduced legislation into the NSW Parliament that will help people with disabilities cast a secret ballot in State elections using a new online and telephone voting system. Remote Technology-assisted voting, or iVoting, is expected to be in place for the 2011 State election.

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## **GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING BOOKS GUIDE**

**United Nations Enable Newsletter** to find out more about the work of the UN for persons with disabilities. Subscribe at <http://www.un.org/disabilities/default.asp?PID=312>

### **Guidelines on the provision of manual wheelchairs in less resourced settings**

The WHO, the US Agency for International Development, the International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics and Disabled Peoples' International launched an important new document: Guidelines on the provision of manual wheelchairs in less resourced settings. The guidelines, developed for use in less resourced settings, address the design, production, supply and service delivery of manual wheelchairs, in particular for long-term wheelchair users.

<http://www.who.int/disabilities/publications/technology/wheelchairguidelines/en/index.html>

### **Handbook for Parliamentarians on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**

[PDF version of the Handbook for Parliamentarians](#)

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## **GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING GUIDE TO POLICIES & GUIDELINES**

### **Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**

The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol was adopted on 13 December 2006 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, and was opened for signature on 30 March 2007. There were 82 signatories to the Convention, 44 signatories to the Optional Protocol, and 1 ratification of the Convention. This is the highest number of signatories in history to a UN Convention on its opening day. It is the first comprehensive human rights treaty of the 21st century and is the first human rights convention to be open for signature by regional integration organizations. The Convention entered into force on 3 May 2008.

The Convention marks a "paradigm shift" in attitudes and approaches to persons with disabilities. It takes to a new height the movement from viewing persons with disabilities as "objects" of charity, medical treatment and social protection towards viewing persons with disabilities as "subjects" with rights, who are capable of claiming those rights and making decisions for their lives based on their free and informed consent as well as being active members of society.

The Convention is intended as a human rights instrument with an explicit, social development dimension. It adopts a broad categorization of persons with disabilities and reaffirms that all persons with all types of disabilities must enjoy all human rights and fundamental freedoms. It clarifies and qualifies how all categories of rights apply to persons with disabilities and identifies areas where adaptations have to be made for persons with disabilities to effectively exercise their rights and areas where their rights have been violated, and where protection of rights must be reinforced.

The Convention was negotiated during eight sessions of an Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly from 2002 to 2006, making it the fastest negotiated human rights treaty.

#### **Read the complete text of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities:**

- [Convention: English \[HTML\] - Optional Protocol: English \[HTML\]](#)
- [Convention and Optional Protocol: English \[PDF\]](#)
- [Convention and Optional Protocol: Français \[PDF\]](#)
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## **GLOBAL ONLINE DIRECTORIES GUIDE**

**National Disability Services Links Directory** <http://www.nds.org.au/links>

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

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## **GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING GRANT NEWS**

### **Pacific DPO Fund Second Round**

The Pacific DPO Fund has been established by the Pacific Disability Forum with funding from the Australian and New Zealand Governments. The purpose of the Pacific DPO Fund is to improve the lives of persons with disabilities by supporting the organisational development and project work of Pacific Disabled Persons Organisations (DPOs)

**Eligibility** All organisations applying for funds must be based in and the activity takes place in an eligible Pacific country (or across eligible Pacific countries) which include Cook Islands, The Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, the Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu. [There are other eligibility criteria on their web site]

<http://www.pacificdisability.org/newsReader.aspx?newsId=203>

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## **GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING RESEARCH NEWS**

### **United Nations Statistics Division/DESA**

- [Human functioning and disability](#)
- [Guidelines and Principles for the Development of Disability Statistics](#), 2001
- [Washington Group on Disability Statistics](#) (see also [Washington Group on Disability Statistics](#) (CDC))
- The United Nations [Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses](#), Revision 2 Also available in [Russian](#) and [Arabic](#) includes recommendations on disability
- United Nations [Disability Database](#) (DISTAT)
- Demographic Yearbook Questionnaire on Human Functioning and Disability Statistics (2006 version, English only) (ad hoc) [Doc](#) [PDF](#) [Excel](#)

### **United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific**

- [Improvement of Disability Measurement and Statistics](#) in Support of Biwako Millennium Framework and Regional Census Programme
- Publications:
  - o [Training Manual on Disability Statistics](#)
  - o [Disability at a Glance 2009](#): A Profile of 36 Countries and Areas in Asia and the Pacific, United Nations, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.

## World Bank

- [Data & Statistics on Disability](#)

## International Labour Office

- [Statistics on the employment situation of people with disabilities](#): A Compendium of national methodologies, Working Paper No. 40, ILO Bureau of Statistics in collaboration with the InFocus Programme on Skills, Knowledge and Employability Policy Integration Department Bureau of Statistics, International Labour Office, Geneva, April 2004

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## GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING FEATURED COURSE

### Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) (1 day)

Conducted by People With Disability <http://www.pwd.org.au/courses.html#5>

Sydney - 26 May 2011 Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) \$300

Want to know more about the CRPD but are too afraid to ask? Then this training is for you! In this workshop we transform the complexities of the convention into easy to understand material. We will not only explain generally what a convention is, how this convention came into being and what the aims of it were, but we will also look at the practicalities of implementing the articles and how to make complaints against the CRPD. This training is vital for anyone working in the disability sector.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the history and aims of the convention
- Recognise the articles of the convention and how to implement them
- Raise awareness of the complaints process and monitoring of the CRPD

Dates & Locations [Training Calendar PDF](#) 73kb | [Training Calendar Word](#) 720kb or [Online](#)

Cost: \$300 (ex GST)

Includes: refreshments, lunch and course materials

Sydney - 26 May 2011 Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) \$300

## People with Disability Australia training is also available as in-house training sessions.

Costs: Half day: \$800+GST | Full day: \$1500+GST

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## **GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING EDUCATION RESOURCES GUIDE**

### **UN Factsheet on Persons with Disabilities**

Just a few excerpts:-

- Around 10 per cent of the world's population, or 650 million people, live with a disability. They are the world's largest minority.
- In countries with life expectancies over 70 years, individuals spend on average about 8 years, or 11.5 per cent of their life span, living with disabilities.
- Eighty per cent of persons with disabilities live in developing countries, according to the UN Development Programme (UNDP).
- The World Bank estimates that 20 per cent of the world's poorest people have some kind of disability, and tend to be regarded in their own communities as the most disadvantaged.
- According to UNICEF, 30 per cent of street youths have some kind of disability.
- Comparative studies on disability legislation shows that only 45 countries have anti-discrimination and other disability-specific laws.
- Ninety per cent of children with disabilities in developing countries do not attend school, says UNESCO.
- Unemployment among the persons with disabilities is as high as 80 per cent in some countries.
- A 2004 United States survey found that only 35 per cent of working-age persons with disabilities are in fact working, compared to 78 per cent of those without disabilities. Two-thirds of the unemployed respondents with disabilities said they would like to work but could not find jobs.
- In some countries, up to a quarter of disabilities result from injuries and violence, says WHO.

Access a full copy of the UN Fact Sheet at <http://www.un.org/disabilities/documents/toolaction/pwdfs.pdf>

### **The Convention in Brief (Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities)**

**PowerPoint - Convention in Brief** (This presentation has been developed as a tool to assist in awareness-raising of the Convention. Please feel free to use it as a basis for your own work on the Convention.)

[Backgrounder: Disability Treaty Closes a Gap in Protecting Human Rights](#)

[The Convention Is in Force – What Next?](#)

### **Respite and Carer Support Coordination Competency Development - project update from the CSHISC**

The Community Services & Health Industry Skills Council Draft 2 of the units of competency for Respite and Carer Support Coordinators were recently signed-off by the Project's Industry Reference Group. These units were also presented to and consulted with over 70 industry representatives who attended the Interchange Respite Conference in Wagga Wagga.

The proposed units of competency include:

- CHCRCP401A Use telephone communication skills to assess caller's needs
- CHCRCP402A Conduct assessment of Carer's needs
- CHCRCP403A Support Carers to access information and services

These are now available online for you to comment on. Visit the [\*\*project web page\*\*](#) to give your feedback.

## You and Eye

An educational film created by SeeAbility's (UK) eye to eye project. The DVD contains three short stories - having an eye test and getting glasses, having a cataract operation, and the importance of regular eye health checks and sight tests. The film was made in partnership with The Misfits, a Bristol theatre group for people with a learning disability. Cost: Free.

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14 to 15 February 2011

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9 -11 February 2011

Having a Say Conference 2011 Victorian Advocacy League for Individuals with Disability Inc (VALID) Deakin University, Geelong, Victoria. www.valid.org.au

11-12 February 2011

Lifelong Learning & Empowerment In Mental Health, Paris, France. The aim of this conference is to present the state of the art research and current practice in the field of Lifelong Learning and Empowerment in Mental Health.

<http://www.lifelonglearninginmentalhealth.net/> Email ida@nlsh.no

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21 - 22 February 2011

2nd Annual National Dementia Congress. Novotel Melbourne on Collins. Federal and State Government Initiatives and Research Projects Improving the Quality of Dementia Care. <http://www.iir.com.au/conferences/government/national-dementia-congress>

7 - 8 March 2011

AIC Conference – Young People, Risk And Resilience: The challenges of alcohol drugs and violence. RACV Club, 501 Bourke Street, Melbourne VIC. Email: aic.events@aic.gov.au Australian Institute of Criminology.

<http://www.aic.gov.au/events/aic%20upcoming%20events/2011/vscn.aspx>

8 - 10 March 2011

Aboriginal Community Care Conference. Novotel Northbeach, 2-14 Cliff Rd, Wollongong. NSW Aboriginal Community Care Gathering Committee. Funded by NSW Human Services: Ageing, Disability and Home Care. June Riemer at NCOSS on Tuesdays and Thursdays: ph 9211 2599 ext 104 or june@ncoss.org.au

10 - 11 March 2011

Inaugural Spine Care Conference. 'Laying the Foundations'. Doltone House, Jones Bay Wharf, Sydney.

www.spineconference.org.au For more information please contact Madeleine Donkin, T 02 9890 0162, E madeleine.donkin@spinecare.org.au

14 - 17 March 2011

Pacific Disability Forum Regional Conference 2011. Promoting actions on the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) in the Pacific Region. Auckland New Zealand. www.pacificdisability.org

17 - 18 March 2011

Carers NSW Biennial Conference. Novotel, Brighton-le-Sands, Sydney www.carersnsw.asn.au/conf2011 Carers NSW on 02 9280 4744 or email conference@carersnsw.asn.au

21 - 22 March 2011

Disability Support: Options for Reform Conference. Melbourne The deadline for contributions is 30 November 2010. for [further information.](#)

22 - 23 March 2011

National Disability Services- Disability Professionals Victoria Conference. From Strength to Strength. The Sebel, Albert Park, Victoria. www.strengthtostrengthconference.com call for papers

<http://www.strengthtostrengthconference.com/index.php/speakers>

29 March to 2 April 2011

International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses 13th Annual Conference. Tucson, Arizona, United States.
<http://www.ispn-psych.org>

4 – 7 April 2011

Pacific Regional Conference on Disability 2011. Waipuna Hotel Conference Centre. Auckland, New Zealand. Pacific Disability Forum. <http://www.pacificdisability.org/event.aspx?eventId=77>

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