

## Congratulations Quang



CID has elected a new Board Chairperson.

His name is Quang Nguyen.



Quang has been a member of CID and the board for many years.



Quang says he believes in speaking up and being seen.



Some other board officers were elected.

Fiona McKenzie is the Vice Chairperson.

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Jennifer Newman is another Vice Chairperson.



Ariella Meltzer is the **Secretary**.

The **Secretary** plans and takes notes at meetings.



Alex Hitchcock is the **Treasurer**.

The **Treasurer** looks after CIDs money.



We all look forward to working together.

# Our responses to the Disability Royal Commission Final Report



We have written 3 blog posts about issues from the Disability Royal Commission Final Report.



These blog posts are not in Easy Read.



You might like to read them with support.



We are working on Easy Read versions.

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The first blog is about **accessible** information and communications.

Here is a link to the first blog.

Link: <https://cid.org.au/our-stories/accessible-information/>



**Accessible** means something that more people can use and understand.

The second blog is about **criminal justice**.

Here is a link to the second blog.

Link: <https://cid.org.au/our-stories/criminal-justice/>



**Criminal justice** means the things that happen when someone breaks the law.

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The third blog is about supported decision making and **guardianship**.

Here is a link to the third blog.

Link: <https://cid.org.au/our-stories/sdm-guardianship/>



**Guardianship** is when someone can make choices about your life for you.



We will post more blogs about other issues in the final report.

Here is a link to a page where we will post the blogs.

Link: <https://cid.org.au/drc-report>

## Round 2 of the My Rights Matter Grants



These projects got My Rights Matter **grants**.

**Grants** give money to do a project about supported decision making.



Leigh Creighton will make videos about

- Making plans
- Using CIDs Conversation Cards
- Circles of support.



Sid Chandran will make videos about making decisions as a person who does not speak.



**Me Plus More** will make social media posts about the right to make your own decisions.

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**Participate Australia** will make videos about

- Relationships
- **Sexuality**
- **Gender identity**



**Sexuality** is about the kind of people you would like to have romantic relationships with.



**Gender identity** is the way you feel about your gender.



**Side by Side Advocacy** will make resources to give people with intellectual disability skills in making decisions about home.

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**Printable** will make a video about workers with intellectual disability.



**Dundaloo** will make videos about people in Taree making their own decisions.



We will share stories from the projects

- In the eNews
- On social media.



## My Health Matters folder



The My Health Matters folder is a folder where you can keep all your health information.

Here is a link with more information.

Link: <https://cid.org.au/resource/my-health-matters-folder/>



CID worked with a lot of people to make the folder better like

- People with intellectual disability
- Health services



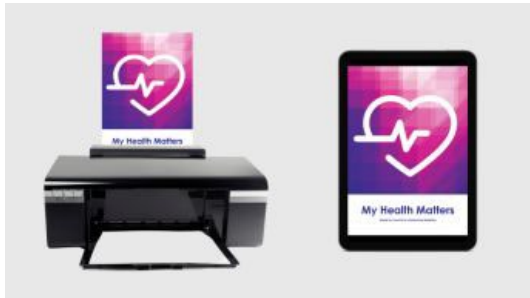
You can order a printed version of the new folder to be sent to you for free.

Here is a link to the order form.

Link: <https://cid.org.au/mhm-order/>



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You can also download the new folder

- To print on your own
- To use on a device like an iPad

Here is a link to the download page.

Link: <https://cid.org.au/mhm-download/>

# My Rights Matter in 2024



My Rights Matter will do more workshops about supported decision making in 2024.



You can sign up for updates about the workshops.

Here is a link to the form.

Link: <https://cid.org.au/issues/my-rights-matter/my-rights-matter-workshops/#interest>



There is also a new free workshop with support systems.



You can work together in the workshop with

- Your family member
- Your friend
- Your support worker

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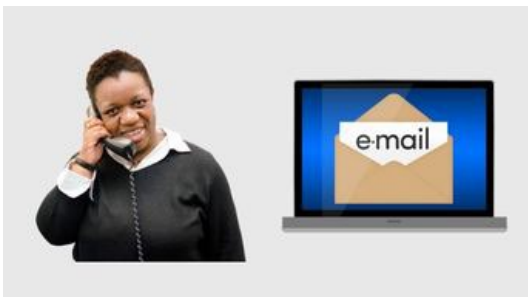
We will meet with you and your support people.



We will work through making a real life decision together.



At the end of the workshop everyone will know how to better support you with your own decisions.



If you and your support people want to do this workshop

- Email [sdm@cid.org.au](mailto:sdm@cid.org.au)
- Call [1800 424 065](tel:1800424065)

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There will also be online supported decision making peer mentor groups.



The peer mentor groups start on 7 February 2024.



You can sign up for the peer mentor groups at this link.

Link: <https://cid.org.au/event/peer-mentor-group-2024/>

### More than Just a Job in 2024



More than Just a Job for Me is a workshop about getting a job that you love.

Here is a link with more information.

Link: <https://cid.org.au/more-than-just-a-job/>



CID will have more workshops in 2024.

They will start in January.



We will tell everyone about the workshops

- In the eNews
- On social media.

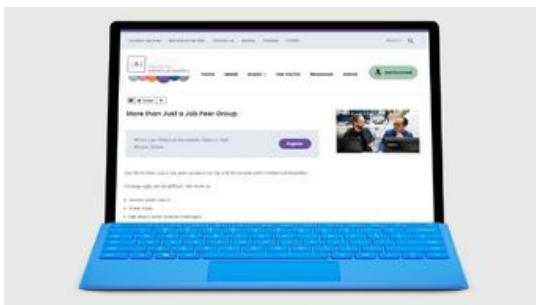


There are also online peer groups about jobs.

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They will happen every month starting on 23 February 2024.



You can sign up for the peer groups at the link here.

Link: <https://cid.org.au/event/mtjj-peer-group/>

# National Centre of Excellence in Intellectual Disability Health Council



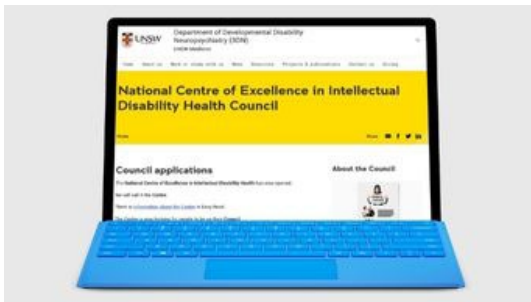
The **National Centre of Excellence in Intellectual Disability Health** has opened.

We will call it the **Centre**.



The Centre is now looking for people to be on their **Council**.

The **Council** is a group of people who make sure the Centre is doing a good job.



There is a website where you can learn more about

- what the Council is
- how you can be on the Council

Here is the link.

Link: <https://www.3dn.unsw.edu.au/national-centre-excellence-intellectual-disability-health-council>



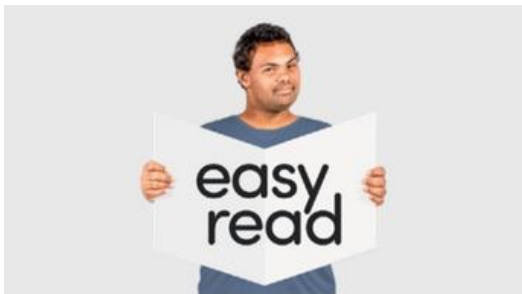
## Specialist Disability Accommodation in NSW



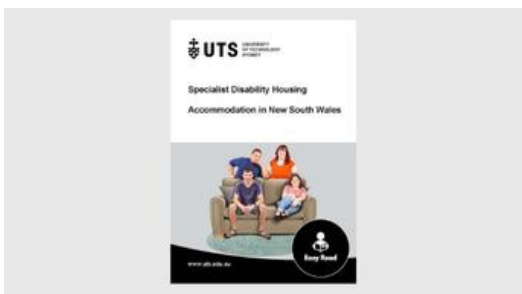
The Achieve Foundation worked with University of Technology Sydney to write a report about **Specialist Disability Accommodation**.



**Specialist Disability Accommodation** is housing for people with NDIS plans.



CID wrote the Easy Read summary of the report.



You can download the Easy Read summary at this link. It is in PDF format.

Link:

<https://www.theachievefoundation.org.au/s/SDA-NSW-Report-Easy-Read-Summary.pdf>

## International Day of People with Disability events



There are some events coming up in December that you can get tickets for.



### Wagga Wagga Dance Party by RDAS

**When:** Saturday 2 December, 5.30pm to 9pm

**Where:** Wagga RSL Club

**Cost:** \$10.75 with free carer tickets

Here is a link to buy tickets.

Link: <https://events.humanitix.com/wagga-wagga-dance-party>



### Elevate the Stage 2023

**When:** Sunday 3 December, 4pm to 6.30pm

**Where:** Grand Ballroom, ICC Sydney

**Cost:** Free

You can register for a ticket at the link.

Link: <https://events.humanitix.com/elevate-the-stage>

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### **15 Years of Equality? Panel discussion**

**When:** Monday 4 December, 5pm to 7pm

**Where:** In person at John Goodsell Building, UNSW or online

**Cost:** Free

You can register for a ticket at the link.

Link: <https://events.humanitix.com/international-day-of-people-with-disability>



### **Igniting Inclusion by Achieve**

**When:** Monday 4 December, starting at 6pm

**Where:** CommBank Stadium, Parramatta

**Cost:** \$22.49 with free carer tickets

Here is a link to buy tickets.

Link:

<https://www.achieveaustralia.org.au/igniting-inclusion>

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**International  
Day of People  
with  
Disability**

### **International Day of People with Disability event by Diversity and Disability Alliance**

**When:** Tuesday 5 December, 10.30am to  
1.30pm

**Where:** Fairfield Youth and Community Centre,  
55 Vine St, Fairfield

**Cost:** Free

You can register by

- emailing [peers@ddalliance.org.au](mailto:peers@ddalliance.org.au)
- calling [02 9030 3350](tel:0290303350)



### **Inclusion Festival by Inner West Council**

**When:** Friday 8 December

**Where:** Petersham Town Hall

**Cost:** Free

Here is a link with more information.

Link:

<https://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/explore/whats-on/events-in-detail/inclusion-festival>

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There are many events happening at City of Sydney.

Here is a link with a list of events.

Link: <https://whatson.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/programs/international-day-of-people-with-disability>



You can also celebrate by watching these disability videos from ABC iView.

Here is a link to the videos.

Link: <https://iview.abc.net.au/collection/1202>

## Accessible Viewing Area at Barangaroo for New Year's Eve



There will be an accessible viewing area for the New Years Eve fireworks display at **Barangaroo**.



**Barangaroo** is a place near Sydney Harbour.



Space is limited so you need to **reserve** tickets ahead of time.

**Reserve** means to book your space before other people.

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You can register for the accessible viewing area at this link.

Link: <https://www.barangaroo.com/whats-on/events/new-year-s-eve-at-barangaroo-reserve/accessibility-tickets-nye23/accessibility-ticket-registration>



You can also email [barangaroo.nye@property.nsw.gov.au](mailto:barangaroo.nye@property.nsw.gov.au).

In your email you should tell them

- Your full name
  - Your phone number
  - Your postcode
  - How many tickets you would like
- You can get up to 10 tickets
- Your accessibility needs.

## Having a Say Conference



Having a Say Conference 2024

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Theme: *The Future is Ours!*

The Having a Say Conference from VALID will be on 5 and 6 February 2024.



The theme is The Future is Ours.



It is a big conference for people with intellectual disability.



It will happen

- Online
- In person at Deakin University in Geelong



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You can find out more about the conference and register at this link.

Link: <https://valid.org.au/valid-events/having-a-say-conference/>