

Sad news about Michael Sullivan



CID has sad news about Michael Sullivan.



Michael was a Chair of the Board and a Director.



Michael died this month.



We are very proud of the good work we did together for people with intellectual disability.



Michael said we should try to be the best we can be.



He said people with intellectual disability should be treated as important as everyone else.



He wanted everyone to know the great things people with intellectual disability can do



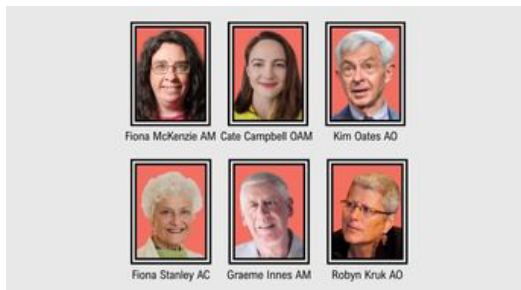
You can read more about Michael here.

Link: <https://cid.org.au/our-stories/michael-sullivan-tribute/>

Open letter from Our Health Still Counts



CID wrote a letter to all Federal politicians about the Our Health Still Counts campaign.



120 important people signed the letter.

Some of them are in the picture.

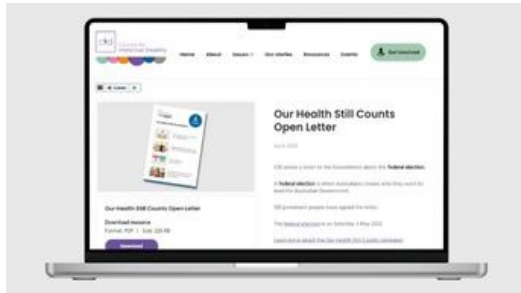


The letter asked that health professionals get

- Training so they know how to support people with intellectual disability



- The time to give good quality care to people with intellectual disability.



You can read the letter at the link.

Link: <https://cid.org.au/resource/our-health-still-counts-open-letter/>

Voting in the Federal Election



The Federal Election is on Saturday 3 May 2025.



In the Federal Election you can have a say about who runs the country.



You can vote in this election if you are

- 18 and older



- An Australian citizen



- If you do not know who to vote for you can ask for support from someone you trust to find the information you need to decide.



You can read Easy Read information about how to vote at the link.

The screenshot shows a laptop displaying the AIC website. The browser's address bar shows 'http://www.aic.org.au'. The website's header includes the AIC logo and navigation links: 'Home', 'About us', 'Our vision and values', 'Our work', 'Contact us', and 'Religious education'. The main content area is titled 'Information for people with disability' and features a large image of three people with disabilities (two men and one woman) sitting on a bench. Below the image, the text reads: 'The AIC is committed to ensuring all religious Australians are able to practice and make their voice count.' The sidebar on the right contains a 'Key links' section with links to 'Resources for religious education', 'Religious education', 'Religious education', 'Religious education', and 'Religious education'.

Remembering disability institutions



CID worked on a project about how to remember disability institutions with the **University of Technology Sydney**.

We say UTS for short.



The project is about remembering the disability self advocates who helped close the disability institutions.



We have made Easy Read information about

- What disability institutions are



- What we learned in our project



- How we can remember disability self advocates



- How to be a self advocate for closing down disability institutions.



We also made videos where self advocates talk about disability institutions.

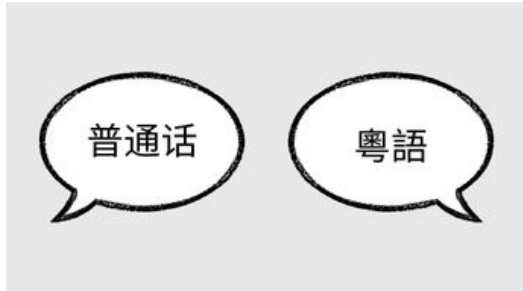


You can see all the resources at the link.

Link:

<https://cid.org.au/resource/remembering-disability-institutions/>

I can decide in my language peer groups



I can decide in my language is looking for people with intellectual disability who speak

- Mandarin
- Cantonese.



We want people to join **peer groups**.



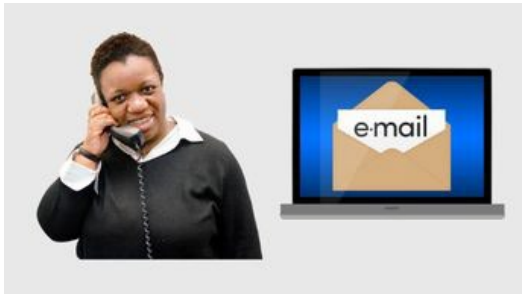
Peer groups are groups where you can talk with people like you.



The peer groups will talk about supported decision making.



There are also peer groups for supporters.



To find out more

- Call [1800 424 065](tel:1800424065)
- Email i.can.decide@cid.org.au.

Looking out for each other



In this podcast episode we talk to Ricky and Dina.



They talk about

- Their life as a couple



- Their independent lives.



You can listen to the episode at the link.

Link: <https://cid.org.au/our-stories/looking-out-for-each-other/>

Making organisations more inclusive



CID does work to help organisations be more **inclusive**.

Inclusive means we can all be part of things.



We have workshops to teach people to write in Easy Read.



We can make information into Easy Read for organisations.



We can help organisations make plans to be more inclusive.



We can do **focus groups** with people with intellectual disability.

A focus group is a group of people who talk about their ideas and issues.



You can tell organisations you know about these CID services.



You can show them this website.

<https://cid.org.au/inclusion-services/>

Advocacy Group



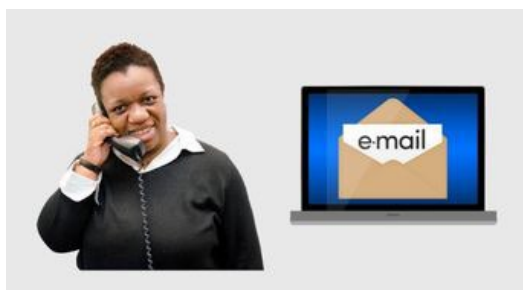
The Advocacy Group will meet on Thursday 8 May.



It is for CID members.



You can come to the meeting online or in person.



If you want to join the Advocacy Group

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

Job at City of Ryde for a person with intellectual disability



City of Ryde worked with CID to think about how to employ people with intellectual disability.



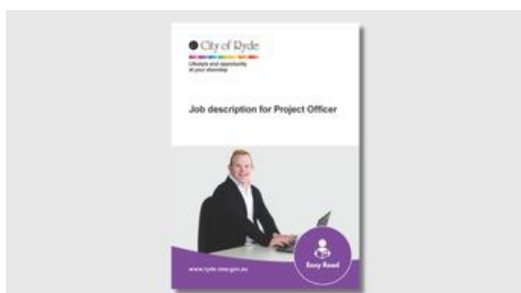
They have a new job for a person with intellectual disability.



You can learn more about the job at the link.

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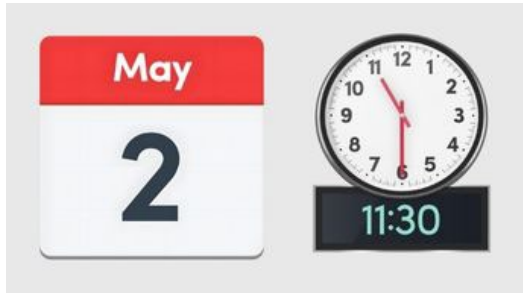
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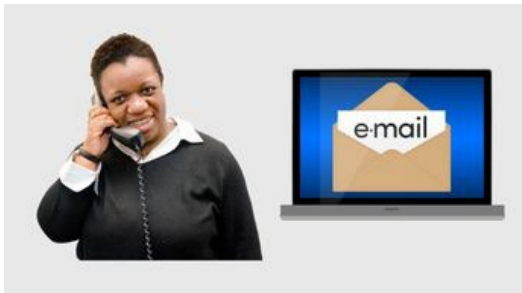
You can look at Easy Read information here.

Link:

<https://applynow.net.au/jobs/COR1510/assets/27622220>



You have to apply by Friday 2 May at 11.30pm.



For more information contact Michael Galderisi

- Call [\(02\) 9952 8102](tel:(02)99528102)
- Email michaelgal@ryde.nsw.gov.au.

Self advocacy workshop with Down Syndrome NSW



Down Syndrome NSW has a self advocacy workshop for adults with Down syndrome.



The workshop will be on Sunday 3 May in Burwood.



Get more information and sign up at the link.

Link: <https://events.humanitix.com/voices-of-strength-empowering-self-advocacy-for-individuals-with-down-syndrome>

National Centre for Excellence in Intellectual Disability Health Conference



CID is part of the **National Centre of Excellence in Intellectual Disability Health**.

We call it the **Centre** for short.



The **Centre** works to make health care better for people with intellectual disability.



The Centre is having a conference from 3 to 4 July.

Link: <https://nceidh.org.au/conference>



The conference is for anyone who is interested in intellectual disability health.



There are **scholarships** to support you to go to the conference.



A **scholarship** is money you can use to learn something.



Learn more about the scholarships at the link.

Link: <https://nceidh.org.au/conference-scholarships>

NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission Easy Read information



CID helped make new Easy Read information for the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission.



It is about changes they want to make to the law.

You can read the Easy Read information at the link.

Link:



<https://www.ndiscommission.gov.au/sites/default/files/2024-11/NDIS%20Q%26S%20Commission%20Easy%20Read%20Consultation%20paper%20digital%20accessible.pdf>

Social media research



The **Centre for Disability Studies** is doing research on how people with intellectual disability use **social media**.

We call them CDS for short.



Some examples of **social media** are

- Facebook



- Instagram.



The researchers want to find out how social media helps you

- Talk to others



- Show who you are online.



You can do this research if you are 18 or older.



The researchers want to interview you about some of your own posts and comments.



You will choose which posts and comments to talk about.

You can learn more about the research in the Easy Read information here.



Link: <https://cid.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Appendix-C-PIS-for-interview-tracked-changes-docx.docx>

If you want to do the interview you will need to read and sign the consent form here.



Link: https://cid.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Appendix-D-Consent-Form-for-Interview-tracked-changes_CPJ.docx



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