

Program

Wednesday 7 December

Conference Streams

Collaboration
Working together
and sharing



Choice
Empowerment and
self-determination



Celebrations
Showcasing innovation
and best practice



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| 8:30am | Registrations Open |
| 9:30am Main Auditorium | <p>Opening Ceremony</p> <p>Welcome to Country Uncle Vaughn McGuire</p> <p>Overview MC Phoebe Kingston: Housekeeping, Program and introduce our Keynote Listeners</p>  |
| 9:45am Main Auditorium | <p>Ministerial Address</p> <p>Hon. Don Punch MLA Minister for Disability Services; Small Business; Fisheries; Seniors and Ageing</p> |
| 10:00am Main Auditorium | <p>Keynote: Inclusive Communication Drisana Levitzke-Gray</p> <p>Drisana Levitzke-Gray is the recipient of both the 2015 Young Australian of the Year Award and WA Young Australian of the Year Award, in recognition of her passion and dedication in advocating for the human rights of deaf people. She raises awareness about Auslan (Australian Sign Language), and the right of deaf children in Australia to access Auslan from birth.</p> <p>An advocate and activist, Drisana seeks opportunities to create a positive social change and to challenge the stigma and misconceptions about Deaf people and sign languages.</p>   |
| 10:30am | Morning Tea |

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Main Auditorium

Keynote: Inclusive Technology Dr Scott Hollier

Dr Scott Hollier specialises in the field of digital accessibility and is the CEO and co-founder of the Centre for Accessibility Australia, a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to alleviating hardship caused by digital access issues. With a Ph.D. in Internet Studies and senior management experience across the not-for-profit, corporate and government sectors, Scott is an internationally recognised researcher and speaker.



Scott's other roles and achievements include Finalist for 2022 Australian of the Year, holding academic positions at Edith Cowan University and the University of South Australia, and is an Invited Expert for the W3C Accessible Platform Architectures Research Questions Task Force. In addition, Scott is legally blind and as such has both a professional and personal understanding of the importance of accessibility.



11:30am

Changeover

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Main Auditorium

The Neurodivergence Emergence in Women: Why Social Media Matters

The impact of how sharing lived experience online is leading to a much-needed increase in females being diagnosed as neurodivergent.

Alana Reeves



Tomasi Room (upstairs)

Celebrating Co-Design Resource for Tenants with Disability

Our Co-Design project not only designed a workshop for tenants with disability, along the way we also focused on building our capacity to self-advocate and share information with others in a supportive way. We will celebrate and share aspects of the project.

Dr Donna Turner
Building Tenancy Skills Project



Wellbeing Marquee (East of building)

The Pet Effect

The positive impacts of the "Pet Effect" on our physical and mental health and what Animal Assisted Interventions and Therapies can provide.

Karen Brown
MSWA









12:10pm

Lunch

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| | Main Auditorium | Tomasi Room (upstairs) | Wellbeing Marquee (East of building) |
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| 1:00pm | <p>PANEL</p> <p>Disability Legal Issues</p> <p>People with disabilities still face many barriers when realising their rights.</p> <p>Join us for this insightful panel to explore legal rights and recourse in WA today.</p>  | <p>Building Big Dreams</p> <p>“Year 13” students and staff together with Valued Lives have worked together to co-design a program that assists students to find their voices and self advocate to become masters of their future.</p> <p>Clare Gibellini Valued Lives Foundation</p>  | <p>Life Launchpad</p> <p>Peers building skills and supports to live equal, empowered lives. Hands on activities aimed to build confidence and capacity of people with mental health challenges.</p> <p>Elaine Ashurst & Joy Wells Consumers of Mental Health WA</p>  |
| 2:00pm | Changeover | | |
| 2:10pm | <p>Addressing the Unmet Needs of Young People with Disabilities – Dardy Project</p> <p>How can a holistic multidisciplinary approach to the legal problems of young people living with disabilities improve their long-term outcomes?</p> <p>Margaret Irvine Legal Aid Commission WA</p>  | <p>My Voice Help, My Health App</p> <p>Learn about the app that aims to support better health outcomes for people with Down Syndrome and how other disability communities might create something to meet their own needs.</p> <p>Cassandra Hughes CEO Down Syndrome Western Australia</p>  | <p>Controlling Smart Phones from Wheelchairs</p> <p>This session talks about how people with a disability can use smart phones and computers with limited or no upper limb function.</p> <p>Karthik Pasumarthy Rehabilitation Engineering Clinic, Department of Health</p>  |

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| 2:40pm | Afternoon Tea | | |
| 3:00pm | Main Auditorium | Tomasi Room (upstairs) | Wellbeing Marquee (East of building) |
| | <p>Is it Really Inclusion?</p> <p>Unpacking some of the misconceptions and implemented inclusive practices within the sport & recreation sector. Can we do better? Are we going backwards and are we celebrating in the right way?</p> <p>Adam Popham Brad Scott Inclusion Solutions</p>  | <p>Workshop: Access or Barriers Created by Online Formats</p> <p>Many government agencies now deliver services online but does this create or hinder access completely?</p> <p>Equal Opportunity Commissioner Dr John Byrne, AM Diana MacTiernan Equal Opportunity Commission WA</p>  | <p>Relationships and Sexuality Education as a Pathway to Inclusion</p> <p>SECCA has created a free App that teaches critical Relationships and Sexuality Education. This session will introduce the topic and give a demonstration on using the App.</p> <p>Jordina Quain Sexuality, Education, Counselling and Consultancy Agency</p>  |
| 3:45pm | Changeover | | |
| 3:55pm | Main Auditorium | Tomasi Room (upstairs) | |
| | <p>PANEL</p> <p>Sport and Recreation Inclusion and Accessibility</p> <p>How accessible are sport and recreation opportunities in WA and what opportunities are there for athletes with a disability? What changes does the sector need for better inclusion?</p> <p>Moderator: Brendan Cullinan</p> <p>Panellists: Adam Popham, Brad Scott: Inclusion Solutions Noel Johnstone: Community Sports Show Rob Geersen: West Australian Football Commission Chris Barty: Football Futures Foundation Jan Saunders: Superfins</p>  | <p>Appealing NDIS decisions - how to get what you need</p> <p>Legal Aid helps with many NDIS appeals. The session explores NDIS access and processes, and how to appeal a decision. This includes how to submit an internal review request and how to appeal in the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.</p> <p>The session will provide practical tips, including advice about how to gather persuasive evidence with quality over quantity. It will also share helpful resources, links and support services.</p> <p>Melissa Evans, Amanda Hockless Legal Aid WA</p>  | |
| 4:55pm | Close | | |



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| 8:45am | Registrations Open | | |
| 9:15am Main Auditorium | Day 2 Opening Overview MC Phoebe Kingston Director General Mike Rowe AM , Department of Communities WA | | |
| 9:45am Main Auditorium | Keynote: Inclusive Media Julia Hales Julia Hales is a performance artist who shares the experiences of people living with disability, in particular Down syndrome. Julia has just returned from touring her autobiographical play in London, Edinburgh and Sydney.   | | |
| 10:15am | Morning Tea | | |
| 10:45am | Main Auditorium How You Can Influence an Inclusive Community Join a conversation about what we can all do to make Western Australia a truly inclusive community. Marion Hailes-MacDonald Executive Director, Department of Communities  | Tomasi Room (upstairs) Yarning Circle Brain Injury Yarning Circles provide First Community support groups for Aboriginal people. Let's yarn about what we do. Kerri Colegate and Beth Armstrong ECU - Brain Injury Yarning Circles  | |
| 11:45am | Changeover | | |
| 11:55am | Main Auditorium Disability Advocacy in the Community Learn how PwDWA are creating pathways for people to collaborate with communities for positive local change. Share your stories and learn about ways to take action. Chris Chambers PwDWA  | Tomasi Room (upstairs) The Hospital Stay Guidelines: Strengthening Your Say Learn how the new Hospital Stay Guidelines inform people of their rights, roles and responsibilities in hospital. Jocelyn Franciscus, Stephanie Coates, Danielle Loizou-Lake Disability Health Network  | Wellbeing Marquee (East of building) Moorditj Kaart, Koort, Weirn A participatory experience of art therapy, including painting and braiding, to showcase the holistic healing of Yorgum for our First Nations mob. Sufya Nahid Sheryl Wong Yorgum Healing Services  |

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| <p>12:35pm</p> | <p>Lunch</p> | | |
| <p>1:45pm</p> | <p>Main Auditorium</p> <p>PANEL Royal Commission Update</p> <p>Key themes from the Disability Royal Commission and the process from here.</p> <p>Chair: Senator Jordan Steele-John</p> <p>Panellists: Demi Thackrah, Your Story Disability Legal Support, Legal Aid Leia Robinson, PWDWA</p>  | <p>Tomasi Room (upstairs)</p> <p>Young People with Disabilities: Creating Inclusive Nightlife</p> <p>Young people have a unique experience of disability, resulting in unexpected and complex forms of inaccessibility.</p> <p>Isabella Choate, Anneka Bodt</p>  | <p>Wellbeing Marquee (East of building)</p> <p>Learn, Cook, Eat, Connect!</p> <p>Come along and learn, cook, eat, and connect at an interactive nutrition and cooking workshop based on Foodbank WA's Healthy Food for All Abilities program.</p> <p>Hope Resta, Libby Swanson Foodbank WA</p>  |
| <p>2:45pm</p> | <p>Afternoon Tea</p> | | |
| <p>3:10pm</p> <p>Main Auditorium</p> | <p>Keynote: Inclusion and Intersectionality Wayne Herbert</p> <p>Wayne is an outspoken international presenter, comedian, and author promoting the rights of people with disability and people in the LGBTIQ community. Wayne's career is focused on assisting people with disability into employment and training, ensuring that full participation in both work and community life is realised.</p>   | | |
| <p>3:40pm</p> <p>Main Auditorium</p> | <p>Closing Ceremony</p> <p>Brendan Cullinan, CEO, People With disabilities WA</p> | | |
| <p>4:00pm</p> | <p>Sundowner</p> <p>Including a performance by Grace King</p> <p>Cocktail food and soft drinks provided. Bar open to buy your own wine and beer.</p>  | | |