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# 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Wrest Point Convention Centre, Hobart

## Out of the Shadows - Into a Life!

To register:

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## Delegate Program Includes:

### Alastair McEwin Disability Commissioner Keynote Address & Panel Member

Alastair McEwin is Australia's Disability Commissioner and brings to the position extensive personal and professional experience of disability.

Alastair's educational background is in arts, law and business administration. He was the Executive Director of Community Legal Centres NSW, the peak body for Community Legal Centres in NSW. Previous roles include CEO of People with Disability Australia and Manager of the Australian Centre for Disability Law, President of the Deaf Society of NSW and Chairperson of the Disability Council NSW.

### Robert Strike AM Talking About My Human Rights

Robert will share his experience of attending the United Nations Conference in New York about the Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and the journey that got him to the UN including establishing Self Advocacy Sydney and working in Rights education.

### Julie Bates Touching Base

People with disability have a fundamental right to sexual expression. Julie will present sessions for the disability sector and people with disability.

For the sector - find out about the Touching Base database and how it works, policies and procedures manuals to assist organisations effectively respond to people's rights about sexual expression, and ask Julie Bates questions.

People with disability - an informal discussion with everything you wanted to know about seeing a sex worker but didn't know who or how to ask - Conversations on the couch presented by speakers from Touching Base and Scarlet Road.

### Our Voice Committee Inclusion Australia National Council on Intellectual Disability

Our Voice members present stories and data from a Self Advocacy Research Project they've undertaken in 5 states.

### Paul Cain Inclusion Australia

Recognised nationally for his expertise in Open Employment for people with intellectual disability, Paul is a highly valued and sought after speaker who was instrumental in the design of the School Leavers Employment Support program.

School Leaver Employment Supports is NDIS funding to help school leavers get ready for work. It offers 2 years of funding to address skills and barriers that may be preventing young people get jobs.

SLES is about remaking Australia as a place where people with disabilities are included in the labour force the same as other Australians.

### Melissa Palframan & Brett Wake Developing Housing Solutions

What is community housing? How do we start?

Hear from Melissa and Brett as they discuss community housing for people who are disadvantaged in the private market and struggle to either rent appropriate accommodation affordably, or are unable to obtain home ownership.

### Kelly Ford & Carolan Hand Disability and Community Services

DCS will offer a short presentation on the Complaints Handling resources including:

Everything you wanted to know about complaints (booklet), A Good Practise Guide and Self Audit Tool; and a Complaints Systems and Practise Self Audit - Quick Checklist.

### Sarah Bolt Anti-discrimination Commissioner

In early 2017 Sarah returned to Tasmania from South Australia where she was Police Ombudsman. She has previously held the role of Anti-Discrimination Commissioner for Tasmania and is very pleased to be back.

Sarah will discuss the role of Equal Opportunity Tasmania, the importance of reporting complaints, how to lodge a complaint on behalf of someone and what happens next. She will also respond to questions from the sector.

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PROGRAM (DAY 1)	FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2017			
9.00am - 9.30am	<b>REGISTRATION</b>			
9.30am - 10.30am	<b>OPENING CEREMONY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Welcome - Peter Huett, President Speak Out Members' Executive</li> <li>○ Welcome to Country</li> <li>○ Speak Out – Year in Focus</li> <li>○ Keynote Address, Commissioner Alastair McEwin</li> <li>○ NW Youth Group and Co performance</li> <li>○ Minister's Address, The Hon Jacquie Petrusma</li> </ul>			
10.30am - 10.55am	<b>MORNING BREAK</b>			
11.00am - 11.45am	<b>PLENARY – PANEL – “Are we out of the shadows?”</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Disability Commissioner, Alastair McEwin</li> <li>● Local government representative</li> <li>● Mainstream services</li> <li>● Members' President, Peter Huett</li> </ul>			
11.50am - 12.35pm	<b>Complaints Handling Resources for Support Providers</b> Kelly Ford & Carolan Hands, DCS	<b>Strategies for successful employment support</b> Paul Cain, Inclusion Australia Peter Ramsden, Speak Out	<b>Talking about Our Human Rights at the United Nations</b> Robert Strike AM, Council for Intellectual Disability	<b>NDIS – what it is, how it is different, how to get involved</b> Katie Marx, Community Connector
12.40pm - 1.25pm	<b>LUNCH</b>			
1.30pm – 2.15pm	<b>Touching Base – people with disability and sex workers working together to champion equality</b> Julie Bates	<b>Queensland Self Advocates &amp; the Journey Out of the Shadows</b> Donna Best & Samantha Matheson, QDN	<b>Become a Leader</b> Alanna Julian & Kylee Roberts Council for Intellectual Disability	<b>NDIS – getting ready for planning</b> TBA
2.30pm – 3.15pm	<b>Health in the Context of the NDIS</b> Clinical Associate Professor Robyn Wallace, Maree McCulloch, Kristy Bartlett-Clarke, Cristina Blanch, Carla Watson	<b>Self Advocacy Around Australia</b> Our Voice Committee, Inclusion Australia	<b>Public Speaking</b> Alanna Julian, Council for Intellectual Disability	<b>Everything you wanted to know about seeing a sex worker but didn't know who or how to ask</b> Julie & Jade

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3.15pm – 3.45pm	<b>AFTERNOON BREAK</b>			
3.45pm – 4.30pm	<b>Deaf Awareness – issues and strategies in effective communication</b> Stephen Nicholson, Tasdeaf	<b>My Voice Can Help Change!</b> Margaret Reynolds	<b>NDIS – self management</b> TBA	<b>Developing Housing Solutions for People with Disabilities</b> Melissa Palframan & Brett Wake, Community Housing Ltd

<b>PROGRAM (DAY 2)</b>	<b>SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2017</b>			
9.00am - 9.30am	<b>REGISTRATION</b>			
9.30am - 10.15am	<b>Everyone’s responsibility - reporting complaints on behalf of others</b> Sarah Bolt, Anti-discrimination Commissioner	<b>Personal Story &amp; Journey</b> Heather Forsyth, VALID	<b>Being safe and getting good services</b> Mary Mallett, DANA	<b>Lifestyle Choices project</b> Susan Banks, University of Tasmania
10.20am – 11.05am	<b>Judgements of Parents with Disability</b> Rebecca Astell, parent	<b>Rights, Self Advocacy &amp; Peer networks - build your skills</b> Kylee Roberts, Council for Intellectual Disability	<b>Quality and Safeguarding</b> Mary Mallett, DANA	<b>Death and Disability – Let’s have the discussion</b> Anna Holliday, Li-Ve
11.10am - 11.35am	<b>MORNING BREAK</b>			
11.40am - 12.25pm	<b>Disability, Death, End of Life, Bereavement</b> Anna Holliday, Li-Ve	<b>Everything you wanted to know about seeing a sex worker but didn't know who or how to ask</b> Julie & Jade	<b>NDIS Independent Advisory Council, and Intellectual Disability Reference Group</b> Judy Huett	<b>Building Capacity</b> Joy Cairns
12.30pm - 12.40pm	Afternoon activity briefing			
12.40pm – 1.20pm	<b>LUNCH</b>			
1.45pm – 2.30pm	<b>Developing Housing Solutions for People with Disabilities</b> Melissa Palframan & Brett Wake, Community Housing Limited	<b>Zero Tolerance...</b> Julie Butler & Jenny Dixon	<b>Staying safe</b> Zoe Broadway, VALID	<b>Come &amp; try activities all afternoon - sneak peak</b>

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2.35pm – 3.20pm	<b>Protecting Rights when requesting approval to use Restrictive Practises</b> Charley Hodgson, Senior Practitioner	<b>Consent is a conversation</b> Peter Baldwin, SASS (Sexual Assault Support Service)	Speak Out member presentations	<b>Come &amp; try activities all afternoon - sneak peak</b> Sailability, Harley rides, Sports cars, Zumba and more....
3.20pm – 3.50pm	<b>AFTERNOON BREAK</b>			
3.50pm – 4.30pm	<b>CLOSING CEREMONY</b>			
	<b>PRE-DINNER ENTERTAINMENT</b>			
7.00pm-11.30pm	<b>GALA DINNER DANCE - “Celebrating 35 years of Speak Out!”</b>			

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