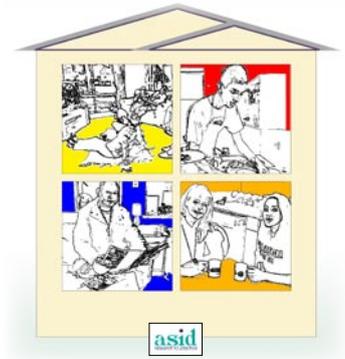


# Is there such a thing as a Good Group Home?

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## NSW ASID Division workshop



**O**n the 9th of June, Centre for Disability Studies (CDS) in partnership with ASID NSW/ACT Division hosted Prof Christine Bigby to present her workshop titled “Is there such a thing as a good group home”, at the University of Sydney.

As NSW progresses to full scheme implementation of the NDIS and with the recent successful tenders for the transfer of supported accommodation from government to non-government providers, the event was well received by the sector and was fully booked within 2 weeks of opening registrations.

The event was attended by 54 participants including: organisational managers, board members, team leaders, clinicians, project offices and direct support professionals. Participants represented 12 non-government organisations, 3 government agencies and a handful of independent providers.

The workshop pulled together an extensive quantity of research spanning numerous decades, allowing participants to reflect on positive and negative

perspectives both historical and with a view to the future. For more detail on the content presented and discussed in the workshop refer to the articles by Elizabeth Brownlie, Coral Farr from Victoria and Denice Wharldall from South Australia

Participants in Sydney discussed and debated the research presented in comparison to their own opinions and experience of: quality of life indicators, staffing ratios, practice leadership, group culture and models of practice including, active support.

At completion of the workshop feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive regarding the timeliness of the workshop, the depth of material presented, the opportunity to network and workshop the concepts presented.

Centre for Disability Studies in partnership with ASID NSW, thank Prof Bigby for travelling to Sydney to present this informative and thought provoking workshop. We plan to keep the topic alive through a program of professional development and networking events over the next 12 months. ●

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**Prof Bigby presenting to the group**



**Participants Bev Allen, Linda Ward, Bernadette Curryer & Bob Davidson**



**Prof Bigby with staff from Dept Family & Community Services (FACS) & Laura Hogan (ASID & CDS)**



**Participants**