

INCLUSIVE RESEARCHERS COLUMN

No Research About Us Without Us

Bruce O'Brien talks about being an inclusive researcher

I have been involved with the Centre for Disability Studies since 25th November 1998. I got the job with the Centre for Disability Studies through Nova Employment, the original contract was supposed to be for 3 months. My role at the Centre for Disability Studies is getting things photocopied and bound for training events, for example, I-Can packs, and medication workshops. The Centre for Disability Studies celebrated its 20th Anniversary in September 2017. I helped to pack the celebration bags that were handed out at the event. I enjoyed meeting people that I have worked with over the years and people that I have not meet for ages. We talked a lot about the good things that CDS does.

One activity that I am really interested in is the Inclusive Research Network where we as a group of researchers with intellectual disability work with university researchers as well as our agency supporters. We research areas that are of great interest to our lives. I have been a member of the group from the start in 2012 and have learned about how do interviewing, coding answers and putting what was said into themes. A big learning for me was the need often to re-word the questions. For example, in one agency that I visited the term. "Person centredness" was referred to, as, "Person in the middle." So I needed to change terminology to make my questions fit what people were used to using. The Inclusive Research Network has also presented its many projects at conferences around the world and we look forward to talking to you about our findings in this regular column in IDA.

In this issue I am happy to let you know the titles of our projects and where you can link to the slides for each of our presentations. They cover what people with intellectual disability think about the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, specifically the Articles that relate to Employment, Housing, Education and Health. We also have interviewed people with intellectual disability about what they think of the NDIS.



Names of our presentations include:

Life as a Worker: An Inclusive Research Approach to Exploring the Experiences of People with Intellectual Disabilities – Wellington, New Zealand – 2012.

<https://cde.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/Slides-ASID-2012.pdf>

An inclusive research approach to exploring the educational experiences of people with intellectual disabilities, ASID 48th Annual Conference, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, November 2013.

<https://cde.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/Slides-ASID-2013.pdf>

What does the NDIS mean for me? An Inclusive Research approach to exploring the views of people with disability – Fremantle, Western Australia, Australia – 2014.

<https://cde.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/Slides-ASID-2014.pdf>

Quality Checkers and Organizational Person Centredness: An Inclusive Research Approach, IASSIDD World Congress, Melbourne, Australia, 14-19 August 2016: Slides-IASSIDD-2016_1.

<https://cde.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/2016-Quality-Checkers.pdf>

“We have rights, you know” An Inclusive Research Approach to Exploring the Views of People with Intellectual Disability on their everyday experiences of their rights in 4 areas identified by the Convention, IASSIDD World Congress, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, 14-19 August 2017: Slides-IASSIDD-2016-2.

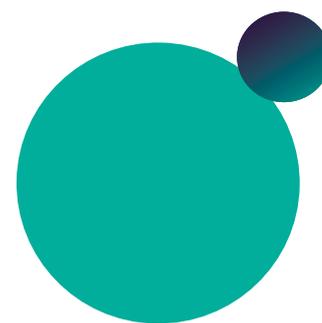
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Inclusive research: Opening up a new frontier, IASSIDD World Congress, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, 14-19 August 2016: Slides-IASSIDD-2016-3.

<https://cde.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/2016-IASSIDD-Conference.pdf>

I hope that you have enjoyed reading about what the Inclusive Research Network does and next time we will share with you our thoughts on a code of research practice to make sure that the voice of people with intellectual disability is heard.

If you would like to know more about where and when we meet contact the co-ordinator: Dr Tanya Riches on tanya.riches@sydney.edu.au



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