

INCLUSIVE RESEARCHERS COLUMN

The Inclusive Research Network Attends ASID 2018!

Last year we were able to attend the ASID Conference on the Gold Coast in Queensland. We presented on a number of different projects that we have been involved in over the last 12 months. We also held a round table discussion on the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of People With Disabilities with different groups focusing on issues around health, education, housing, and employment.



What we LOVED about ASID

Some of our groups loved that they were able to listen to, and sometimes meet, speakers from all over the world. We also thought the topics were very interesting. We really loved the discussion that came out of our presentation on the NDIS and found that many people were very passionate about the topic. This made us feel like we were having an impact! We also loved that there was a lot about the conference that was very accessible. In particular, the food was carefully catered to people's different needs and the caterers were very helpful and respectful.

What could have been better?

We felt that the conference dinner venue that we attended could have been more accessible and we also would have appreciated more information about the venue so that our less mobile members could have planned getting their in advance. We also would have enjoyed more time to socialize with the different people from the conference and felt that there were limited opportunities to do this. We also found it very difficult to raise funds to get our members to the conference with some member's NDIS plans not covering travel costs. However, with the help of some private donations through our chuffed.org campaign we all got there in the end!

ASID was a very positive experience and we are already looking forward to attending this years ASID conference in Adelaide!

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