

When + Where:

Time: 2.30 – 5.00 pm Monday, 29 September 2025

Location: The University of Queensland

Modwest Building (11A-120/121)

St Lucia Campus, Brisbane

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Cost:

\$20 Non-Members

\$10 ASID Members

Symposium topic: Real-world challenges for young people with cognitive disability in transition to adulthood.

Background: People with intellectual disability continue to experience violence, discrimination and exclusion, yet they seek to craft new realities which embody inclusivity, acceptance and respect. The Australasian Society for Intellectual Disability (ASID) supports people with intellectual disability in their quest for better lives through the promotion of research which sheds light on people's experiences, struggles and achievements.

This symposium is hosted by the Queensland Division of ASID. It will include:

Book Launch: “*Young people with cognitive disability in transition to adulthood: Stories of survival and aspiration in the face of adversity*”. Authors Dr Kathy Ellem, and Professor Paul Harpur, along with co-design researchers, will share some of the key themes emerging from the research underpinning the book.

Panel Discussion: Panel members will discuss four important areas affecting young people with cognitive disability as they transition to adulthood.

- NDIS and Foundational supports
- Criminal justice system interface
- Safeguarding and abuse prevention

The presenters will include researchers Kathy Ellem, Michelle King and Paul Harpur, representatives from Queensland Advocacy Incorporated, CLA, Queenslanders with Disability Network and co-researchers.

The symposium is an opportunity to explore and share what's working well, what's not working, and what needs to happen to support young people with intellectual disability as they transition to adulthood.

Registrants will be invited to submit questions for the panel presenters at the time of registration.

Register here: <https://tas.currinda.com/register/event/2481>