



**People With
Disabilities**

ACT Inc

'OUT & ABOUT WITH ABILITY'

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PWD ACT ACTIVITIES OVER THE PAST MONTH:

- 3 May** meeting with Therese Rein – attended by Secretary, Treasurer, Nicole O'Callaghan, Sarah Ferguson and AO
- 4 May** *PWD ACT Work Place Walk for health*
- 5 May** ACTCOSS ACT Budget post Budget forum attended by EO, AO and Nicole O'Callaghan.
- 11 May** PWD ACT Board meeting.
- 12 May** WATS Consortium, Robert and Margo attended.
- 13 May** PWD ACT met with Lois Ford from Disability ACT
- 20 May** Aviation Working Group, Margo attended.
- 20 May** PWD ACT Submission to Taxi Industry Review Discussion Paper Lodged by EO.
- 28 May** Advocacy Network meeting, attended by EO

14 June Queen's Birthday - Public Holiday
20 June World Refugee Day
25 June Sids and Kids – Red Nose Day

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

May has been a busy month in the PWD ACT office. Budgets and taxi services have been occupying our minds.

PWD ACT made 2 contributions to the Review of the ACT Taxi Industry. First, in our own submission, we advocated for a rights based approach to the provision and regulation of taxi transport to deliver an accessible affordable and timely taxi service. We rejected calls for a market driven de-regulated approach and called for an approach based on firm but practicable regulation supported by clear performance criteria, a transparent complaints procedure and specific initiatives for taxi operator and driver training. We will post a copy of our submission on our website.

In addition to our own submission, PWD Committee members made substantial contributions to the submission made by the Wheelchair Accessible Taxis (WATS Consortium) a group of people and organisations who have been working with the Canberra Taxi Industry Association and the Government on taxi issues for some time. In this submission, we joined with other WATS Consortium members to call for a new approach to WATS services involving a public sector operated service staffed by salaried drivers incorporated as part of the ACTION Organisation. If you would like more information about our input into this important please contact me at the office. Both the ACT and Commonwealth Budgets contained few initiatives for people with disabilities. The main initiatives are mentioned below.

The information on the ACT budget has been provided by ACTCOSS.

Selected Initiatives

- **\$2.444 million over 2 years 'Support for Disability Services'**
Disability ACT to receive funding to assist in ensuring disability services are sustainable.
- **\$1.614 million over 4 years for 'Support for Students With a Disability'**
Provides support to students with a disability in ACT public schools.
- **\$379,000 over 12 months for 'Bus Stop Disability Improvements'**
Upgrade of selected bus stops to meet disability standards.
- **\$9.468 million over 4 years for 'Growth in Home and Community Care Services'**
Provides for already identified growth in the HACC program, which provides a range of services supporting older Australians, young people with a disability and their carers. HACC is a joint venture between ACT and Commonwealth Governments.

Issues

The extra funds to support disability services are important; however this money appears to be targeted at government service provision, without recognising the increasing demand on community based services.

Also of concern is the lack of clear commitment to progressively implement the *United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities* and continuing lack of support for disability consumer directed service provision, including a strong representative voice for consumers.

There appears to be no support to implement *Future Directions – Towards Challenge 2014*, and no specific funding to implement the new five year forward plan for people with disabilities in the ACT, including:

- No provision to support students with disabilities leaving school in 2010 to live real lives in the community; and
- No provision to support people with disabilities who rely on ageing carers.

The growth funding for Home and Community Care is welcome. However, the need for ongoing planning and service development to meet the complex needs of an ageing population is paramount, especially as COAG reforms impacting on HACC are rolled-out.

The Australian Federation of Disability Organisations (AFDO) has provided the information below on the Federal Budget:-

AFDO Welcomes Initiatives to Support People with Disability to Work

AFDO today expressed some disappointment at the lack of disability-focused initiatives in the Budget, but mostly welcomed those which were present. These included funding for participation in the Productivity Commission inquiry into disability care and support, and increased funding for the Australian Paralympic Committee.

Moves to help people with disability look for work were particularly welcomed.

“People with disability are keen to join the workforce and we welcome initiatives which help school leavers and people with intellectual disability to access the services they need to do that,” said Lesley Hall, AFDO CEO.

“We’re cautious about the government initiative to encourage people who apply for Disability Support Pension (DSP) to try looking for work first. It’s great for people to get encouragement, but we need to be careful about how this measure is rolled out. At this stage we don’t know exactly which groups of people will be affected or how difficult the bureaucracy will be to navigate if someone feels they have a justified claim for DSP.”

“The Skills Training initiative also provides strong potential for people with disability to participate in work, so long as extra support – such as access to information about training, support to complete courses and work in apprenticeships – is provided a Regional Plan for the ACT should have as one of its visions the creation of a social and economic environment in which People with disabilities are respected, valued and empowered to reach their full potential both as individuals and as contributing members of society.”

**Robert Altamore
Executive Officer
People With Disabilities ACT**

Upgrading of Bus Stops – Can You Help Us Help Roads ACT

PWD ACT recently attended a meeting of the Accessible Transport Group. The meeting was addressed by Mario Sallecchia from Roads ACT which has the responsibility of upgrading all bus stops to comply with the Disability Standard for Accessible Public Transport. As part of that compliance Mario expressed the view that rather than concentrating solely on just upgrading bus stops on the current ACTION dedicated accessible bus routes, he would also like to concentrate the upgrade on bus stops where people with disabilities currently live and may be using accessible buses.

To achieve this and to get these targeted bus stops into Roads ACT ongoing upgrade program **Roads ACT needs people with disabilities to tell them about the bus stops they use. We would appreciate it if you could tell us the bus stops you use identifying the bus stop by reference to the suburb, street and the street number of the nearest house to the bus stop.** We will pass this information on To Roads ACT.

How to contact us

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Email: pwdact@shout.org.au

Postal Address: People With Disabilities ACT
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Mawson ACT 2607



POSITIVE MOVE

Article by Nicole O'Callaghan

The Stepping Into... program is a joint initiative between the Australian Employers Network on Disability and participating organisations. It is a paid internship and is designed to give University graduates with disability valuable knowledge and experience within their academic qualifications.

I participated in this internship for eight weeks with the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations. I was placed with them to complete a short-term project to assist with a report that they will publish in the future. I was the first Intern that the Department had accepted.

On the whole, my experience at the Department was an amazing one. Don't get me wrong, I had my days where I felt like the stereotypical unproductive person with disability. However, on the disability front the Department was outstanding. I require specific equipment to do any job successfully and the Department bought it with no questions. Yes, I know that they should do that anyway. But the story goes on. At the end of my internship with the Department, I accepted another job at a different workplace. I still needed the equipment, but I hadn't been working at the Department for long enough for them to claim the equipment through the relevant scheme. The Department still owned the equipment. I assumed that I would not be able to take the equipment because they did own it and it is very expensive equipment.

I have heard terrible stories about equipment and how hard it is to take that equipment from one job to another. And, as a consequence, I was not looking forward to my new job. As it turns out, the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations have loaned me the equipment to take to my new job. I was so shocked, because I had heard unfavourable stories concerning equipment and employers (particularly government departments) had already resigned myself to another barrier being place in my way. The transitions that people with disability make from one workplace to another are rarely seamless or fluid, but the actions of this Department have made mine easier. Barriers are placed in the workplace for people with disability on a daily basis. Employers try to encourage people with disability to work for them as they know that these people often work harder, longer and are more loyal. Concurrently, they are discouraging people with disability from working because of these barriers eg equipment.

I applaud the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations for removing the equipment barrier for me. It is encouraging to see that the Department is 'practising what they preach' and taking the lead with regards to necessary equipment for people with disability, as we all know they should.

People with disability also need to know their rights when it comes to equipment and employment as self-advocacy is such an important skill to possess. My case was a little bit different in that I hadn't been working at the Department long enough for them to claim the equipment. My story is a case of the huge government department being generous. We, as people with disability, need to positively encourage this behaviour through the Federal government. The Federal government and the Federal opposition are trying to lead by example, whether people agreed with me or not, we need to keep the momentum flowing and through PWD ACT keep the issuing of the equipment and employment in the forefront of our politicians minds. It all starts with people power.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES & COMMUNITY EVENTS

National Disability Awards

The call has gone out for Australians to nominate people who make a positive contribution to the lives of people with disabilities to be nominated for these Awards. The Awards form part of the Australian Government's celebration of International Day of People with Disability (IDPwD) – a UN sanctioned day that is celebrated on 3 December each year. Award recipients will be announced at a gala dinner held at the Great Hall in Parliament House, Canberra on 23 November 2010.

There are seven Award categories.

- 1 Minister's Lifelong Achievement Award
- 2 Young Disability Challenge Award
3. Business Award
4. Local Government Award
- 5 Social Inclusion Award
- 6 Accessible Housing Award
- 7 Yooralla Media Award

To nominate for an Award or for more information, please visit www.idpwd.com.au

or call **1800 440 385**.

Nominations close 16 July 2010.

Government Purchasing with Purpose Expo

**1 June 2010
National Convention Centre
31 Constitution Avenue, Canberra**

The Government Purchasing with Purpose Expo will allow Australian Disability Enterprises to showcase their goods and services to federal government buyers.

Held at the National Convention Centre in Canberra, this exciting trade fair event will raise awareness on the part of government as to the capacity of the ADE sector to support their business needs.

Join dozens of ADEs as they proudly showcase their expertise at this national event.

For further information, contact Louise Gray, NDS Disability Procurement Manager, Ph 02 6283 3213, louise.gray@nds.org.au.

Canberra's free Health Expo 2010 - Towards a Healthy Community

- • Health information for all ages on issues such as nutrition, heart health, osteoporosis, skin cancer, asthma, foot care, children's health and emotional wellbeing
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- • Individual health check-ups including blood typing, and testing of iron levels, hearing and memory
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- • Seminars by Bosom Buddies, Cancer Council ACT Canberra's , Alzheimer's ACT, Diabetes ACT, Arthritis ACT and the ACT Hepatitis Resource Centre
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- • Hands-on cooking demonstrations
- • ACT health services information
- Free children's entertainment.

Date:	Tuesday, June 1, 2010
Time:	10am – 4pm
Cost:	Nil
Physical Location:	Exhibition Park in Canberra
Website:	http://www.northside.asn.au
Special Needs Facilities:	Wheelchair accessible

210 Post School Options Expo

Student to Industry Program

Two Sessions: 10.30am – 2.30pm & 3.30pm – 7.30pm

When: Thursday 3rd June 2010-05-24

Where: Centre for Teaching and Learning, Fremantle Drive, Stirling ACT 2611

The aim of the Expo is to provide students with a disability, their families, carers and teachers with appropriate and timely information and advice on services and pathways available, including but not limited to planning of career pathways: employability skills; further education and training; life skills and information.

PWD ACT will be participating in this year's expo so include a visit to our information table in your visit to this year's expo.

Oxfam's Refugee Realities

I'm presenting at **Oxfam's Refugee Realities** in Canberra which is a timely, innovative and inspired way to educate the general public on the horror that refugees experience and demonstrate the Government's current forms of prejudice and discrimination towards them. It's an amazing interactive simulation – so if you're in Canberra between the **7-20 June** you should definitely come on down! If not, please forward to your friends and networks to promote this wonderful event! See event info below.

In June, people worldwide will celebrate World Refugee Day recognised by the United Nations. As well, Oxfam is excited to be hosting **Refugee Realities** in Canberra, which aims to educate and advocate for, the rights of refugees in Australia and around the world.

Oxfam's Refugee Realities is a unique event that will give you an unforgettable glimpse of what life in a refugee camp looks like. During a 90 minute simulated journey, you'll become an inhabitant of an unnamed country from which you must flee. After travelling through dangerous situations, you must cross an international border and learn how to live in a refugee camp.

Where: Stage 88, Commonwealth Park, Canberra

When: 7-20 June, 2010

Operating Hours: 10.00am - 4.00pm daily. Tours run every 20 minutes and last for approximately 90 minutes.

Bookings: Only required for groups of 7 or more at www.oxfam.org.au/refugee **Jane Hodge | South Asia Officer | Oxfam Australia**

Tel: +613 9289 9472 | +61 407 901 996 | www.oxfam.org.au

Long Service Leave Scheme for the Community Sector

The ACT Government has established a **Portable Long Service Leave Scheme for the Community Sector** including Child Care (but not Aged Care).

EMPLOYEE PRESENTATIONS WILL BE HELD ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:-

Tuesday 15 June 2010 6:00-7:30pm

Location: Deakin Football Club, Zagreb Room
2 Grose Street, Deakin

Wednesday 16 June 2010 12:30-2:30pm

Location: Griffin Centre, 20 Genge Street, Canberra

Tuesday 22 June 2010 1:00-3:00pm

Location: Tuggeranong Community Centre, 245 Cowlshaw Street, Tuggeranong

Tuesday 22 June 2010 6:00-7:30pm

Location: Dickson Tradies, Giant Meeting Room
2 Badham Street, Dickson

Community Mentoring Program

Through the generosity of The Snow Foundation HOME Hospice's Community Mentoring Program will soon be available in the ACT. This program provides much needed support to the carers of terminally ill people who choose to die at home.

In Australia, 80% of people express their wish to die at home, however, at best only one-third are currently able to do so. The HOME Hospice Community Mentoring Program helps carers and their families fulfil this wish through providing a trained Mentor to offer guidance and support during this time of need.

To gain a better understanding of how you can be involved in this rewarding experience there will be free Information Sessions.

Four sessions will be held at:

Wednesday 9th of June 2010

At 1.30pm and at 6.00pm

Venue: Southside Community Services
63 Boolimba Crescent, Narrabundah

Thursday 10th of June 2010

At 12.00pm and at 6.00pm

Venue: The Canberra Labor Club
Chandler Street, Belconnen

Carers and those interested in Mentoring are invited to attend.
Please register your interest in attending by calling 1800 132 229

ACT Mental Health Consumer Network (ACTMHCN)

Advocacy and Representation Training

ACTMHCN is pleased to offer the following training opportunity:

- Self-Advocacy Module of ACTMHCN's Advocacy and Representation Training.

Tuesdays: 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 June OR Fridays: 28 May, 4, 11, 18, 25 June and 2 July

Time: 10am-12pm

Venue: Meeting Room 3, Level 1, Griffin Centre, Canberra City

Cost: Snacks, drinks and all training materials will be provided to participants free of charge.

All participants who attend the course will be awarded a graduation certificate upon completion. This training is not limited to consumers... all are encouraged to enrol.

To book your place at ACTMHCN's Self-Advocacy training, please phone Keah or Vicki on (02) 6230 5796 or email actmhcncn@actmhcncn.org.au .

Human Rights Commission

Discriminatory Harassment and Bullying and Contact Officer Training

The ACT Human Rights Commission provides comprehensive training in Discriminatory Harassment and Bullying and Contact Officer Training.

Please note the pre-requisite for Contact Officer training is either our Discrimination in the Workplace Workshop or Workplace discrimination, Sexual Harassment and Bullying workshop.

Discrimination, Sexual Harassment and Bullying workshop will look at:

- the legal rules and principles about harassment, including sexual harassment under the Discrimination Act 1991;
- the rights and responsibilities of organisations and individuals in relation to bullying and harassment;
- methods of preventing bullying and harassment;
- troubleshooting various bullying and harassment scenarios; and
- strategies to prevent unlawful discrimination and secure

Contact/Harassment Officer Training workshop will :

- Increase your understanding and knowledge of:
Workplace discrimination and sexual harassment.
Roles and responsibilities of a Workplace Contact/ Harassment Officer.
Effective communication skills and strategies.

How to register: Please go to the education section of our website to register
<http://www.hrc.act.gov.au/content.php/category.view/id/77>

Contact: Katherine Horak
ACT Human Rights Commission
p: 6205 2222
f: 6207 1034

Changes to Do Not Call Register

The 'Do Not Call' Register enables people to be freed from receiving and having to deal with unsolicited calls from telemarketers by including themselves on this Register. The recent changes to this Register extend the registration period from 3 years to 5 years and allow fax numbers to be included on the Register. Further information on this Register can be obtained from the website: <http://www.donotcall.gov.au>

YWCA of Canberra's Women Out Front: 2010 Leadership Forum

Please join us for the YWCA of Canberra's Women Out Front: 2010 Leadership Forum. Held annually, this is an opportunity to learn from women leaders and share in their leadership journey.

This year we are happy to welcome Clare Martin, Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Council of Social Services as our keynote speaker. Clare will be reflecting on her leadership journey and her experience making career and life transitions.

When: Wednesday 16 June 2010, 5.30pm - 8.00pm

Where: Australian Institute of Management NSW/ ACT, Level 3, Engineering House, 11 National Cct, Barton

Cost: \$25 non members, \$15 YWCA of Canberra and AIM members* *Become a YWCA of Canberra member and receive the discount rate!

Register for this event online <<http://www.ywca-canberra.org.au/>> or contact the YWCA of Canberra on 6175 9900 by Friday 11 June.

Contact: Shernaël Teaurima
Policy and Project Officer
Advocacy, Membership and Organisational Support

Migrant and Refugee Settlement Services ACT

You are invited to attend MARSS' Open Day

Time: 2pm to 5pm
Date: Wednesday 23rd June, 2010
Where: Function Room, Theo Notaras Multicultural Centre, Level 2, North Building, 180 London Circuit, Civic:

Be informed: Where the jobs are, About Job preparation, Training courses and Education opportunities

Free tea, coffee and tasty cupcakes provided

This program is funded by the ACT Chief Minister's Department and the Department of Immigration and Citizenship

Where: Theo Notaras Multicultural Centre, Level 2, North Building, 180 London Circuit, Civic, Canberra

Phone: 02 6248 857, or Email: marss@marss.org.au <<mailto:mrc@mrccanberra.org.au>>

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Walk-in Health Centre

Canberra's now has its first nurse led walk-in health centre. The centre is located at the Canberra Hospital next to the Emergency Department and is open 16 hours a day from 7 AM to 11 PM 7 days a week.

At this centre, nurses will provide advice, assessment and treatment for conditions such as cuts and bruises, minor infections, strains, sprains, skin complaints, and coughs and colds. If necessary, people will be redirected to more appropriate services, such as their GP or the emergency department.

The Canberra centre is one of the first of a number of nurse led centres to be established throughout Australia as part of the Commonwealth Government's reforms to health services. The centre can be contacted by phone through the Canberra Hospital reception number 6244 2222. For further information is available on the ACT Health website <http://www.health.act.gov.au>

ACT CHRONIC CONDITIONS ALLIANCE

June Meeting presented by ACT ME/CFSS

Dr Stuart Miller Canberra Sleep Laboratory

A Practical Approach to Sleeping Difficulties

When: Wednesday, 9 June, 7pm - 8:30 pm

Where: Woden Community Services Rooms, 26 Corinna Street Woden

For more information contact: ACT ME Society on 6290 1984 or by emailing admin@mecfscanberra.org.au

SPORT AND RECREATION

Refugee Day Soccer Tournament

The sixth annual World Refugee Day Soccer Tournament will be happening again on Saturday June 19th from 10 am to 2.30pm at the Australian Institute of Sport outdoor synthetic field.

Teams from the Sudan, Sierra Leone, Liberian, Chin, Karen, and Mon communities of Canberra and Goulburn will compete in a friendly soccer match. There will be kids' games and a free BBQ. Everyone in the ACT community is welcome to come along to this fun family friendly day and welcome new communities to Canberra.

We are still looking for more referees and linesmen and women on the day. If you know the rules of soccer and would like to help us out we would love to hear from you.

Contact: Glenn Flanagan at Companion House 6247 7227 or email: glenn.flanagan@companionhouse.org.au

THE WHAM PROGRAM

Belconnen Participants:

Classes are held at Belconnen Community Centre on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 1.45pm - 2.45 pm.

Chifley Participants:

Classes will be in the new gym Tuesdays and Fridays at 12pm-1pm and both

Contact:, Kelly Cole WAM Coordinator YMCA Chifley Health and Wellbeing Centre YMCA of Canberra **Phone:- (02) 62810124 F- (02) 62854427 or email: kelly.cole@ymca.org.au**

CIT FIT & WELL GYM

CIT FIT & WELL gym staff can develop a fitness program to suit you. You can book in for a health assessment or just head over in your lunch break for a cardio or weights session.

Concessions are available on enquiry. If you have an injury or a disability that needs rehabilitation, please talk to our friendly gym staff about how we can help you get to the gym.

For an extra cost per semester you can have a student fitness trainer assist you at every session. Ask our staff how **phone 6207 4303** for bookings, information and memberships. CIT FIT & WELL is located in A Block, Bruce Campus.

MUSIC & ARTS

Australian National Gallery Winter Access Program

The Australian National Gallery has announced its Schedule of Access Programs for Winter 2010. The Gallery can make arrangements for guided tours by private groups and a new entrance to be opened soon provides improved access.

Inquiries to Adriane Boag on 6240 6632.

History at home

This illustrated lecture series looks at the surprising and interesting history of Australian domestic life.

When: 24 June 2010 at 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Where: National Museum of Australia Acton Peninsula, Canberra, ACT

Cost: \$15, \$7.50 Friends (includes refreshments).

Bookings essential on (02) 6208 5048 or email friends@nma.gov.au. Tel: 1800 026 132

Email: information@nma.gov.au

Web: www.nma.gov.au

SING ABOUT LIFE WORKSHOPS

Sing about Life workshops with Johnny Huckle for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Peoples

Fridays 11.30 - 1.30pm

May 14th - June 18th

Lunch provided

Kippax Health Centre, Kippax Place, Holt

These free workshops will assist you to express your thoughts, ideas & feelings through song. Singing & song writing is a great **creative artform** to express what we think & feel. In a two hour workshop you can learn to create songs & find a tune/melody to accompany the songs we create. You don't have to be a gifted singer or songwriter to join in this creative process. It is fun for individuals & the whole family.

For more information or to book in contact Pam Bell 6278 8110 or Moira 6278 8130

Out of Our Minds

Out of Our Minds... is a professional, inexpensive, educational, entertaining and enlightening theatre production that supports people living with a mental illness in our community.

It is also based on the real experiences of people living with a mental illness in the ACT community and is performed by a diverse community cast some of who live with a mental illness. The production therefore acts a means by which people living a mental illness are able to have their stories heard and struggles legitimated. By listening to stories and acknowledging the issues faced by the mentally ill, we are better able to understand and support people living with a mental illness in our community. *Out of Our Minds...* also gives professionals and members of the community an opportunity to work closely and develop relationships with people who experience mental illness.

Where & When?

Out of Our Minds.. will be showing at Belconnen Community Theatre from 17 -19 June 2010.

Show Times

7:30pm Thursday 17th June
12:00 noon Friday 18th June
7:30pm Friday 18th June
2:00pm Saturday 19th June
7:30pm Saturday 19th June

Tickets & Prices

General Admission: \$15.00

To reserve your seat call Amy on 02 6162 2088 or email amy.henderson@mhf.org.au. Tickets are to be collected and payed for at the door, however, bookings are essential
Mental Health Consumers & Carers: \$8.00 Concession (seniors, students, children under 15): \$10.00

Getting involved?

If you, would like to be involved in the production, as a member of the community cast or production team, we would love to have you on board. Simply call Robin Davidson on 0415 464 202 to register your interest. Informal weekly meetings are currently being held at Rainbow on Wednesdays. Formal rehearsals will be held at Belconnen Community Theatre – food will be provided to cast at rehearsals.

We are also looking for volunteers to help out with the promotional aspects of the production as well as to help out at performances. If you, or any of your friends, family, clients or colleagues would like to be involved please call Amy (Me!) on 02 6162 2088 or email amy.henderson@mhf.org.au.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Positions Vacant

Administrative Trainee

Traineeship Program for people with an intellectual disability

Administrative Services Officer Class 1 \$22,389-\$41,241 Canberra (PN: Reg 0410)

Closing Date: 10 June 2010

ACT Government is seeking expressions of interest from people with an intellectual disability for the Administrative Traineeship Program. This traineeship will assist people with an intellectual disability to gain skills and qualifications to develop long term careers in an administrative/clerical environment.

There are up to five placements available within the ACT Government agencies for a 12 month period. We are looking for administrative personnel to provide support to teams tasked with the delivery of administrative services.

Applicants will possess the ability to work in a small team environment and will enjoy achieving results and meeting team goals.

Under close supervision applicants will be required to perform some or all of the following duties:

- ❖ Provide basic administrative and clerical support using the Microsoft Office suite of software and other purpose designed databases
- ❖ Assist with receipt and dispatch of mail
- ❖ Assist with correspondence and file management
- ❖ Assist with other administrative tasks and duties as required.

Applicants are invited to submit a two page expression of interest and a current resume. Applicants should give details on the following: why are they interested in doing the traineeship, their suitability for the traineeship and their relevant skills.

The successful applicants will be employed on a temporary part-time basis at 36 hours per fortnight (approximately 2.5 days per week), for a period of 12 months and be based in an ACT Government agency. There is no guarantee of further employment at the end of the traineeship. The successful applicants will be required to attend Business Certificate II training for one day each fortnight. Training will be delivered by a Canberra based Registered Training Organisation.

Eligibility/Other Requirements:

These positions have been designated as a restricted employment opportunity and are open only to applicants with an intellectual disability.
Applicants may be required to provide medical/Centrelink evidence of their disability.
Applicants may be required to participate in a work trial as part of the selection process.
Prospective applicants should be, or be prepared to become, registered with a local Disability Employment Network member organisation.

Note: Applicants are encouraged to have a support person who may assist them to apply for the traineeship and should indicate if they require a support person at the interview, if successful.

Contact Officer: Tracey Crump (02) 6207 6025 tracey.crump@act.gov.au
ACT HEALTH. BICULTURAL AND BILINGUAL WORKERS SEMINAR

- ❖ DO YOU SPEAK ANOTHER LANGUAGE?
- ❖ DO YOU HAVE A DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF ANOTHER CULTURE?
- ❖ ARE YOU INTERESTED IN CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AS AN INTERPRETER OR BICULTURAL OR BILINGUAL WORKER IN HEALTH OR AGED CARE?

ACT Health is offering a free half day seminar which will give people an understanding of the requirements of the professional role of bilingual workers and other language professionals such as translators and interpreters. The workshop is aimed at people who are already bilingual and have an interest in working in the fields of health and aged care and using their language skills and bicultural knowledge in their work.

Wednesday 23 June 2010, 10am-2.30pm

Riley Hall, Pilgrim House, 69 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra 2601

Places are limited - Bookings Essential - No charge - Please call Ailsa Turrell 6205-4794 after Wednesday 2 June or email ACTHealthCPP@act.gov.au

Directions ACT

Through a harm minimisation and holistic approach DIRECTIONS ACT programs assist people with Alcohol and Other Drug issues, their family and the community, whilst promoting self respect and dignity.

An exciting opportunity exists for new employees to be part of the new transition program that will assist our clients to gain the tools to help themselves in their treatment. The new program will be based on Therapeutic Community principles where the community itself through self help and mutual support is the primary means for promoting personal change.

***Alcohol & Other Drug (AOD) Support Workers
New Positions, Arcadia House***

**Various shifts including day, weekend mornings & afternoons & nights approx 16-24 hrs per week
(Penalty rates apply to some shifts)**

These new positions offer varied and challenging roles including assessments, admissions, group facilitation, client support and interaction, administration and housekeeping duties commensurate with the position, and liaison with other agencies.

For the selection documentation, remuneration and closing dates visit our website: www.directionsact.com/employment or contact Diedre Hobson HR on 61228041

FREE MEMBERSHIP

**PWD ACT Memberships are FREE for people with disabilities!
Please contact us if you would like to be a member.**

FREE PWD ACT MEMBERSHIP DEFINITION OF DISABILITY

PWD ACT uses the Disability Discrimination Act definition of disability, this broad definition includes:

- Physical
- Intellectual
- Psychiatric
- Sensory
- Neurological, and
- Learning disabilities, as well as
- Physical disfigurement, and
- The presence in the body of disease-causing organisms.

This covers a disability which people:

- Have now,
- Had in the past (for example: a past episode of mental illness),
- May have in the future (eg: a family history of a disability which a person may also develop).

PWD ACT' ORGANISATIONAL MEMBERS

Oganisational Name:	Address:	Email Address:	Phone:
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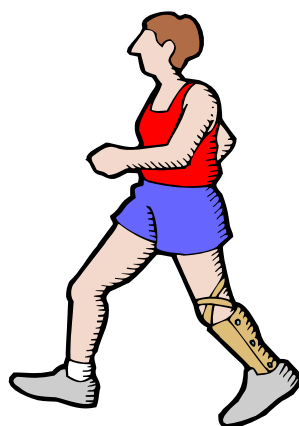
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