Melbourne Disability Research to Action Forum

Wednesday 15 February, 2017, 9:00am – 4:00pm, followed by drinks and networking

RMIT University, 445 Swanston Street, Melbourne, Building 80, Level 7

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| **8:00am** | **Registration**  |
| **9:00am – 9:15am** | **Introduction and Overview**David Moody, Victoria State Manager, NDS  |
| **9:15am – 9:25am** | **Welcome**Martin Bean, CBE, Vice-chancellor of RMIT University |
| **9:25am – 10:45am** | **Inclusive research practice: case studies, commentary, and questions**People with disability and practitioners discuss recent experiences with inclusive disability research, with commentary from Dr Patsie Frawley, Deakin University, and Daniel Leighton, Chair of the NDS Victoria Research Advisory Group |
| **10:45am** | **Morning Tea** |
| **11:15am – 12:45pm** | **Lecture Theatre****Better outcomes**“Improving customer service and safeguards through learning from complaints”Miranda Bruyniks, Deputy Commissioner of the Office of the Disability Services Commissioner“Evidence about achieving quality of life for people with intellectual disability in supported accommodation”Professor Christine Bigby, La Trobe University“Staff perceptions of organisational culture in group homes”Lincoln Humphreys, La Trobe University | **Room 2****Research Informing Practice**“Working together: service providers and co-design with service users”Raelene West, RMIT“Lessons for disability service providers from an evaluation of mental health peer recovery communities”Assoc, Professor Lisa Brophy University of Melbourne, Mark Heeney, Cassandra Politanski, MIND Australia“Translating research into practice in an early childhood intervention service”Nicole Mahar and Dr Kate Davis, EPIC Centre RMIT University | **Room 6****Independence and Self-Determination** “Individualised supported living in the community for people with an intellectual disability”Dr Meredith Prain, University of Melbourne“Guided self-determination: How people with intellectual disability have been supported to have choice and control.”William Crisp, La Trobe University“Decision-making support guidelines for disability workers, families and carers of people with cognitive disability: Creation of two resources”Dr Stella Koritsas, Scope Australia, and Rachel Vanstone, Carers Victoria | **Room 7****Achieving Quality Services**“Measuring the GAP between consumer expectations and satisfaction of disability clients”Stephen Thomas, Jewish Care “Quality systems that measure both process and outcomes”Jade McEwen, La Trobe University“Frontline staffs’ experiences of paperwork in group homes for people with intellectual disability”Claire Quillam, La Trobe University | **Room 8****Responding to Indigenous Needs**“Building organisational capacity and staff capability for working with Aboriginal people”Darcel Russell and Heather Boyd, Melbourne City Mission; Sam Atkinson and Emma Bamblett, Aboriginal Advancement League“Working with Indigenous Clients – it doesn’t have to be hard”Adrian Appo, OAM, First Australians Capital, and Founding CEO, Ganbina |

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| **12:45pm** | **Lunch** |
| **1:40pm – 3:10pm** | **Lecture Theatre****Workforce**“Enabling the front line. Testing New ways of working: the evaluation of the High Performing Work Practices Initiative”Caroline Alcorso, NDS“Precarious employment in the disability support workforce”Karen Douglas, RMIT University“Strategies to maximise support worker opportunities in NDIS environment”Dr Carmel Laragy and Wendy Taylor, RMIT University | **Room 2****Inclusive Research**Workshop: “Involving people whose voices are not often heard in research and service development”Dr Sarah Pollock, Mind Australia, and Dr Erin Wilson, Deakin University | **Room 6****Models of Community Participation**“Inclusion and capability – co-creating emergence through living systems”Lucy Murphy and Adam Schickerling, Annecto “Using different conceptualisations of community participation to support people with intellectual disability to make choices”Professor Christine Bigby, La Trobe University | **Room 7****Interfaces Between Services**“Hospital encounters of adults with cognitive disability – examining ways to strengthen a mainstream system”Dr Teresa Iacono, La Trobe University“Working together to respond to violence and abuse: challenges and good practice across the disability and domestic violence sectors”Dr Patsie Frawley, Deakin University “Evaluation of the Baptcare LAC model in the Tasmanian NDIS trial sites”Christina David, RMIT University and Rachel Breman, Baptcare | **Room 8****Housing and Supported Living**“Bringing together students and people with disabilities: Reflections on a collaborative housing and design project with Frasers Property Australia and Yooralla”Dr Andrew Martel, University of Melbourne“Lake House: Seeing group homes differently”Lisa Hamilton, La Trobe University |
| **3:15pm – 3:45pm** | **Plenary**Peter De Natris, National Disability Insurance Agency |
| **3:45pm – 4:00pm** | **Closing Remarks**Gordon Duff, Centre for Applied Disability ResearchDaniel Leighton, Chair of the NDS Victoria Research Advisory Group |
| **4:00pm** | **Drinks, afternoon tea, and networking** |