

Newsletter

Number 1: 2020

National Disability Coordination Officer Program Region 17

If you would like further information about special projects, networks and professional development opportunities in relation to equitable opportunities for people with disability to access, participate and achieve their goals in tertiary education and subsequent employment please make contact.

Andrea Evans-McCall NDCO 0418 208 039

andrea.evansmccall@skillsplus.com.au

<http://www.ndcovictoria.net.au/region-17>

<https://www.facebook.com/NDCOregion17>



I Am Ready- Transition Information Sessions

For parents & educators of young people with a disability or barrier to further education & employment:

This is a free event and will be attended by the following services:

- DES Providers (Disability Employment service)
- TAFE
- Federation University-FAST Program
- NDIS Information
- Training Providers
- Learn Locals
- Skills & Jobs Centre- Career Advisors

Leongatha 26th February [book your ticket](#)

Traralgon 3rd March [book your ticket](#)

Sale 4th March [book your ticket](#)

Bairnsdale 17th March [book your ticket](#)

Warragul 18th March [book your ticket](#)

For more information contact [Jenni Graham](#) 0438 200 750

Tips, Tools, Clips & Websites

Dyslexia awareness month - the students' voice: For Dyslexia Awareness month ADCET was joined by five students from Universities and TAFE's across Australia to discuss their tertiary education journey through their lived experience with dyslexia.

We aim to challenge your thinking, ensure you reflect on your practice and improve your knowledge around teaching and support strategies for your students with dyslexia.

Join the student panel as they explore:

- What strategies and supports have worked best for them in their studies
- How they are navigating the tertiary sector
- Learn firsthand about their challenges, opportunities and experiences

[To watch webinar](#)

Policy, Funding, Research, Reports & Resources

Higher Education Disability Support Program: The Australian Government Department of Education recently made changes to the Other Grants Guidelines (Education) 2012 and the amended guidelines are now available on the Federal Register of Legislation. The Guidelines have been amended to reform the Higher Education Disability Support Program (DSP) from calendar year 2020. A key change to the DSP includes an increase in annual funding to \$150,000 per annum from the current funding level of \$79,900, to provide for an enhanced role for the Australian Disability Clearinghouse on Education and Training (ADCET) in its promotion of inclusive teaching and learning practices. [For more information](#)

School Leavers Employment Supports (SLES) New Handbook: SLES is an early intervention approach for participants in their last year of school. It supports their transition from school to employment.

Providers who deliver SLES help young people prepare, look for and gain employment. They provide meaningful, individualised capacity building activities so young people can achieve their employment goals.

As part of managing a participant's employment barriers, providers can:

- Support a participant's unique pathway to employment
- Help foster partnerships and goodwill in the local community
- Use their professional networks to engage and connect with employers.

[To download the handbook](#)

Future Ready: A Student Focused National Career Education Strategy: Everyone has a role to play in getting young people ready for the future of work. This website provides recommendations and resources for. Schools, parents, employers and educators can now access resources to better support secondary students making decisions about their future careers. [Website](#)

disABILITY AWAREness: The National Disability Coordination Officer (NDCO) Program and Australian Disability Clearinghouse on Education and Training (ADCET) have developed a practical e-learning resource for the VET sector. Introduction to Disability Awareness, focuses on promoting an awareness of disability and the impact that societal attitudes and inherent stigma and discrimination have on the lives of people with disability.

VET Staff Supporting Students with Disability, is designed specifically for staff who work in the VET Sector and focuses on promoting awareness about the rights of students with disability, the needs and requirements of students, and responsibilities of registered training organisations.

VET Educators Supporting Students with Disability is designed specifically for VET Educators and focuses on promoting a range of practices such as universal design for learning and reasonable adjustments, to support the development and implementation of inclusive delivery and assessment strategies, responsive to the needs and requirements of students with disability. [Website](#)

Opportunities for Young People

2020 Victoria STEMLabs

Number of places available: 12

Location: 360 Collins Street, Melbourne, 3000.

Dates of Training Program: Monday 24th February through to Friday 13th March, 2020.

Participant requirements:

- Must be 16 years of age or over.
- Must have a diagnosis of autism (including Autism spectrum disorder, Asperger's disorder, Autistic disorder, or PDD-NOS).
- Must have Australian residency or citizenship.
- Must be able to attend the 3-week assessment phase beginning Monday 24th February through to Friday 13th March, 2020.
- Should live within a daily commutable distance of Melbourne CBD.

This FREE program is strictly limited to just 12 places and we are looking for some of Melbourne's most inquisitive minds to participate in a fast-paced 3-week program where you will be applying your inquisitive and

investigative mind to a series of technology-based activities using robotics kits in individual and small team challenges.

For further information: Georgie Walker, Specialisterne Consultant Email: georgie.walker@specialisterne.com

Mobile: 0431 017 852

The Australian Public Service Commission and the Australian Human Rights Commission: Are holding joint consultations on employment for young people with disability. They would like to hear from young people with disability who would like to work, about:

- what attracts you to a particular workplace
- what you're looking for in an employer and a role; and
- what are your concerns in achieving your career ambitions.

There will be one workshop in Melbourne on Tuesday 25 February 2020.

The Disability Discrimination Commissioner, Dr Ben Gauntlett, will attend both workshops.

Young people with disability are encouraged to attend one of the workshops and to RSVP via the link below.

Melbourne workshop on 25 February 2020

Location: Office of the Public Advocate, 1/204 Lygon Street, Carlton VIC 3053

Time: 1:45pm – 4:00pm

[The link to RSVP](#)

Casting Call: Disabled young people for online video series: The Youth Disability Advocacy Service (YDAS) works with disabled young people in Victoria to make sure you can speak up and you are being treated fairly. YDAS is currently looking for disabled young people, aged 12 to 25, to feature in an online video series. The online video series will teach disabled young people how to set goals and get the most out of their NDIS National Disability Insurance Scheme plans.

Filming will take place in Melbourne in March. This is a paid opportunity.

[For more information](#) to [Apply](#)

Youth Futures Summit into Employment and Transitions: The Youth Futures Summit is a 2-day event at the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) that will bring together hundreds of diverse people nationally across multiple sectors and communities. This Summit seeks to understand the problems and challenges young people face today in education, employment, and transitions from education to employment.

The Summit Will:

- Draw together people from multiple sectors and communities that are reflective of the diversity of cultures, backgrounds, experiences, and beliefs that make up all of Australia
- Be co-presented, co-attended and shaped by young people
- Deep-dive into the challenges and identify what the solutions should be
- Explore a number of different areas from education, training, job services, young workers' rights, and what the future of work will look like

Join 1000 young people, employers, educators, industry professionals and more on the 20-21st of April, 2020 at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) for the most ambitious summit on youth employment and transitions in Australia's history. [More information & Tickets](#)

Conferences, Workshops, Forums and Training

Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorders- Practical Strategies: This two day professional development workshop will provide practical tips for identifying, connecting with and supporting children and adolescents on the autism spectrum. Including videos of children and adolescents on the autism spectrum, their teachers and their families so you can better understand the world from an autism perspective. Participants will partake in scenarios and group activities, and will receive workshop notes including many templates and visuals to use in school or service. This PD is suitable for Teachers, Teachers' Aides, School Executive, Psychologists, Speech Pathologists and Occupational Therapists

Melbourne 25 & 26 August 2020

[Register](#) for [more information](#)