

PROGRAM: Thursday 19 November



Conference Streams

Collaboration

Working together and sharing



Choice

Empowerment and self-determination



Challenges

Addressing challenges, seeking solutions



Celebrations

Showcasing innovation and best practice



8.30am

Registrations Open

9.30am

Auditorium

Opening Ceremony

Welcome to Country Shaun Nannup and Greg Barr

Overview MC Paul Montague: Housekeeping, Program and Introduce our Keynote Listeners

9.45am

Auditorium

Ministerial Address The Hon Stephen Dawson MLC

Minister for Environment; Disability Services; Electoral Affairs. Deputy Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council

10.00am

Auditorium



Disability Inclusion: a work in progress Prue Hawkins

Join us for Prue's amazing story of building her own successful law firm, from being an underestimated and overlooked job seeker. Drawing on her personal experience and legal expertise, Prue explores how people with disability can self-advocate and leverage the law and their own skills and talents to build a successful career and life, despite the inequities.



10.30am

Auditorium

Self-Advocacy Beyond the System Patrick Gunasekera

Radical dreaming, mutual aid, and documentation in the survival histories and healing work hidden from mainstream models of systemic advocacy.



11.00am

Morning Tea

Auditorium (ground floor)

Tomasi Room (upstairs)

Boardroom (upstairs)

Wellbeing in the Park

11.30am

Challenges PANEL
presented by Indigo



The COVID experience:
learnings and reflections

Chair:

Danielle Loizou-Lake
National Disability Services

Panellists:

- Kat Johns
Board Member, People with Disabilities WA
- Leighton Jay
Parent
- Lynda Quigley
Indigo Allied Health Manager
- Rahul Seth
Founder, Activate Mental Health

Children and Young People



- **Hearing children and young people's views on mental health and disability**
Colin Pettit
Commissioner for Children and Young People WA
- **Early Childhood Early Intervention**
Stephanie Jackiewicz and Linda Santangeli
Wanslea Ltd
ECEI is a best practice program that works alongside families in the early childhood stage to achieve better long-term outcomes for children.
- **Young people and disability advocacy**
Rhiannon De Cinque
Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia (YACWA) and Youth Disability Advocacy Network (YDAN)
Explore how engaging in advocacy can empower young people with disability to better navigate through the systems surrounding them.

Peer Power in Advocacy



- **We do**
Liz Dutton, Paul Jay and Taylah Walsh
WA's Individualised Services
A story of building capacity and self-direction in a bunch of people who started out as a "Peer Support Group for people with Complex Communication Access Needs".
- **Assistive technology peer mentoring**
Clint Morgan, Danielle Meecham and Kristy Harper
Independent Living Assessment
AT Chat mentor and mentee share their experiences.
- **Peer power in the vision impaired community**
Ryan Honschooten
Youth Support Officer, VisAbility
Overcoming challenges with the help of peers.

Bush Creature Clay Modelling Workshop



Mandy White
Aboriginal artist
Assisted by Michelle White
Learn how to make your own playful bush creature with Mandy White.

12.30pm

Lunch

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1.30pm

Celebrations PANEL

Being your own boss:
Micro-enterprise and Self
Employment

**Chair:**

Prue Hawkins
Principal, Empire Law

Panellists:

- **Leon Peters-Malone**
Red Sky Games
- **Simone Tomic**
Brandon's Shredding Boxes
- **Phillip Shannon**
Phil's Mobile Car Wash
- **Evette Wilson**
Evie's Emporium

**How to Make a
Complaint at the
Australian Human Rights
Commission**
**Dr Rita Kleinfeld-Fowell**

The Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC) is an independent third party which investigates complaints about discrimination and human rights breaches.

In this practical workshop, Dr Rita Kleinfeld-Fowell will reveal what it takes to make a complaint and walk you through the process step by step. Rita draws on both her expertise as a lawyer and her personal experience in her role with Deafblind West Australians with their successful complaint to the Commission. Learn from her experience and find out how to utilise the Commission to uphold your own human rights.

**Your Rights,
Your Voice,
Your Choice**

**Elizabeth Edmondson, Greg
Lynn, Andrew Fairbairn**

An interactive workshop for people with disability wishing to develop self-advocacy skills. Handouts available in alternative formats, including Easy English.

**Come and Paint
with Arty Brellas**
**Tricia Stedman****Creator of Arty Brellas**

Arty Brellas is a fun, creative, engaging art workshop where you can relax, have fun and enjoy painting your own creative Arty Brella.

Artist and qualified art educator Tricia Stedman, will provide inspiration, guidance and all of the materials (including the Arty Brellas & aprons) and all you have to do is relax and have fun the journey.

2.30pm

Afternoon Tea

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3.00pm

Collaboration PANEL
Aboriginal Yarning Circle**Chair:**

Dorinda Cox
Managing Director
Inspire Change Consulting Group

Panellists:

- **Corina Abraham**
Advocate
- **Laurel Sellers**
Yorgum Healing Services
- **Greg Barr**
Artist and musician
- **Noel Johnstone**
Community Member and ex Lead
Project Officer - Aboriginal
Disability in Justice

Access and Inclusion

- **ACROD Parking campaign pre-launch showcase**

Jocelyn Franciscus
National Disability Services
~This Bay Is Someone's Day~ is an exciting new community awareness campaign for the ACROD Parking program to reduce the misuse of ACROD Parking bays.

- **Do you want us to see your message?**

Erika Webb
Blind Citizens WA
A session about making information accessible to everyone.

- **Shaping an inclusive mainstream counselling service**

Ruth Swan
Counselling and Support for people affected by the Disability Royal Commission, Relationships Australia WA
Our story so far. Relationships Australia WA is developing an inclusive mainstream counselling service that is shaped by lived experience of people with disability.

Unapologetic: Self-Advocacy and the Arts**Daley Rangi and Patrick Gunasekera**
Multi-disciplinary, neurodiverse artists from the Unapologetic Ensemble

An inspiring encounter with some of the professional performers who have created Friday night's "Unapologetic" performance.

This workshop is a chance to dive deep into using the arts as a tool for self-advocacy.

Break the Boundary: deep into the forest**Delivered by Perth Trail Series and Break the Boundary representatives**

Discover some of the equipment available in the Perth Metro area that allows people with limited mobility to access off-road walking trails in areas that can't be reached by typical mobility aids or assistive technology.

4.00pm

Changeover

Auditorium (ground floor)

4.10pm-
5.10pm

Parent and Education Advocacy



- **Guardianship issues: a personal and informed perspective**
Dr Joseph Naimo
Parent
Self-Advocacy can be inhibited by Plenary Guardianship Orders that make substitute decision-makers too powerful.
- **Breaking through: A Dad's story on legal and ethical issues**
Kane Blackman
Parent
A Dad's view on how to get what your child needs through advocacy and engagement
- **Advocacy in schools - "It can feel like going into battle every day"**
Maxine Drake
Advocacy Consultant
Developmental Disability WA
Sometimes parents can reach a point in their negotiations with a school where they need an independent advocate to join them to argue for what is needed for their child.

Tomasi Room (upstairs)

Tools for Mental Wellbeing



Paul Montague
Evolve Events and Training
Join us for this fun and participative session exploring a range of easy and practical tools to boost your mental wellness and build resilience.

Boardroom (upstairs)

Collaborative Care Workshop



Patrick Gunasekera
Interdisciplinary, neurodiverse artist from the Unapologetic Ensemble
Explore the many prolific potentials of collaborative community-based care work by building your own sustainable model of mutual aid within a role-play community.

Wellbeing in the Park

Dealing with Feelings and Emotions in Self-Advocacy



Ian Maynard
Nulsen Disability Services
with Jason Bignell, Jenny Bignell and Mandy Weston
Recognising the significance of feelings and emotions, subconscious influences on communication and behaviour, and how these can be seen as desire for self-advocacy.

PROGRAM: Friday 20 November

8.45am **Registrations Open**

9.30am **Auditorium** **Overview** MC Paul Montague
Commissioner's Address Dr John Byrne AM, Commissioner for Equal Opportunity
What is the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission? Samantha Jenkinson, State Director



10.00am **Auditorium**  **Influencing Decision Makers** Senator Jordon Steele-John
 With the disability abuse royal commission underway the Australian disability rights movement has won itself a unique opportunity to achieve change. Senator Steele-John will share his perspective on how we as an advocacy community have created this moment and the actions we need to build our power to influence, and become, decision makers.

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11.00am	Choice PANEL  Self-managing Funding: Issues and Experiences Chair: Liz Dutton WA's Individualised Services Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melanie Hawkes NDIS participant • Peter Hall NDIS participant • Maggie Visser Side by Side Manager, Developmental Disability WA and parent of NDIS participant • Adam Hewber NDIS participant and PWdWA Board 	Legal Issues  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disability law case studies Michele Hardesty-Munday Sussex Street Community Law Service Disability discrimination law case studies relevant to the EOC and the AHRC. • Comic contracts Su-Hsien Lee Co-CEO, WA's Individualised Services and Professor Camilla Baasch Andersen University of Western Australia Using comics to make the law understandable for everyone. • Towards better housing access Circle Green Community Legal Improving rental laws to provide better housing outcomes and quality of life for renters with disabilities. 	The Changes in Western Australia's Disability Landscape  Marion Hailes-Macdonald Assistant Director General Department of Communities	Bringing Our Stories to Life  Perth Playback Theatre Using a facilitator we take moments and stories from the audience participants and provide a live theatre re-run of the heart and longing of each person's moments.
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NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission



Samantha Jenkinson, State Director
– Western Australia
NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission

From 1st December 2020 WA will be part of the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission. We work with NDIS participants, service providers, workers and the community to ensure a nationally consistent approach so participants can access quality services and supports that promote choice, control and dignity. This session will cover the role of the NDIS Commission, the code of conduct which applies to all providers and workers, and how participants can make complaints.

Exploring Self-Advocacy



- Becoming a self-advocate**
Justin Storen, Ruby Connor and Maxine Drake
Developmental Disability WA
How we became self-advocates and our project to support others leaving school or living in group homes to speak up for themselves.
- Celebrating and being ME!**
Davina Paul and Leanne Pearman
WA's Individualised Services
There are ways in which people want us to live, but that might not be what we want. Self Advocating and having people around us to stand with us during times we struggle to say what we need is important. Davina will share her story.
- Self Advocacy WA (SAWA) - Past, present and future!**
Ingrid Moore, Georgie George + Amber Arazi
Self Advocacy WA
The history of Self Advocacy WA (SAWA), the group's current work and how you can be involved in SAWA's future.

Facing Challenges



- Don't let your disability define you!**
Saima Nazar Khan
School counsellor
If we can fight stigma and question how we define people we can change things for people with disabilities.
- FASD and my family**
Sophie Harrington
Parent
A birth parent's reflections on the discovery of having their child diagnosed with FASD
- The puncture and the repair**
Bruce Simcock
Person with lived experience
It was another perfect Autumn day in Perth. It was early morning, the air was crispy, no wind...perfect for a cycle!

Yoga and Meditation for Everyone



Melissa O'Shea
Sleep Easy Club
How to find the right yoga and meditation practice for you, how to adapt a class to fit your needs, and how to design your own home practice.

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2.30pm

Celebrations PANEL

Leadership and Systemic Advocacy wins

Chair:

Senator Jordon Steele-John

Panellists:

- **Lisa Burnette**
Chairperson, People with Disabilities WA
- **Kerry Allan-Zinner**
Chair of Ministerial Advisory Council on Disability WA, and appointed Member of the Independent Advisory Council on the NDIA
- **Andrew Fairbairn**
Project Coordinator, Limbs 4 Life
- **Laura Bullock**
Project Coordinator, Youth Disability Advocacy Network and deaf advocate

Disability, Sexuality and Human Rights

Yvonne Kesselring
Counsellor, People 1st Programme
Sexuality is arguably the last frontier in disability discrimination.

In May 2020, the Federal Court ruled that people with disabilities can use NDIS funds to access specialised sex therapy services, which will help many access their basic right in this area.

Join us for this workshop about the rights of people with disability to a healthy sex life and how to advocate for and access any required supports. Get practical tips and resources and ask questions on areas such as funding, equipment, sex therapists and other access issues.

This session will be a participative workshop, but will not involve touching other people.

Creating Opportunities

- **Advocacy in Aboriginal communities**
Donna Coyne and Denise Kay
Disability Advocates
Individual Disability Advocacy Service
Working in the community to support self-advocacy and advocating for Noongar people in the Great Southern.
- **Building an inclusive community through sport**
Josef Bandera with Cassie-Anne Duncan Josh Harkins, Justin Gemmill and Michelle George from WA iSports
WA iSports is our club, we have created it, shaped it and built a culture of acceptance and respect.
- **Adversity to Advocacy**
Jesse Williams
Former Executive Chair, Youth Disability Advocacy Network (YDAN)
The value people with disabilities bring to the advocacy space and the barriers experienced for young people with disabilities.

Chase the Blues Away!

Dr Janet Halpin
Join us as we sing simple, upbeat songs and play around with rhythm, sound, images and movement. Learn new ways to 'chase the blues away'!

3.45pm

Changeover

3.55pm
Auditorium



Disability Discrimination in Action Dr Rita Kleinfeld-Fowell

Rita will discuss her work with Midlas helping people with a disability to address neglect, abuse, mistreatment, discrimination, and poor service. Rita's team work to appeal NDIS decisions, advocate for better NDIS plans, and ensure that people with a disability get fair treatment from service providers, primary health and employers. Rita will also share her own experiences being both deaf and blind and as the Chairperson of Deafblind West Australians.



4.25pm
Auditorium

Closing Ceremony

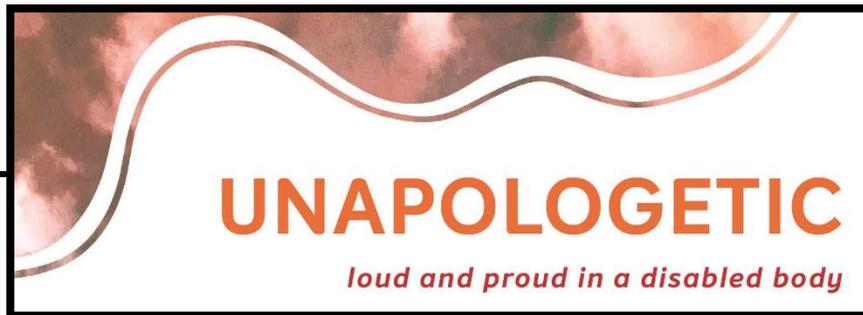
Featuring a report from our "Keynote Listeners" Simon Chong and Michelle Sedgman.

4.45pm

Changeover Time / Farewell Drink

This is a break for those staying for the Unapologetic performance and the arrival time for people coming just for the show. The bar will be open for anyone wanting to purchase a post-conference drink, but the planned catered Sundowner will occur after the show.

5.30pm



Unapologetic Performance

Ticketed event – please pre-book online.

6.30pm

Sundowner with the Cast presented by TADWA

Join the cast to discuss the issues and ideas presented in the show. Nibbles and soft drinks provided. Bar open for purchases.

7.30pm

Close

