In the ever shifting landscape reforming disability service delivery and support, it is imperative that disability advocates come together to keep abreast of the changes and understand the impact these have on the practice of disability advocacy.

**This forum series provides advocates with a space for gathering information, sharing knowledge and providing time to network.**

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| 11:00am-11:05am | **Welcome and Introductions- Melissa Hale, DARU Coordinator** |
| 11.05-11.10am | **Connect50 Advocacy Project-** *Emma Henningsen, Australian Network on Disability*  Australian Network on Disability is currently managing the Connect50 Advocacy project, an internship opportunity for university and TAFE students with disability within Victorian disability advocacy organisations. We have 10 internship opportunities to offer across metro and regional Victoria, at no cost to host organisations. |
| **11:10am-12:10pm** | **Using Consumer Law in the NDIS Context, and reforms to SDA Tenancy Legislation**– *Barbora Ježek, Consumer Law Action Centre and Natalie Staub, Project Manager, Specialist Disability Accommodation Implementation Project at the Department of Justice and Community Safety*  Consumer Law Action Centre has been doing some great work around using Consumer Law in the NDIS context which is helpful for disability advocates to know and use as a part of their advocacy toolkit.  Also hear more about the changes to the Specialist Disability Accommodation Tenancy legislation from Natalie Staub at the Department of Justice and Community Safety. |
| **12:10pm-1:00pm** | **Lunch** |
| **1:00pm-2:00pm** | **National Redress Scheme for Child Sexual Abuse –** *Di McCarthy, Children and Young People with Disabilities Australia*  CYDA is an National Redress Scheme support service with a particular focus of (a) ensuring that the scheme is accessible to all people with disability who might have been a victim or survivor of child sexual abuse whilst experiencing institutional care and (b) ensuring that children and young people with disability, the families and supporters are assisted in an inclusive trauma-informed framework to understand their choices relating to redress, and receive not only information but warm referral support to their closest National Redress Support Service. Hear from Di McCarthy about what the steps in accessing this scheme are. |
| **2:00pm-2:30pm** | **Afternoon Tea** |
| **2:30pm-3:30pm** | **NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission In Victoria –** *Rachel Mathison, Director of Complaints- Victoria*  The Victorian office of the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission has been established and opened for business on 1st July 2019. This session will discuss the processes for making complaints, what complaints can be made via this channel and information about other work and functions that this office have that are relevant to the work of disability advocates. |
| **3:30pm-4:00pm** | **2019 UNCRPD Outcomes Report-** *Patrick McGee, National Manager Policy, Australian Federation of Disability Organisations (AFDO)*  Recently, a delegation of people with disability went to the United Nations to report on Australia’s compliance to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability. The UN committee published an outcomes report on their findings which covers positive developments, areas of concern, as well as listing the committees recommendations for Australia to action. Patrick McGee will provide a summary of the findings. Note: This replaces the regular Office for Disability Update. |