



Advocacy Sector Conversations Forum

Tuesday 28th November 2017, 11am-4pm
Queen Victoria Women's Centre,
Level 4, 210 Lonsdale Street Melbourne

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.

LIVESTREAMING LINK: <https://livestream.com/accounts/10732470/events/7007261>

11:00am-11:05am	Welcome and Introductions- Melissa Hale, DARU Coordinator
11:05am-11.30pm	Disability Advocacy by the Numbers 2012-16 Report Launch- <i>Llewellyn Reynders</i> DARU has completed the Disability Advocacy by the Numbers report which showcases the trends and issues that Disability Advocacy Organisations are working on across the sector.
11.30-12.00pm	DARU Strategic Planning 2018-2021 workshop: What do Advocates want from DARU- <i>Llewellyn Reynders</i> DARU is commencing its next three year strategic plan- and wants to make it as practical and relevant to the current and future work of advocates as possible. This workshop will allow advocates to shape the work of DARU over the next three years.
12:00pm-1:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm-2:00pm	Launch of the Cost Benefit Analysis of Disability Advocacy- <i>Mary Mallett, Disability Advocacy Network Australia</i> Mary Mallett will present the findings of her research into the true cost of disability advocacy Australia wide. This ground-breaking research was supported by Leadership Plus, Disability Advocacy Victoria, VALID and AFDO.
2:00pm-2:30pm	Afternoon Tea
2:30pm-3:30pm	Self-Advocacy Resource Unit Projects- <i>Victorian Self Advocacy Network, Sue Smith, Dean Dadson and Jacqui Ward</i> To determine the sustainability of self-advocacy and self-advocacy groups in the shifts to individualised funding, the Self Advocacy Resource Unit (SARU) have been focusing on several projects. This session will provide updates and findings from these initiatives.
3:30pm-4:00pm	Office for Disability Update- <i>Felix Neighbour, Office for Disability</i> This session provides a unique opportunity for the Office for Disability to update the sector directly on key government initiatives including ongoing work to strengthen the Victorian Disability Advocacy Program.

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