

## Stay Informed

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Celebrate *International Day for People with a Disability*

with us at an ***Educational Initiatives Showcase***

**Benledi Meeting Room at Glebe Library, 186 Glebe Point Road, Glebe**

**NSW Wednesday 26 November 2014. 1:30 pm to 3:00pm**

In the lead up to the "International Day of People with a Physical Disability" PDCN is holding an afternoon tea so you can meet those working behind the scenes at PDCN and find out more about our work and activities. **These include:**

**Website: I'm Okay**

Award winning emergency readiness website provides information and tools that are useful and practical, to assist people with disability in being prepared in emergency situations including fires, bush fires, storms, and personal safety.

**Publication: Words Matter**

This is the fourth edition of this language guide developed by people with disability to highlight the importance of inclusive and respectful language for anyone who writes about, talks about, thinks about, or talks to people with disability.

**2014 Impact of Ageing on the needs of people with physical disability**

Results from the third state wide survey in a series conducted over 6 years that investigates the impact of ageing on people with physical disability in relation their changing needs and supports for housing, transport, infrastructure, along with social and economic participation and the built environment right across metropolitan, regional and rural areas of NSW.

**DVD: Dementia and People Living with a Disability**

Developed in partnership with Alzheimer's Australia, NSW, the DVD will be used to inform the boarder community, and also will be used as an educational tool for individuals.

**RSVP by Tuesday 25 November 2014**

**phone: 02 9552 1606 or email: [admin@pdcnsw.org.au](mailto:admin@pdcnsw.org.au)**

**I'M OKAY**



## Dementia and Physical Disability Workshops

**Physical Disability Council of NSW (PDCN)** and **Alzheimer's Australia NSW (AlzNSW)** are delivering a skill-based educational program at no cost for community service providers supporting clients who have a physical disability and dementia.

2015 February 4-5 **Newcastle**

February 18-19 **Randwick**

March 11-12 **Broken Hill**

March 25-27 **Wyong**

May 6-7 **Kiama**

These workshops have been delivered throughout NSW in 2013 and 2014 and will conclude in 2015.

Remaining workshops are listed here. To register for a workshop, please go to

<http://www.fightdementia.org.au/new-south-wales/education--training-in-nsw.aspx>

**The Gold Senior/Pensioner  
Opal card is now available**



For more details, go to:

[www.opal.com.au](http://www.opal.com.au)



### State highly commended award 2014 Resilient Australia Awards

On 16 October 2014, PDCN attended an award ceremony at Parliament House, hosted by the Ministry for Police and Emergency services, as part of the **2014 Resilient Australia Awards**.

PDCN Vice President, Peter Simpson was pleased to receive PDCN's State highly commended award, for the *I'm Okay: Emergency Readiness for People with Disability* which was launched in 2014.

Since the launch of the I'm Okay: Emergency Readiness for people with disability website, PDCN has received an overwhelming response from stakeholders who have continued to promote the website. Thank you for all your support. The purpose of the 'I'm Okay' website is to enhance the knowledge and capacity of people with a physical disability to increase their ability to respond to an emergency situation or disaster.

The website assists people to devise an action plan to ensure their needs are met in an emergency situation as well as educating stakeholders on the needs of people with a physical disability improving their ability to respond to emergency situations that people with disability may face. We are always aiming to improve the website by adding information and resources that can assist people in being prepared in the event of emergencies. If you have any information you would like to share, you can forward this information to [admin@pdcnsw.org.au](mailto:admin@pdcnsw.org.au).

The website also has a 'blog' feature where you can share tips, or stories about emergency situations. Join the conversation at the link: <http://www.pdcnsw-emergencyready.com/blog/>

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## **The iVote® system is a form of voting using internet or telephone**

### **Overview**

In the next NSW State Election in March 2015, the iVote® system will be offered as an alternate voting option to enable people who may have difficulty casting a vote at a polling place or voting independently. Electors can vote using their computer or telephone from anywhere they choose.....work, home, on a mobile phone, anywhere.

### **Community Consultations**

Since June 2014 the NSW Electoral Commission has been undertaking an extensive program of consultation with representatives from community and advocacy groups. The aim of the community consultation meetings is to ensure that the iVote® system proposed for the State General Election 2015 addresses the needs of all voters in NSW and produces a high degree of trust amongst the community, so that the objectives of useability, security, reliability and secrecy are met. The community consultation meetings have been very valuable in gaining understanding of the different needs within the broad community.

**How do you use the iVote® system?** You need to have access to a computer or telephone

The iVote® system is available to people on the NSW Electoral roll:

- who are blind or have low vision;
- have literacy needs;
- with a disability;
- who live in remote locations; or
- who will be outside NSW on election day.

Steps in voting with the iVote® system using a computer or telephone.

If you do not have access to internet or just prefer to use the telephone, you can vote using the phone keypad via an automated system, or speak to a call centre operator to assist you through the stages.

**Register** – confirm that you are on the electoral roll, provide a Personal Identification Number (PIN)

say where you want your iVote® number to be sent e.g. SMS Text, email or phone

**Vote** – enter your PIN and iVote® number

select your choices for Legislative Assembly

select your choices for Legislative Council

check your selections

submit your vote

you will get a receipt number

**Check** – You can use the telephone verification service during the election period to confirm your vote has been captured correctly. After the election you can use your receipt number to check that your vote has been included in the count.

### **Registrations for the iVote® system open mid February 2015**

A feature of the iVote® system is the ability for a voter to save a partially completed vote and return at a later time to complete their vote. The iVote® system's development has been reviewed at all stages with security in mind to ensure that it both improves trust and increases transparency. Both data security and voter privacy are maintained by strong governance and independent review. The iVote® system has been designed to ensure that nobody can ever know how an elector voted. The vote is stored securely in an encrypted format and cannot be linked with the voter's identity.

**Contact:** NSW Electoral Commission encourages questions and comments about the iVote® system to

[Toni.Richards@elections.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Toni.Richards@elections.nsw.gov.au)

In future newsletters a response to frequently asked questions will be published. Further information about the iVote® system visit [www.ivote.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ivote.nsw.gov.au) More information will be provided closer to the election



Thanks to everyone for a great year!

PDCN is open until

Noon Wednesday December 24 2014

PDCN will reopen for 2015 on Monday January 5th

## Local Support Groups of people with physical disability

PDCN has been informed that it has been successful in receiving a grant from the NDIA Sector Development Fund to implement a capacity development project.

The project will run for two years, and PDCN strategy is to: develop a number of local support groups of people with physical disability across NSW; build on the strengths of individuals to have more voice, choice and control over their lives; and through skill development opportunities to influence their broader communities to be more inclusive.

## Support Planning Funding Initiative

On July 2013, the [Living Life My Way Framework](#) was released by NSW Government, Family and Community Services, Ageing, Disability and Home Care (FACS).

The framework outlined initiatives to expand individualised funding arrangements for people with disability, including: expanding the use of individualised funding arrangements within existing programs and reducing the constraints on the scope and nature of supports they provide; provide increased opportunities for people receiving support under a number of programs to amalgamate this support into a single funding arrangement; provide new clients with the option of receiving support through an individual funding arrangement.

To support individuals through the transition to individualised funding arrangements, FACS is providing individuals access to support planners within the non-government sector.

Physical Disability Council NSW (PDCN) has been engaged as one of the non government disability organisations to provide support planning to individuals with disability. PDCN is currently recruiting Support Planners from across NSW. You will find a copy of the Position Description and recruitment information at

[http://www.pdcnsw.org.au/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=487:expressions-of-interest-for-support-planning-role-open&catid=67:2014-news&Itemid=60](http://www.pdcnsw.org.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=487:expressions-of-interest-for-support-planning-role-open&catid=67:2014-news&Itemid=60)





Physical Disability Council of NSW  
Ordinary People Ordinary Lives



**'Getting Ready':  
Living the life I want to live  
(a free workshop for people with  
physical disability)**

The focus of the workshop is gaining more control over your life by identifying what is important to you, set goals and make a plan to achieve goals:

- Provide opportunity for individuals through discussion and personal reflection, to identify and focus on what is important to them
- Assist individuals in identifying skills and supports, they may need to attain their specific goal
- Gain Information about funding initiatives
- Enable greater self awareness and confidence in individuals

**Developed by people with physical disability, for people with physical disability, facilitated by people with physical disability**

**Workshop dates are listed on the next page**

**To register for a free workshop or to find out more information please  
contact: [admin@pdcnsw.org.au](mailto:admin@pdcnsw.org.au) or call (02) 9552 1606**

***'Getting ready' is a consumer capacity building activity as part of Stronger Together 2 an initiative of Ageing, Disability & Homecare, Department of Family & Community Services NSW***

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## Workshop Facilitation

### **Getting Ready is a free workshop run over two days**

The restricted number of participants, the diversity of facilitator life experience and the face-to-face nature of the facilitation style all contribute to the effectiveness of the workshops.

- Conducted in two half-day sessions with a night in between for reflection and preparation .
- Optimum number of participants for each workshop is five people, but will accept up to 10 people
- The workshop is conducted by two facilitators, at least one of whom has a physical disability.

### **Upcoming workshops Below**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Time</b>
24-25 November 2014	<b>Forbes</b>	Kate Kelly Room, Plainsman Motel 22 Sheriff Street, FORBES NSW 2871	Day 1—1.15pm arrival, workshop 1.30pm to 4.30pm Day 2—9.45am arrival, workshop 10am to 1pm
1-2 December 2014	<b>Baulkham Hills</b>	Baulkham Hills Sports Club 11 Renown road BAULKHAM HILLS NSW 2153	Day 1—5.45pm arrival, workshop 6pm to 9pm Day 2—5.45pm arrival, workshop 6pm to 9pm
23-24 February 2015	<b>Lismore</b>	Venue to be confirmed	Day 1—1.15pm arrival, workshop 1.30pm to 4.30pm Day 2—9.45am arrival, workshop 10am to 1pm
16-17 March 2015	<b>Campbelltown</b>	Venue to be confirmed	Day 1—1.15pm arrival, workshop 1.30pm to 4.30pm Day 2—9.45am arrival, workshop 10am to 1pm
20-21 April 2015	<b>Sydney City</b>	Venue to be confirmed	Day 1—1.15pm arrival, workshop 1.30pm to 4.30pm Day 2—9.45am arrival, workshop 10am to 1pm
27-28 April 2015	<b>Port Macquarie</b>	Venue to be confirmed	Day 1—1.15pm arrival, workshop 1.30pm to 4.30pm Day 2—9.45am arrival, workshop 10am to 1pm

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