

Disability and Natural Disasters

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CAN YOU HELP US?

Researchers at The University of Sydney wish to invite people with impairments aged 18-60 who reside in the Councils of Sutherland Shire, Hawkesbury City or Greater Taree City to participate in a ground-breaking project about disability and natural disasters.

WHAT'S IT ABOUT?

People with disabilities are more likely to be affected by natural disasters than the general population. The project aim is to build resilience to natural disasters in NSW local communities using an inclusive approach. This will be achieved by collaborating directly with emergency managers, people with disabilities, and local organisations supporting them, or working with them.



WHAT'S INVOLVED?

Taking part in this two-year project involves:

- Participating in two emergency preparedness workshops (each one is 1-day long), to be organised locally. Participants will include the University of Sydney researchers, people with disabilities, emergency managers and representatives from local organisations supporting people with disabilities (Community Service Organisations, Disabled People Organisations, local businesses, the Council). During the workshops you will have a chance to discuss the barriers and strengths of your community in relation to a more inclusive disaster reduction strategy.
- Learning how to use a tool to help you improve your capability to prepare for- and respond to- natural hazard emergencies. You will learn this during the second workshop.
- Helping us advertise the tool to other people with disabilities in your area

YOUR PARTICIPATION IS VERY IMPORTANT

**If you are interested
and live in the Councils of Sutherland Shire, or Hawkesbury City, or Greater Taree City**

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