

MYAN and NEDA

National Meeting

'Young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds with disabilities: exploring experiences and gaps'

August 12, 2020

Collated resources and contacts – from the Zoom Chat Box

Below is a collation of the resources and contacts shared by participants and speakers at the meeting. Note that, while there are a range of resources shared below, including CALD-specific programs/projects, not all have a specific youth focus.

National Ethnic Disability Alliance (NEDA):

<http://www.neda.org.au/disability-royal-commission-fact-sheets>

Royal Commission:

How to share your story: <https://disability.royalcommission.gov.au/share-your-story>

Supports available: <https://disability.royalcommission.gov.au/counselling-and-support>

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bBM8iKTBsA>

Translated information: <https://disability.royalcommission.gov.au/publications/brochure-sharing-your-experience-disability-royal-commission>

Jessica Boyle, Engagement Officer

P: (07) 3734 1854

M: 0423 690 305

E: jessica.boyle@royalcommission.gov.au

Shauna Maguire

Assistant Director, Community Engagement

P: (07) 3734 1834

M: 0436 932 428

E: shauna.maguire@royalcommission.gov.au

Sienna Aguilar, Visual note taker:

https://twitter.com/Shenna_Aguilar

<https://about.me/siennaaguilar>

AUSLAN interpreting services:

<https://www.auslanservices.com/>

National

- A great report on the barriers faced by refugees with disabilities www.refugeecouncil.org.au/disability-report/
- Your Story Disability Legal Support, free, independent legal support available to People with Disability their carers, family and supports workers. Contact us if you would like information and legal advice on how to safely share your story with the Disability Royal Commission Ph: 1800 77 1800 (free call) or visit: www.yourstorydisabilitylegal.org.au
 - If you have any suggestion on how Your Story Disability Legal Support can better reach and promote our service with with the CALD and Young People disability communities, please contact Fiona McLean or Carla Martenelli at 1800 77 1800 or through our website contact form: www.yourstorydisabilitylegal.org.au
- To get started with general legal questions or advice you can contact your local Legal Aid Commission. www.nationallegalaid.org/contact
- FREE online training for NDIS registered disability service providers to support them to work more effectively with people from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) backgrounds. The CultureReady project is funded by the Department of Social Services and because it is online can be accessed nationally. There are four workshops available; Fundamentals of culturally responsive practice in the disability context, Working with language services, Engaging CALD communities and recruiting and retaining a diverse workforce. Please go to <https://www.ssi.org.au/services/ssi-training/cultureready> to find out more and book in online. Contact details to discuss inhouse workshops are on the webpage or contact me on jjirvine@ssi.org.au

South Australia

- If anyone in South Australia would like advocacy support to prepare a submission to the DRC or advocacy support generally call Advocacy for Disability Access and Inclusion on (08) 8340 4450
- For people in South Australia you can call the Legal Help Line on 1300 366 424 Monday-Friday, 9am-4.30pm
- Claire, Uniting LAC program in Western Sydney as an ILC Project Officer. We are looking to create projects and resources to assist people with a disability from a CALD background. Please reach out if you would like to collaborate or have identified any gaps that we can assist with! cjifkins@uniting.org
- Carla Martelli the Legal Coordinator and based in South Australia. Feel welcome to contact me Carla.Martelli@lsc.sa.gov.au

New South Wales

- Marj Letta from Settlement Services International Multicultural Peer Networks Program - NSW state wide. The Multicultural Peer Network facilitates FREE in-language, peer lead support networks that aim to increase the independence, social and community participation for people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities, people with disability, their families and carers across NSW.

The peer to peer groups are designed to:

- Help improve social and community participation between people with disability and the communities they live in
 - Increase knowledge on mainstream and disability services available to CALD communities, including the NDIS
 - Support local communities in making informed decisions about their own lives
 - Provide helpful in-language resources to CALD communities
 - Create opportunities where CALD communities can continue learning and share information
 - Provide ongoing contact for isolated CALD communities
Train and employ paid Lived Experience Facilitator
 - Marj Letta - mletta@ssi.org.au / 0488 680 286
- Chung (a Tibetan refugee) from Ethnic community service cooperative in Sydney. We provide free information (online or face to face) related to NDIS. We also do support coordination and community access.
 - My email is Chung.t@ecsc.org.au. Web: www.ecsc.org.au
 - TAFE NSW Digital - Multicultural Equity, aboriginal and disabilities unit. Please free to contact me.

OUR STUDENT SUPPORT

- Multicultural Support available to CALD students
 - Disability Support Services
 - Disability Consultants can help meet the study needs of students
 - The Aboriginal Education and Training Unit Staff provide academic and
 - Cultural support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.
 - Counselling and Career Development
Maria Perricone- Education Officer
Multicultural Community Engagement
Mobile T +61 417928255 |
E Maria.perricone@tafensw.edu.au
E tafedigital.multicultural@tafensw.edu.au
- Najla Turk 0402 397 523 Cultural Ambassador Sunnyfield Disability Services have been around for 69 years in NSW providing culturally appropriate care for CALD migrants and refugees. <https://www.sunnyfield.org.au/services/locations/>
 - Hi, Im Nohara Odicho from Refugee Service /LEGAL AID NSW, feel free to contact me on nohara.odicho@legalaid.nsw.gov.au
 - Joudy Lazkany, Operations Manager for the Humanitarian Settlement Program (HSP) in NSW, SSI. within the program we have a Specialised and Intensive Services (SIS). The SIS program provide support to humanitarian entrants and other eligible visa holders who have complex needs. SIS offer clients short term needs-based support to help them access

appropriate mainstream services and develop the necessary skills to manage their needs independently. We provide services across Sydney, Armidale, Coffs Harbour and Newcastle. If you would like to know further information please feel free to reach out , contact details below:

- Joudy Lazkany HSP Operations Manager
- Lvl 1/81 George Street, Parramatta NSW, 2150
M: 0431 170 463 E: jlazkany@ssi.org.au
- From Claire, Uniting LAC program in Western Sydney - ILC Project Officer. We are looking to create projects and resources to assist people with a disability from a CALD background. Please reach out if you would like to collaborate or have identified any gaps that we can assist with! cjifkins@uniting.org
- From Assala: I work as the Community and Youth project officer at the Lebanese Muslim Association located in NSW. We offer a range of services for young people from a CALD and refugee background inclusive to young people with a disability. This includes JOBFIT which supports the young person in goal setting, resume writing and preparing for a job interview. We also run homework hubs online and offsite. There are numerous other programs which I'm happy to discuss. asayara@lma.org.au <https://lma.org.au/> 02 9750 6833

Victoria

- Migrant Information Centre based at Eastern Melbourne: We have Access and Support program funded by the Victorian government to provide short term support for people with disabilities and their carers to understand services and find out services are available and help with what steps involved in applying for a services etc.
Email: dkhudaidad@miceastmelb.com.au
Ph: 03 92756901
- Hey all I'm a disabled young person working for Drummond street services. We have a free service that provides counselling and other supports to people in Victoria thinking of making a submission. It's independent from the Royal Commission. We have practitioners from OT, art therapy, social work and psychology backgrounds as well as lived experience peer workers. The service is also co-designed by people with disability, family and carers and advocates/support workers/professionals. More info and contact here:
<https://ds.org.au/our-services/independent-disability-support-services/> OR email disabilitysupport@ds.org.au
- From Jess Scannell - Welcoming Sport Coordinator Vic (Welcoming Aus) : Access to sport and rec opportunities is definitely a barrier. Particularly in high cald and high disadvantage areas. Welcoming Australia is looking for people to join the Welcome to the Game VIC Advisory Group. This group is being established to advise and support the ongoing development and implementation of Welcome to the Game, an initiative created to support young people from cald backgrounds with a disability to access sport and recreation opportunities. We proudly work at the intersection of cultural and linguistic diversity, all-abilities, and sport & recreation. We believe every young person, regardless of their background should have the opportunity to be active and connected to their local community and sport is a powerful way to achieve this. We are currently seeking young people with lived experience of being from migrant, refugee and asylum seeker backgrounds and having a disability to express their interest in joining our advisory group.
<https://welcomingaustralia.typeform.com/to/m69hIOL4>