

Date	Event	Venue	Presenter	Details
May 3 July 26	Making the Most of Change: Understanding & Managing Your Supports	Cairns Brisbane	Sharon Bourke / Suellen Welch	This one day workshop for people with disability, families & workers will assist people to identify the funded supports needed to complement informal, community & mainstream supports that help sustain a good life. It will also explore ways people can both manage & direct the support they need to live a rich & meaningful life.
April 3-7 May 8-12	Deep Quality Optimal Individual Service Design (10 day course)	Brisbane	Michael Kendrick	This intensive training program over two weeks, with theory & practicum components, is for people who are prepared to be challenged in their quest to create & support new possibilities for people with disabilities. Early bird rate available until March 1.
April 20	Equipping Organisations for the NDIS: Keeping in Touch with What Matters (Training for Managers)	Brisbane	Jane Sherwin	An interactive & timely training day for coordinators & managers of services looking to maintain the focus on the people they serve in an increasingly business-oriented & competitive NDIS funded sector. The day will offer opportunities to reflect on what matters & to connect with other managers dealing with similar challenges.
May 19 June 23 Sept 7 TBC TBC	Getting to the Heart of What Matters (Training for Support Workers)	Caboolture Brisbane Ipswich Emerald Kingaroy	Bridget Wickert / Suellen Welch	This workshop encourages support workers to critically reflect upon the essential purpose of their role. This includes the values that underpin & drive 'support', particularly in relation to valued roles & community belonging. Topics covered will include: The Role of a Support Worker, Roles vs Activities, Moving from Presence to Contribution.
May 18	Imagining Better: the importance of exploring what might be possible	Brisbane	Michael Kendrick	This seminar will examine the process of vision building for people & the critical role that 'imagining better' plays in forming, strengthening & expanding a positive vision of what might be possible. How to then translate this into practical strategies will also be addressed. The day will include a panel of local people sharing their experiences & strategies.
May 26	Responding Well to Challenging Behaviours	Brisbane	Ann Greer Rod Mills	This practical, down-to-earth training will deepen understanding about the situations in which people labelled with 'challenging behaviour' find themselves. Strategies to support people in a positive way, even when those needs are complex, will be explored. Ann will be joined by Rod who will share some of his own lived experience with that label.
June 12 <i>Please note date change</i>	Evening Crucial Conversation: Inclusive Education – Everybody's Business	CRU Office Brisbane	Glenys Mann	Inclusive education is not just the responsibility of parents of children with disability and their teachers but indeed all members of the community. This informal conversation evening will be of interest to anyone looking to support inclusive education and will explore what promotes and undermines successful inclusion. A light meal will be provided.
June 15	Self-Direction for Bigger and Better Lives	Brisbane	Jane Sherwin	This workshop outlines and explores a self-direction framework that is likely to bring benefits to people with disabilities, their families and people who work in the sector.
June 18	What You Always Needed to Know about Intellectual Impairment but were Mostly Never Told	Brisbane	John Armstrong	This workshop for parents & family members, presented in partnership with Uniting Care Community, will explore many of the commonly misunderstood characteristics of intellectual impairment that impact most, if not all people with an intellectual disability. The workshop will offer very practical ways participants can support the people they love & care about to succeed & understand.
July 13 Aug 10 Sept 14	Introduction to Facilitation	Brisbane	Catherine Allen	A practical, applied course for people wanting to learn how to facilitate groups effectively and with confidence. The training involves three work days over 9 weeks, a practicum component & take-home tasks.
July 28 - 30	2017 Family Leadership Weekend	'The Outlook' Boonah	Various	An opportunity for the whole family to learn, dream, celebrate and connect. This weekend is for families who want to be more intentional about building a rich, included life for their family member with a disability.
Aug 15	Employment for ALL: Getting & keeping jobs for people with disability	Brisbane	Michael Callahan	This seminar will explore the feasibility of employment for ALL & explain customised employment & the process of 'discovery'. Having worked with Marc Gold & Associates (MG&A) for thirty-eight years, Michael brings a wealth of practical and proven strategies to inspire & equip individuals to get and keep jobs. He will address the significant barriers to real work for people with disabilities & provide families & workers with practical strategies for assisting people to plan for, seek out & sustain employment.
Aug 30	An evening conversation for Brothers & Sisters	CRU Office Brisbane	TBC	This evening conversation is for adult brothers & sisters who want to support a good life for their family member with disability. A light meal will be provided.

Flyers will follow with more details & costs for each of these events for people with disability, their families, supporters & workers.

For updates on these events go to www.cru.org.au or contact the CRU office cru@cru.org.au or phone (07) 3844 2211

What do we need to be ready for the NDIS?

The **National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)** started on 1st July 2016 and is gradually rolling out across Queensland. CRU is running short workshops and information sessions that help people understand how they can access the scheme and best use this new way of getting disability support.

These workshops are for **people with a disability, their families and close friends** who are interested in exploring what they can do to be ready when the NDIS starts in their location. See more at www.cru.org.au

May	June
4 th Coopers Plains Library	12 th Rockhampton – workers & service providers
17 th Maryborough Neighbourhood Centre	12 th Rockhampton – evening session
18 th Hervey Bay Neighbourhood Centre	13 th Rockhampton Frenchville Sports Club
19 th Calamvale – in partnership with Calamvale Special School	14 th Gladstone Grand Hotel
20 th Nundah Library	14 th Mount Gravatt – workers & service providers
27 th Upper Kenmore Space @ Kenmore	17 th Coopers Plains Library
	21 st Sunnybank Mandarin language – in partnership with Amparo Advocacy

Stay tuned for more NDIS Participant Readiness events to be scheduled for 2017. CRU has capacity to run a small number of additional short sessions. If you have a group that is interested, please get in touch.

Real Stories of the NDIS New Opportunities for a Good Life

This one day forum showcases stories by and about people with disabilities and their families who are using the NDIS.

Presenters from Queensland and other states will share their experience of using the scheme.

BRISBANE

Saturday June 3, 2017

This forum is for **people with disability, families, friends, allies and people in paid support roles.**



Contact CRU if you need assistance to register, attend or participate in these events.

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