

Date	Event	Venue	Presenter	Details
Aug 10 Sept 14 Oct 12	Introduction to Facilitation	Brisbane	Catherine Allen	A practical, applied course for people wanting to learn how to facilitate groups that benefit people with disabilities effectively and with confidence. The training involves three work days over 9 weeks, a practicum component & take-home tasks.
Sept 7 Oct 18 Nov 28	Getting to the Heart of What Matters <i>(Training for Support Workers)</i>	Ipswich Kingaroy Brisbane	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.
Sept 7	Equipping Organisations for the NDIS: Keeping in Touch with What Matters <i>(Training for Managers)</i>	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.
Oct 17 Oct 18 Oct 18	Becoming a better advocate for your child	Yeppoon Gladstone Rockhampton	Lisa Bridle	While it is common to talk about "community inclusion" of people with disability; achieving real inclusion is not as common. This session will focus on how families can work towards inclusion in school, recreation and whole of life.
Oct 31	Securing the Good Life: Developing Safeguards for Vulnerable People	Brisbane	Michael Kendrick	Taking risks is an important part of living a full life but how to do that without comprising the safety of a person with disability can present challenges and tensions. A deeper understanding of the concepts of vulnerability and safeguarding will assist participants to sensitively manage vulnerabilities and implement intentional safeguarding strategies that help maintain and enhance the lives of people with disability.
Nov 1	Getting a quality inclusive education for your child: Building an effective home-school partnership	Townsville	Lisa Bridle	This workshop will help families to be clear about what inclusive education looks like and will discuss the ways parents can build their advocacy and communication skills to achieve an effective partnership with a school.
Nov 2	Imagining Better: the importance of exploring what might be possible	Townsville	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.
Nov 3	Investing in the Future: What One Person Can Do Seminar and Dinner	Brisbane	Michael Kendrick + others	Join us for a challenging and inspiring exploration of current leadership challenges with Michael Kendrick and a panel of local speakers. The seminar will be followed by a dinner to celebrate 30 years of Michael's contribution to our thinking about what's possible for people with disability in Queensland.
Nov 16	Responding Well to 'Challenging Behaviours'	Toowoomba	Ann Greer	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.

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.

From July to December 2017, CRU is pleased to be working in Logan, Redland City and Gold Coast to provide Participant Readiness workshops, as well as continuing in Brisbane.

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

October

- 24th **Richlands** The Lion
- 25th **Berrinba East State School, Logan** for families of school aged children with disability
- 27th **Wellington Point** Connect2Group

November

- 9th **Beenleigh** Beenleigh Events Centre
- 10th **Chermside** Kedron Wavell Services Club
- 11th **Mount Gravatt** TBC

November (cont.)

- 15th **Cleveland** Redlands RSL
- 25th **Woolloongabba** Autism Hub
- 30th **Robina** The Glades

December

- 6th **Brisbane North** workers session TBC
- 7th **Wynnum** - Wynnum Manly Services Club

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

Friday 13th October

Gold Coast

Saturday 14th October

These forums are 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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