



Building Capacity for Lifelong Inclusion

2025

2 Day CRU Event
14th & 15th March 2025
Brisbane Convention &
Exhibition Centre

This two-day event will gather and connect people with disabilities, family members, friends, workers, and allies to focus on building our capacity for lifelong inclusion.

We live in challenging times as we navigate the path to achieving good lives for people with disabilities. It's important that we come together to share real stories of what can be achieved for everybody – from young children to mature adults.

We promise you inspiration, encouragement and stories illustrating hopeful possibilities. This will also be a chance to reflect on what gets in the way of a good life and what we need to do to claim and create a positive future.

There will be time to connect with friends and opportunities to meet new allies for change.

This gathering features longer workshops designed to give participants the opportunity to explore topics of interest in a smaller group. Participants will be asked to choose one workshop stream each day. Some but not all of the workshops will be repeated.



**International,
Interstate &
Local Presenters**

Please secure your place now and join our mailing list and social pages as there will be lots more information to come.

What are the aims of Building Capacity for Lifelong Inclusion?

To build capacity so that people with disability, their family members and supporters will be equipped with ideas, skills, and peer connections to work towards:

- Full and genuine social and community inclusion, throughout life.
- Successful life milestones, including transitioning from school to work, and moving out of home.
- Increased independence and choice and control in life, including through supported decision making.
- Challenging and addressing barriers to inclusion and full social and economic participation, including through advocacy and self-advocacy.

FRIDAY NIGHT 6pm Community Catch-up!

at Rydges, Southbank

Join us for canapes & conversations with old friends & new! Enjoy a drink on Rydges Rooftop & the sweeping views of the Brisbane river & skyline!

Tickets \$60.00

Book now!

Detailed learning objectives are available on the event website.



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About the Workshops:

For each day, participants will need to choose a workshop stream. Spanning from morning tea until afternoon tea, these 3 hour workshops are designed to give participants the opportunity to explore topics of interest in a smaller group.

Topics will include:

- Inclusive Education
- Employment
- Supported Decision Making
- Home of Your Own
- Respectful Support
- Behaviour and Sensory Movement Differences



Speakers will include International, Interstate & Local Presenters

FRIDAY MORNING PLENARY



Dan & Samuel Habib - joining us live online from New Hampshire, USA

Dan Habib created the Emmy® Award winning New York Times Op-Doc, *My Disability Roadmap* and the new feature film, *The Ride Ahead* with his son Samuel.

Dan is also the creator of award-winning documentary films, *Including Samuel* & many other short films on disability related topics.

Dan is the Inclusive Communities Project Director at the Westchester Institute for Human Development. His films have been broadcast nationally for use as teaching tools worldwide. From 2014-2017 Dan served on the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities under Barack Obama.

Samuel Habib, is a college student and the Emmy® Award-winning co-director of *My Disability Roadmap* and, *The Ride Ahead*.

In addition to exploring his current and future academic and career options, Samuel also navigates significant chronic health challenges. He works part-time as a multimedia production assistant and presenter.

Dan spoke at the 2016 CRU conference and showed his film, *Including Samuel*. We are delighted to have him back and to have Samuel co-presenting by his side this time.

Day 1: Friday 14th March

8.30 Sign-in opens
 9:00 Opening Plenary
 10:30 Morning tea
 11-12:30 Workshops
 12:30 Lunch together
 1:30-3pm Workshops resume
 3.00-3.30pm Afternoon tea
 3:30-5pm Closing Plenary

Day 2: Saturday 15th March

8.30 Sign-in opens
 9:00 Opening Plenary
 10:30 Morning tea
 11-12:30 Workshops
 12:30 Lunch together
 1:30-3:30 Workshops resume
 3:30-5pm Closing Plenary

6pm: Community Catch-Up

| EVENT RATES (RSVP 5th March) | All tickets after 31st Jan 2025 |
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| 1 day ticket | \$175 |
| 2 day ticket | \$300 |
| Community Catch-Up (Friday night) | \$60 |

FRIDAY AFTERNOON PLENARY

Thomas Mayo

Thomas Mayo is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander man who lives on Larrakia land in Darwin. He is a senior trade unionist, an award-winning author, essayist, orator and a signatory to the Uluru Statement from the Heart. His advocacy and leadership in the push for the rights and recognition of Indigenous peoples spans over twenty years.



His 2024 book *Always Was Always Will Be* outlines a hopeful path forward in the campaign for peace and justice for Indigenous people since the referendum loss in 2023.

Workshop topics will include:

Inclusive Education

Dr Bob Jackson, Lyla Brown & Dan Read

Behaviour and Sensory Movement Differences

Ann Greer, Joyce-Lyn Smith & Rodney Mills.

Employment

Dr Jenny Crosbie.

Supported Decision Making

Dr Michelle Browning & John Chesterman.

Home of Your Own

Deb Rouget & Bec Feldman from Belonging Matters.

Respectful Support

Matt Stone, Leanne Burke & Ricky Esterquest.

and more!

Find out more and register at www.cru.org.au



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