



CALL FOR CONTENT
Submissions close: 23 June 2017

National NDIS Mental Health Conference
Towards a Good Life

Sydney Masonic Centre (SMC), 16-17 November 2017

Held over two days in Sydney in November 2017, the NDIS Mental Health Conference is an opportunity for the Mental Health sector to work together to make the most of this new scheme. With the conference theme 'towards a good life', there will be a focus on the transformational potential of the NDIS for people living with a psychosocial disability.

The conference is aimed at the broad range of NDIS mental health stakeholders, including community mental health workers, people with lived experience, public and private sector mental health workers and Government representatives.

Here are some questions that may be helpful in framing your submission:

- How can support providers innovate to meet the demands of a newly-empowered consumer marketplace?
- How can the support planning process best serve the needs of individual consumers?
- How can support providers plan for the transition from block funding to a more flexible marketplace?
- How can support providers outreach to potential NDIS participants?
- How can consumers be assisted to meet documentation requirements in order to access the scheme?
- What innovative approaches have consumers developed to self-manage their support plans?

Proposals should link with one or more of the following streams:

- **Lived Experience**
The experiences and reflections of NDIS service users
- **Families and carers**
The experiences and reflections of carers and family members of NDIS service users
- **Service providers**
The experiences, approaches, successes and challenges for NDIS service providers
- **NDIS, health and other services interface**
The links between different types of services and cross-sector relationships and collaborations



Submission Process

1. Your submissions should be submitted via [this form](#) by 23 June 2017
2. Applicants advised of outcome: 2 August 2017
3. Presenter confirmation required by: 21 August 2017

Early bird registrations close: 31 August 2017

Final delegate registrations close: 2 November 2017

Submission Requirements

- All submissions must be **relevant to the NDIS & Mental Health** and where possible should relate to the theme *"Towards a Good Life"*. They should link to one or more of the content streams.
- The proposed presenter must have the **legal right to present** all proposed content, including information, text, images, audio, video and all resources. This means the presenter must:
 - Own the copyright/intellectual property of all components; OR
 - Have written permission from the respective owners to use all components.
- Sessions may be **20, 60 or 90 minutes long**.

Due to the expected popularity of the event, the shorter your proposed session, the more likely we are to be able to include your proposal. In general, 90 minute proposals are only likely to be supported if they are an interactive format such as a workshop, panel session or interactive discussion.

Traditional lecture-style presentations should be limited to 20 minutes.

- Except where costs are indicated as part of the submission, it will be assumed that the proposer is able to deliver the proposed content at **no charge to the conference**, inclusive of:
 - conference registration
 - all preparation and delivery
 - any required materials and equipment
 - travel and transport costs associated with attending or any other associated costs.
- Organisations and/or individuals **may submit any number of proposals for consideration**. However, it is noted that any or all of these may be accepted or declined on an individual basis.
- The conference will provide room set up, with seating for delegates, along with a projector, laptop and screen for presentations. Whiteboards will be available upon request.
- **All other session requirements** including any handouts or consumables, **must be provided by the presenter**.



- Unless specifically arranged otherwise, **it will be assumed that all sessions are suitable for any number of people.**
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Conference Attendance

- Presenters are required also be conference delegates and need to register like any other delegate. The conference is unable to discount registration for presenters.
- Presenters who have lived experience will be eligible to apply for an additional subsidy, but should note that subsidies are limited.

Assistance

- Potential participants who need support or assistance in planning or preparing their submission are invited to contact WAAMH on **(08) 6246 3004.**

Preference will be given to:

- Proposals which support or link to the [conference objectives.](#)
- **Proposals able to demonstrate an interactive, participative format**
- **High quality, evidence-based content**
- Proposals which suggest a **holistic, person-centred perspective**, based on Recovery principles.
- Proposals which clearly include the **voices of lived experience** and/or demonstrate the principles of co-design.
- Proposals which **offer flexibility** in terms of timing, attendee numbers and logistics and/or particularly suit venue parameters.

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