

POSITION DESCRIPTION

NDIS CHAMPIONS: EMERGING GRASSROOTS LEADERS

Are you a person with disability with fresh ideas and strong networks in your own community? Do you have great interpersonal skills and believe the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) will help people with disability live 'an ordinary life' that other Australians take for granted?

The Australian Federation of Disability Organisations (AFDO) is the national voice representing people with disability in Australia. AFDO and our member organisations are run by and for people with disability, which we believe is very important to truly represent the voice and lived experience of people with disability.

AFDO is looking for 30 people with disabilities to become NDIS Champions. We are especially interested in emerging grassroots leaders – people who are great communicators with a fresh voice.

NDIS Champions program

People with disabilities are not often asked to provide information about the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) to their peers and community. AFDO is now offering an NDIS Champions program that will put together a group of people with disabilities from all around Australia who can confidently provide information on the NDIS. Training will be provided to the NDIS Champions to make sure they have the necessary skills and knowledge.

Payment

The NDIS Champions will be paid \$30 per hour for their work, including training. However, they will not become employees of AFDO.

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Who can apply?

- The NDIS Champions Program is only open to people with disabilities
- Applicants must provide an Australian Business Number (ABN); either a personal ABN or through their employer (not AFDO)
- Applicants must be covered by insurance; either personal accident and indemnity insurance, or WorkCover through their employer (not AFDO)

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Time involved

The NDIS Champions will be expected to attend two days of training in Melbourne – either 12 & 13 September 2016 or 22 & 23 September 2016. Note that they will not be able to choose which dates. After that they will give speeches when invited. The total time involved is likely to be around 20 to 30 hours.

Relationships

The NDIS Champions is run for and by people with disability. NDIS Champions will be supported by an AFDO Disability Loop Project Officer. They will be expected to develop relationships with the other NDIS Champions and with people in their own networks and local community.

Expectations

We would like the people who apply to be an NDIS Champion to:

- Have great connections in the grassroots disability community
- Be recognised by their peers as a good communicator who gets along well with other people
- Promote the program through their own networks
- Be available to inform others about the NDIS
- Develop relationships with other NDIS Champions to provide peer support
- Be able to have sufficient time to participate in all parts of the program

Choosing the NDIS Champions

To be chosen as an NDIS Champion, you must:

1. Be interested in the role, and be excited about the possibilities the NDIS could bring
2. On your own or with support you must be able to:
 - Develop a good understanding of the NDIS
 - Learn how and where to find further information
 - Learn how to confidently provide that information to others
 - Learn to talk about disability issues beyond their own experience
 - use Microsoft PowerPoint when giving presentations
3. Be able to make sufficient time commitment
4. Be able to travel to attend training, with supports as required
5. Have the ability to develop relationships
6. To apply, people with disability should tell us about why they think they will be a suitable NDIS Champion. They will need to answer the questions in the Application Form. These questions can be answered in a number of different ways – the Application Form has all the details.

Young people, women, and people from rural, remote, Indigenous, CALD, and LGBTI communities are encouraged to apply.

Applications must be sent in before 5pm on Monday 15 August 2016.

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