# 1. Champions training overview

#### Introductions

CONGRATULATIONS

Firstly, congratulations and thank you to you all for being here today! Today we are excited to welcome and meet 18 of the successful candidates to be trained as NDIS Champions as part of the AFDO Disability Loop project.

Over the next two days we will do a number of activities together that will help you learn more about the NDIS and about being a confident speaker. We will also explain all the details of the NDIS Champions role.

acknowledgement of country

I would like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we are gathered and pay my respects to their Elders both past and present.

THE AFDO DISABILITY LOOP PROJECT

Disability Loop is a project run by the Australian Federation of Disability Organisations – usually known as AFDO. We will tell you more about AFDO and Disability Loop in a moment, but firstly I would like to introduce you to everyone in the team.

* Carl Thompson, Project Officer
* Matthew Wright, CEO
* Catherine McAlpine, Senior Manager
* Jean Cotchin, Communications Officer
* Tricia Malowney, Project Support (contractor)

Roll call

Before we start, we will do a roll call, and we do this make sure everyone knows who is in the room, and where they are.

Media consent form

We would like to let you know that we are filmimg and taking photos during your training today and tomorrow. We are proud of this program and all of you and want to show this program off! Most of the video footage will be of our presenters, but we’d like to have some video and photo of all of you participating in this training. If you’re happy for us at AFDO to have and use photos and or video footage of you, please fill out the media consent form. If we do get you on video or photos today but we don’t have your consent we will not use your image.

**ACTION:** Please fill out the Media Consent form

#### Australian Federation of Disability Organisations (AFDO)

The NDIS Champions program is being run by AFDO – the Australian Federation of Disability Organisations. AFDO is the national voice representing people with disability in Australia. AFDO is made up of organisations run by people with disability and their families, and champions their rights.

AFDO AND THE NDIS

AFDO played a very important role in the introduction of the National Disability Insurance Scheme – the NDIS. Around the time of the release of the Shut Out and Productivity Commission reports on the “…unfair, underfunded and fragmented” disability support system in Australia, AFDO, National Disability Services (NDS), and Carers Australia formed the National Disability and Carer Alliance. The National Disability and Carer Alliance launched the Every Australian Counts campaign in 2011, engaging with the wider Australian community with the primary goal of gathering support for a new type of disability support, known as the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). After years of research, grassroots campaigning and political lobbying, the framework for the NDIS was introduced to Parliament in 2012 and the trial period began in 2013.

disability loop

Disability Loop is a collection of resources run by AFDO that aims to give people with disability and families information about the NDIS that is up-to-date, easy to find and easy to use. Disability Loop always uses plain language to help everyone make sense of it all. Disability Loop includes an accessible website, eNews, online resources that explain the NDIS and NDIS news, social media channels as well as workshops and training.

#### Training Agenda

DAY ONE

09:00 Session 01 Welcome

09:15 Introduction

09:30 Session 02 The nuts and bolts of being an NDIS Champion

10:30 **Morning Tea**

11:30 Session 03 All about accessibility

12:00 Session 04 Being a confident public speaker

13:00 **Lunch**

14:00 Session 05 Preparing a 2 minute speech

15:00 **Afternoon Tea**

15:30 Session 06 How did I go?

16:00 Session 07 Workshop promotion and use of social media

16:30 Open forum for questions

17:00 **Close**

DAY TWO

09:00 Session 08 The NDIS Presentation

10:30 **Morning Tea**

11:00 Session 09 Practice, practice, practice

11:30 Session 10 Your time to shine

12:30 **Lunch**

13:30 Session 11 Finding further information

15:00 Session 12 Peer support for NDIS Champions

16:00 Session 13 Wrap up

16:30 **Close**