# **IN THE NEWS**

## International Day of Persons with Disabilities – let’s get busy!

It’s that time of year again – are you ready to start planning how to celebrate International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD)?

**Hold an event at your workplace for IDPD**

At ADDC we are aware that building strong inclusive practices in our Australian organisations is a key step in ensuring disability inclusion in their overseas development work. IDPD is a fantastic opportunity to raise awareness and get involvement on disability inclusion throughout your organisation, particularly if management and teams are able to attend and reflect on the day.

We encourage you to think about what you could organise to celebrate the day in your workplace – and luckily this [Workplace Event Planning Kit](https://www.idpwd.com.au/get-involved/workplaces/) from the Australian IDPD can get you started with ideas, tips and tricks for a successful event. Get some ideas from their easy to access [materials](https://www.idpwd.com.au/resources/) such as invitations and certificates too!

**IDPD Communications Kit from CBM Australia**

As in previous years, CBM Australia will be producing a communications kit in the lead up to IDPD, with a range of resources with a particular focus on disability and development, that may help your organisation mark the day.

This year CBM Australia is focussing on the sub-theme ‘defying expectations’ and is producing a number of resources that align with this theme, including a new 2 minute video that will be launched on the day.

**The IDPD communications kit will be shared via email on Monday 19 November.**

The kit will include:

* An introduction to IDPD
* A link to the IDPD video (YouTube and download link), (note the video is embargoed until 3 December)
* An overview of the theme and some stats and facts on disability and global development
* Two case studies
* An adaptable blog article
* An adaptable media release
* Infographics
* Posters
* Suggested social media posts

**If you would like to receive the communications kit or have any questions please contact Gemma Muir** [**gmuir@cbm.org.au**](mailto:gmuir@cbm.org.au)

## CRPD Committee releases [General Comment on the participation of persons with disabilities](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRPD/C/GC/7&Lang=en)

The CRPD Committee adopted last Friday September 21, during the last day of their 21st session, the General Comment no. 7 on CRPD Articles 4.3 and 33.3 on the participation of persons with disabilities and their representative organizations.

The [full text](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRPD/C/GC/7&Lang=en) of the GC is available for download in word version from the website of the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

**The Bali Declaration, TCI Asia Plenary Meeting August 2018**

[**Important outcomes**](http://www.tci-asia.org/events.html) **from the TCI Asia Plenary Meeting in Bali are:**

* Renaming as "TCI Asia Pacific", and to cover the South Asia, South East Asia and Pacific regions.
* Adoption of new countries (Maldives, Myanmar, Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam, Fiji, Tonga, East Timor, Hong Kong) as members.
* Adoption of ‘the Bali Declaration’ as a way of responding to the forthcoming International mental health week, and showing concern about the medical psychiatric expansion throughout the region.
* The [Bali Declaration](http://www.tci-asia.org/events.html) was formally adopted by TCI Asia Pacific on 29th of August in Bali and then, through another participatory process and support from a number of members as well as allies, finally firmed up as attached.

## Assistant Minister says no further aid budget cuts under her watch

The Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Anne Ruston, has stated that there will be “no reduction in the investment and involvement of Australia in our aid budget”. The full interview with Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Anne Ruston, [can be found here](https://www.devex.com/news/anne-ruston-on-australia-s-changing-aid-program-93478).

*(Source: ACFID)*

**What’s coming up at the High Level Political Forum 2019?**

The [2019 High-level Political Forum](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf) will highlight the following goals around the theme of '**Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality**’.

* **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 4.**Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all
* **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 8.**Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all
* **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 10.** Reduce inequality within and among countries
* **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 13.**Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts
* **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 16.**Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all level
* **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 17.**Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.

**Countries to be Reviewed in 2019 : Voluntary National Reviews**  
Fifty-one countries will conduct voluntary national reviews during the last three days of the session:

* 41 countries will report for the first time: Algeria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Côte d’Ivoire, Croatia, Eritrea, Eswatini, Fiji, Ghana, Guyana, Iceland, Iraq, Israel, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mongolia, Nauru, New Zealand, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Serbia, South Africa, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, UK, Tanzania, and Vanuatu.
* 10 countries will report for a second or third time: Azerbaijan, Brazil, Chile, El Salvador, France, Guatemala, Indonesia, Philippines, Sierra Leone, and Turkey.

More information available at [https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/vnrs/](https://internationaldisabilityalliance.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=217f78e7ae80e87d647cb61c5&id=fbad6ccd05&e=02c08c5bd1).

The [**2019 Edition of the Handbook for the Preparation of Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs)**](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/20872VNR_hanbook_2019_Edition_For_Print10122018ForewordGraphic_update.pdf) has been prepared by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)

**What happened at the HLPF 2018**  
Check out [what happened](https://internationaldisabilityalliance.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=217f78e7ae80e87d647cb61c5&id=1cecd34f93&e=02c08c5bd1) in 2018 at the HLPF and read about the participation and engagement of the Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities.

# **NEW** **RESOURCES**

**Images in online fundraising and marketing:**

## A critical examination of ACFID Members’ practice and perspectives

Development organisations face the constant challenge of ensuring their images and messaging meet high ethical standards, while at the same time being effective fundraising and marketing tools. Globally, there has been a shift towards using more positive images that emphasise the potential impact of donations. The Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) identified the need to better understand how images are chosen and used in the Australian sector and have developed [this critical examination](https://acfid.asn.au/sites/site.acfid/files/resource_document/Images%20and%20messaging%20in%20online%20fundraising%20and%20marketing%20-%20ANIP%20report%20for%20members.pdf) of practices and perspectives in response.

**Disability-inclusive election observation toolkit**

The IFES has launched a [new tool](https://www.ifes.org/publications/election-access-observation-toolkit) to promote disability-inclusive election observation. Election access observations are a great way to build political leadership skills of DPOs and to give election management bodies concrete, evidence-based recommendations for improving access.

According to the World Health Organization, one out of every seven people in the world has a disability, yet citizens with disabilities remain underrepresented in political life as voters, election observers, candidates and election officials. Mainstream observer groups often do not hire people with disabilities to serve as observers and only include basic, if any, questions on access for people with disabilities in their checklists. To ensure election observations account for the various barriers that women and men with disabilities encounter, the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES), along with disabled person’s organization (DPO) partners around the world, has developed an [*Election Access Observation Toolkit*](http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=Hnzki9T3FwGvM0p%2B%2Fz7PmxbeztyhPeGI)*.*

# **OPPORTUNITIES FOR INPUT**

**Australian National Awards for Disability Leadership**

# Nominations are now open for the National Awards for Disability Leadership. These awards recognise and celebrate the extraordinary contribution and leadership shown by people with disability and our organisations in Australia today. Nominations are currently open and close on 12 November. These Awards recognise the work of Australians. To be nominated you must be Australian, working in Australia, or specifically advancing the status of disabled Australians.

[More information](https://disabilityleaders.com.au/award-categories/) about the different categories as well as the nomination form is available on the website.

# **EMPLOYMENT and** **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

## Engineers Without Borders Australia

## [Field Volunteer Position, Professional and Technical Development Mentor, Cambodia](https://www.ewb.org.au/getinvolved/volunteer/field-volunteer-positions)

**Assignment Title:**Professional and Technical Development Mentor   
**Partner Organisation:** Agile Development Group  
**Location:** Phnom Penh, Cambodia (occasional travel required)  
**Duration:** 12 months  
**Commencement:** mid-March 2019

**Applications Close:** 9am AEDT Thursday, 8th November 2018

**The Role:**Agile Development Group started working in Cambodia as student group in 2010, supporting organisations working with vulnerable women and survivors of human trafficking. Since then, Agile have expanded their scope, delivering human centred design programs to support rural farmers and focusing on disability, design and innovation through Agile Labs to enable people with disability achieve independent lifestyles.

The aim for Agile Labs is to become a Khmer led (and eventually owned) innovation lab that co-designs and delivers assistive devices and technologies that increase independent living for Cambodians living with disability. The role of the volunteer is to mentor and upskill the capacity of local staff in this specialist area, supporting them to develop innovative products, create structures and processes around assistive technology development and training technical staff to continue the process.

**About You:** You will have industrial and creative design experience within an engineering context. You have experience in training and mentoring, and are passionate about mentoring and sharing knowledge

## Australian Volunteers International

[Disability Program Development Officer, Nepal](https://www.australianvolunteers.com/opportunities/10545665/)

Sector: Education, Training, Library

Duration: 12 Months

* Use your experience in disability studies to help develop teaching courses and support Kathmandu University improve its disability studies and research.
* Experience living, working and learning under the shadow of Everest in Nepal’s vibrant capital, Kathmandu.
* Share your knowledge to build capacity within local staff and create a sustainable model for disability studies in Kathmandu.

For more information contact Hameed Nida on [HNida@avi.org.au](mailto:HNida@avi.org.au) or +61 3 9279 1875

**Application deadline: 12 November 2018**

## Australian Volunteers International

[Special Education Mentor, Vietnam](https://www.australianvolunteers.com/opportunities/10545808/)

Sector: Education, Training, Library

Duration: 7 Months

* You'll be developing a model for special needs intervention with a strong partnership between parent and professional
* You'll need experience working with children with different disabilities in varied educational settings
* You'll have the opportunity to use your industry experience to influence services provided to children with disabilities

For more information contact Claire Hankinson on [CHankinson@avi.org.au](mailto:CHankinson@avi.org.au) or +61 3 9279 1752

**Application deadline: 12 November 2018**

## Australian Volunteers International

[Clinical Rehabilitation Specialist: Occupational Therapist, Myanmar](https://www.australianvolunteers.com/opportunities/10545620/)

Sector: Health

Duration: 12 Months

* Bring your skills as an Occupational Therapist to Humanity & Inclusion (HI) to support the bridging between rehabilitation and inclusion.
* Develop the technical competency of HI project teams and local partners.
* Live in Yangon, a multicultural city with a long history and the former capital of Myanmar.

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**Application deadline: 12 November 2018**

## Australian Volunteers International

[Physiotherapist, PNG](https://www.australianvolunteers.com/opportunities/10545642/)

Sector: Health

Duration: 11 Months

* Use your experience as a physiotherapist to contribute to the community based rehabilitation work Cheshire do empowering people with disabilities in PNG.
* Experience living, working and learning in PNG’s vibrant capital, Port Moresby.
* Share your knowledge with local staff to help train and up skill physiotherapists in PNG to have a greater impact on the communities they work in.

For more information contact Ian McDonald on [IMcDonald@avi.org.au](mailto:IMcDonald@avi.org.au) or +61 3 9279 1795

**Application deadline: 12 November 2018**

## Australian Volunteers International

[Orthotics/Prosthetics Programme Officer, PNG](https://www.australianvolunteers.com/opportunities/10545702/)

Sector: Community/Social Development

Duration: 14 Months

* Support the vital work of the National Orthotic & Prosthetic Services unit,in PNG's National Department of Health.
* Live, work and learn in the national capital, Port Moresby.
* Work with local colleagues to develop sustainable organisational and operational management systems at NOPS.

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**Application deadline: 12 November 2018**

## Australian Volunteers International

[Certified Prosthetist and Orthotist (P&O), Nepal](https://www.australianvolunteers.com/opportunities/10539642/)

Sector: Health

Duration: 12 Months

* Strengthen the capacity of the Prosthetist and Orthotist staff at the National Disabled Fund to improve services of the Rehabilitation Centre.
* Assist in reaching the National Disabled Fund’s goal of ensuring equality in every service to the person with disability.
* Live in Kathmandu, the capital and largest city of Nepal.

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**Application deadline: 12 November 2018**

## Australian Volunteers International

[Occupational Therapist Trainer, Philippines](https://www.australianvolunteers.com/opportunities/10545397/)

Sector: Health

Duration: 12 Months

* Support rehab and therapy for children with special needs in Ifugao province
* Build capacity of teachers in Special Education Centers
* Explore highland communities with rice terraces and a proud indigenous culture

For more information contact Tessa Fisken on [TFisken@avi.org.au](mailto:TFisken@avi.org.au) or +61 3 9279 1879

**Application deadline: 12 November**

## Australian Volunteers International

[Occupational Therapist, PNG](https://www.australianvolunteers.com/opportunities/10535135/)

Sector: Health

Duration: 6 Months

* Support the vital work of Cheshire Disability Services PNG.
* Live, work and learn in the national capital, Port Moresby.
* The key objective of this assignment is to train national staff, mainly Physiotherapist and Field Workers with the aim of up-skilling them with relevant Occupational Therapist skills to be able to carry out assessment, prescribe and administer relevant treatment/rehabilitation interventions especially with disabilities.

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# **CONFERENCES, TRAINING** **& EVENTS**

**[First Peoples Disability Network Australia skill building workshops](https://spark.adobe.com/page/8OrjfSjo2ospa/)**

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Upcoming workshops:

**Adelaide, 16 November**, Sage Hotel, South Terrace, Tickets $150. [For more information or to register](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/adelaide-building-the-aboriginal-disability-service-sector-workshop-tickets-50466465557)

**Coffs Harbour, 22 November**, Cex Coffs, Tickets $150. [For more information or to register](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/coffs-harbour-building-the-aboriginal-disability-service-sector-workshop-tickets-50338983254)

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[**9th International Conference on Human Rights Education**](http://www.ichre2018.com.au/)

**Sydney, 26-29 November 2018**

This year’s 9th ICHRE is looking to be Australia’s largest celebration of two significant international events: the 70th anniversary of the UN Declaration of Human Rights and the 25th anniversary of the education-orientated Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action. These important events are both cause for celebration and a call for ongoing human rights work, both internationally and at home.

The international conferences on human rights education (ICHRE) are a series of dialogues on HRE as a means of promoting democracy, the rule of law, justice, and intercultural and social harmony.

This conference will cover the range of human rights education (HRE) issues such as curricula, pedagogy and best practices, including in the context of discrimination faced by First Nation peoples, women, children, persons with disabilities, LGBTIQ communities and those of refugee and minority cultural and religious backgrounds. Contemporary challenges to regional and national HRE and how to effectively address them will also be considered.

[**'Leadership in Mental Health'**](http://www.mhinnovation.net/forums/courses/sangaths-leadership-mental-health-course-2018) **course  
*Goa, India, 3 – 14 December 2018***  
[Sangath](http://www.sangath.com/) is pleased to announce that registration for its 11th ['Leadership in Mental Health'](http://www.mhinnovation.net/forums/courses/sangaths-leadership-mental-health-course-2018) course is now open.  The two-week intensive course, tutored by some of the best mental health experts globally, will train you to develop and scale up interventions and help you understand how mental health programs are implemented in low-resource settings. Set in the scenic state of Goa, the course will be held at the Sangath centre in Porvorim, Goa and will have Vikram Patel, Graham Thornicroft and Soumitra Pathare taking you through the course.  For more information, write to [lmh@sangath.in](http://sangath.in/)

[**6th Pacific Regional Conference on Disability**](http://www.pacificdisability.org/Home/PDF-6TH-Pacific-Regional-Conference-on-Disability.aspx)

With the theme: “From Recognition to Realisation of Rights: Furthering Effective Partnership for an Inclusive Pacific 2030,” the conference will be from Monday, 25th February 2019 – Friday, 01st March 2019 at the Tanoa International Hotel, Nadi, Fiji.

The program will include:

* The PDF General Forum
* The Pacific Regional Forum on Women with Disabilities
* The Pacific Regional Forum on Youth with Disabilities
* The Disability Research Roundtable
* The Pacific Disability Conference.

The 6th Pacific Regional Conference on Disability is organized by the Pacific Disability Forum in partnership with its member organisations of persons with disabilities (DPOs) in Fiji. Funding assistance is provided by the Government of Australia through the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).

For more information on the Conference, please contact The Manager; Finance and Cooperate; Mr. Raveen Chand on [mfc@pacificdisability.org](mailto:mfc@pacificdisability.org)

[**2019 Australasian Aid Conference at ANU 19-20 February**](https://devpolicy.crawford.anu.edu.au/annual-australasian-aid-conference)

Interested in aid and international development policy? The [Australasian Aid Conference](https://devpolicy.crawford.anu.edu.au/annual-australasian-aid-conference) is for you, and there are plenty of opportunities to get involved.

If you have an idea to improve Australian aid or development policy, submit it to enter the [3-Minute Aid Pitch](https://devpolicy.crawford.anu.edu.au/annual-australasian-aid-conference/2019/call-for-papers) competition. Would you rather listen or network with others in the sector? Register for the conference [here](https://devpolicy.crawford.anu.edu.au/annual-australasian-aid-conference/2019/registration) (register before 30 November and save yourself some money!) . Work for an organisation and want to showcase your work? Sponsor the conference, details [here](https://devpolicy.crawford.anu.edu.au/annual-australasian-aid-conference/2019/sponsorship).

[**XVIII World Congress of the World Federation of the Deaf**](https://www.wfdcongress2019.org/)

**23-27 July 2019, Paris, France**

The Congress theme, "**Sign Language Rights for All**" highlights that full enjoyment of linguistic rights is vital in facilitating the full inclusion of the Deaf Community within society.

The official languages of the congress are International Sign Language, French Sign Language, English and French.

All information about the congress can be found on [www.wfdcongress2019.org](http://www.wfdcongress2019.org)

# **NEWSLETTER****S FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

## [UN DESA Voice October 2018](https://www.un.org/development/desa/undesavoice/2018/10)

# In this issue:

* UN World Data Forum ready for take-off in Dubai
* Frontier technologies for a sustainable future
* UN General Assembly kicks off work in Second and Third Committees
* Calling all innovative public institutions, who strive to excel in public service delivery for the SDGs!
* En route to ensure safety and dignity for people on the move
* Secretary-General launches ne strategy to fund the global goals

[**Source E-Bulletin on Disability and Inclusion, Autumn (Northern) 2018**](file:///C:\Users\kdickson\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary%20Internet%20Files\Content.Outlook\R5X4TL3V\email.mht)

Selection of 25 resources uploaded recently on Source, including:

* Global Disability Summit 2018: Summary of Commitments
* Missing millions: how older people with disabilities are excluded from humanitarian response
* Gender and disability intersectionality in practice
* Wheelchair service provision course
* Disability and inclusive education
* Addressing the rising prevalence of hearing loss
* Digital Accessibility Toolkit
* Where there is no psychiatrist; A mental health care manual

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