



SYDNEY NETWORK FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY

Who are we?

The Sydney Network for Students with Disability is a network of students with disability or medical condition enrolled in tertiary study in Sydney. The network is facilitated by the Sydney Region National Disability Coordination Officer Program.

Who are students with disability?

The legal definition of disability under the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) in Australia is broad and includes chronic medical conditions, mental illness and learning disabilities. One in five Australians has a disability under this definition and 80% of disabilities are invisible.

The aims of the network:

- Peer support and mentoring
- Improving transition into and out of university
 - Advocacy for students
- Data collection / recording student experiences
- Disability awareness and knowledge for students, staff and the community.

Current challenges faced by students with disability:

- Isolation of students/lack of community or network
- Poor Awareness of disability within the university
- Non-engagement with disability services and lack of supports available around disclosing disability
- Issues around disclosing disability
- Problematic transition from high school
- Poor staff and peer awareness of disability and lack of sensitivity
- Insufficient representation of students with disability in leadership positions
- Poor provisions of poor understanding about provisions
- Difficulty for students with disability balancing uni/work/life.

Are you interested in joining?

If you would like to join the network or would like more information please email the Sydney National Disability Coordination Officers:

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