



News of the week

Celebrating inclusivity

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We join the global community to celebrate International Day of People with Disability, which takes place on Saturday 3 December. Find out about this year's theme plus details of our special guest speaker.

What is International Day of People with Disability?

International Day of People with Disability (IDPwD) is a United Nations-observed day celebrated around the world. It aims to increase public awareness, understanding and acceptance of people with disability and celebrate their achievements and contributions.

Access and equity

This year's theme is "*Transformative solutions for inclusive development: the role of innovation in fuelling an accessible and equitable world*". It is an opportunity for us all to celebrate the lives, achievements and take steps towards positive change for 4.4 million Australians with disability.

Taking action

We can all take action to challenge perceptions about disability, remove barriers and promote inclusive and respectful attitudes and behaviours in our community and workplace. The ACMA and more broadly the Australian Public Service are committed to supporting access and equity through the [Australian Public Service Disability Employment Strategy 2020-25](#).

IDPwD Guest Speaker - Carol Heijo

Join us for an ACMA guest speaker event with Carol Heijo to mark IDPwD. Blind from birth, Carol is a strong advocate for people with disability and is incredibly passionate about influencing positive awareness and change. Carol is motivated by an intrinsic desire to contribute to the delivery of services for people with disability to live the life they choose. Carol will join us to share her experiences and advice, and take your questions.



Wednesday 30 November, 2.00pm – 2.45pm

[Register here for this live MS Teams event](#)

Further resources

- Visit idpwd.com.au for more information about IDPwD, including resources, stories, videos and ways to get involved
- Enrol in the LearnHub training course [SBS Inclusion module on Disability](#)
- Listen to the *Labelling the disabling* podcast on Spotify (co-hosted by Carol Heijo)
- Watch Dylan Alcott AO speak about [International Day of People with Disability](#)
- Visit the Canberra exhibition [‘Pictures of You Empowering and representing people with disabilities through art](#)
- Join the Sydney event [Lived Experiences of Peers with Disability – CBCity Human Library](#)
- Join the Melbourne event [Celebrating Disability Creatively – Community Artwork Workshop](#)
- Print the IDPwD [Chatterbox activity](#) and use it as a fun way to engage with your colleagues.

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