

GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY NDIS SYMPOSIA SERIES

Housing for people with disability: a place to call home

Monday, 15 February 2016, 8.30am - 4.30pm (Rooms P9-P10-P11) Plaza Level,
Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, Grey Street Entrance, South Brisbane

The Griffith University NDIS Symposia Series aims to bring together a wide range of people to ask some challenging questions about the implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), and discuss the issues openly and honestly. This event, the seventh of the Series, is on housing for people with disability. The demand for housing assistance is expected to be high and the goal is clear.

People with disability want a place to call home—of their choosing.

We believe the NDIS has an important role to play by offering new opportunities for people with disability and their families. The aspirations of the NDIS for housing provision and assistance are bold.

They point to four guiding principles:

1. **RIGHTS:** People with disability should have the same rights to housing assistance as other people and should be assisted to exercise those rights.
2. **CHOICE:** People with disability should have the opportunity to choose where, how and with whom they live.
3. **INCLUSION:** Housing should enhance independence and social and economic participation of people with disability in family and community life.
4. **CONTROL:** The provision and management of housing should be separate from the management of support.

These principles challenge an already stressed housing sector—more than 100,000 Australians are homeless, and many more struggle to meet housing payments or fortnightly rent. There is an undersupply of affordable and social rental housing. Yet, to consider housing for people with disability only in these terms will not do. We need to raise expectations for real housing alternatives in both the social and private housing market.

This Symposium will consider how both the social and private housing sector can ideally work for everyone, including people in the NDIS.

- ✓ **Dr Ilan Wiesel will report on the latest AHURI research**
- ✓ **The NDIS and Queensland Government will share their housing strategies**
- ✓ **People with disability will share their experiences of finding a place to call home**
- ✓ **We will hear some big ideas on how housing could be visitable, neighbourhoods inclusive and a home of your own achievable!**

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8.30-9.00 REGISTRATION		
9.00-9.10	Welcome	Griffith University
9.10-9.30	Opening and Queensland Government's housing strategy	The Hon Michael de Brenni MP <i>Minister for Housing and Public Works</i>
9.30-9.50	Principles and status of housing for people with disability in Queensland	Professor Lesley Chenoweth AO <i>Professor of Social Work, Pro Vice Chancellor and Head of Campus (Logan), Griffith University</i>
9.50-10.10	NDIS Housing Strategy	Padmini Saxena <i>Director Housing, National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA)</i>
10.10-10.40	Moving to my home: housing aspirations, transitions and outcomes of people with disability	Dr Ilan Wiesel <i>Social Policy Research Centre, University of New South Wales</i>
10.40-11.10 MORNING TEA		
Lived experiences of people with disability		
11.10-11.40	Living in and managing a housing cooperative	Management committee <i>Independent Youth Housing Group</i>
11.40-12.10	Finding a home to feel safe and connected.	To be advised
12.10-12.40	Living in the community with high support needs	Astrid Reynolds tells Bily's story <i>Summer Foundation</i>
12.40-1.40 LUNCH		
Some possible ways forward for the housing sector		
1.40-2.05	How people can achieve a home of their own – Financial modelling of the NDIS housing strategy	Mr Mike Allen PSM <i>Chair, Disability Housing Futures Working Group</i>
2.05-2.30	Importance of regulation for visitability in housing	Wendy Lovelace <i>Australian Network for Universal Housing Design</i>
2.30-3.00	How neighbourhoods can become more inclusive – Inclusionary zoning practices and affordable housing	Emma Greenhalgh <i>PhD candidate, Griffith University</i> Kate Breen <i>Churchill Fellow</i>
3.00-3.30 AFTERNOON TEA		
3.30-4.15	Issues and next steps	Panel of Speakers – <i>including questions from the audience</i>
4.15-4.30	Summary and close	Professor Lesley Chenoweth AO

SYMPOSIUM SPEAKERS – SESSION 1

Prof Lesley Chenoweth AO – *Pro Vice Chancellor and Head of Logan Campus at Griffith University and a Foundation Fellow of the Australian College of Social Work.*



Lesley is one of Australia's leading social work and disability scholars working at the intersections of social policy, social work and human service practice, and an academic and activist chiefly in the disability area. She has published widely in Australia and internationally. Her current role sees her working on building aspiration and widening participation in higher education in the Logan community which is one of Australia's most diverse but also disadvantaged areas. Lesley was made an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2015 for her work in higher education and social work, and as a leading supporter of people living with disability. She was also named as one Australian Financial Review's 2015 '100 Women of Influence' and winner of the Local/Regional category.

Padmini Saxena – *Director Housing with National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA)*



Padmini is a Housing and Accounting Professional, a qualified CPA with over 15 years' experience in State and Commonwealth government positions. She has managed the implementation of new initiatives in Government accounting and client information systems, as well as the roll out of new housing, homelessness and other community sector initiatives in Victoria, Queensland, and the ACT. Currently as Director Housing with the NDIA, Padmini is managing the implementation of the Specialist Disability Accommodation Pricing and Payments framework. With a Doctorate in Social Sciences from the University of Queensland around Aboriginal Housing needs, Padmini retains a keen interest in Homelessness and Housing issues specially for those with complex needs.

Dr Ilan Wiesel – *Senior Research Fellow at the City Futures Research Centre, UNSW Australia.*



Ilan's research seeks to inform more sustainable housing and urban development, through analysis of the housing experiences, needs and aspirations of diverse social groups, with a particular focus on people with disability. Ilan joined UNSW at 2009 after completing a PhD in urban planning (Melbourne University, 2009) and a MA in geography (Tel-Aviv University, 2004).

Astrid Reynolds – *Sharing Bily's story, Summer Foundation*

The Summer Foundation's long-term vision is that integrated housing for people with disability, which is accessible and well located, is routinely included in all new medium and high-density residential developments throughout Australia. This would create the scale and range of housing options needed for both young people in nursing homes and other people with disability who have potential for more independent living. The Foundation is building housing demonstration projects to provide concrete examples of alternatives and to establish their housing model's efficacy, then sharing the knowledge gained with other organisations and all levels of government to move this project work from pilots to policy change.

SYMPOSIUM SPEAKERS – SESSION 3

Mike Allen PSM – Chair, Disability Housing Futures Working Group



Mike has accrued more than 30 years experience in social housing management and asset services, homelessness services, and community and Aboriginal housing, and received a Public Service Medal in recognition of his contribution. He has led a number of major reforms including more recently the development of the National Regulatory System for Community Housing. Mike is the former longstanding Chief Executive of Housing NSW, now part of the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS). FACS/Housing NSW is the largest social housing provider in the Southern Hemisphere – providing housing and homelessness assistance to around 450,000 people annually and with the responsibility for the tenancy management of over 150,000 properties.

Wendy Lovelace – Convenor of Queensland Action, Australian Network for Universal Housing Design



Wendy is a qualified, experienced architect and access consultant, with a particular interest in the issues of accessibility and universal design in all places and spaces. These manifest through the happy synergy of her professional qualifications and lived experience. A major motivator of Wendy's work is community inclusion enabled through residential design featuring simple, beautiful universal design solutions that are accessible, livable and visitable by all, at any and all stages of their lives. Wendy is Convenor of Queensland Action for Universal Housing Design, a member of the Australian Network for Universal Housing Design, member on the Advisory Taskforce on Residential Transition for the Aging and serves on the Brisbane Regional Disability Advisory Council.

Kate Breen – Director, Affordable Development Outcomes



Kate has extensive experience in the management and delivery of affordable housing programs within State Government and internationally. Roles have included managing the implementation of the National Rental Affordability Scheme, and developing legislative reforms to facilitate affordable housing delivery. Kate played a key role in delivering affordable housing outcomes within the award-winning, mixed tenure development 'The Nicholson', and has assessed a number of private and public land opportunities for strategic redevelopment and affordable housing whilst working for the Victorian Urban Development Authority. Kate recently completed an AV Jennings Churchill Fellowship on inclusionary zoning practice internationally and looks forward to sharing her findings.

Emma Greenhalgh – PhD candidate, Griffith University (Gold Coast) Urban Research Program



Emma has more than 15 years experience in social policy, planning, research and program development in the field of affordable housing. This includes employment with the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute, Brisbane and Gold Coast City Councils, the Urban Land Development Authority and peak not for profit National Shelter. Emma's formal qualifications are in urban and regional planning. Emma is currently a PhD candidate at Griffith University (Gold Coast) through the Urban Research Program. Her research is on inclusionary zoning in Queensland.

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