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# NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

Where does Australia stand in the inclusive education space? Where is it heading?

Hear from international and national speakers on inclusive education, change management and education policy implementation.

A leadership event for people with disability, families, educators and decision makers in the inclusive education space.

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Other countries around the world have led change to create fully inclusive education systems; backed up by legislation, policy and change management protocol. This symposium will provide a rare opportunity to have these examples of implementation showcased. Highlighting the vision and commitment required for successful implementation, this event will provide Australian stakeholders in education insight into the necessary steps to move towards a fully inclusive system.

### Event Highlights:

- The catalysts for change
- The considerations and implications of systems change
- What leadership needs to look like to implement change
- How this can be achieved in the Australian context



# Event details

Date: Monday November 13, 2017

Time: 9am to 5pm

Venue: The Westin 1 Martin Pl, Sydney NSW 2000

Cost: Professional \$195  
Families, people with disability, students \$55

Sponsorship: If you are a person with disability or a family member of a person with disability and would like to be sponsored to attend this event, please register and tick the sponsorship request box on the payment page. We will contact you to try and meet your needs.

## Cancellations:

- Cancellations by close of business on 20 October 2017 incur no penalty.
- For organisations, cancellations between 23 October - 3 November 2017 will incur a 50% administration fee. For families, cancellations between 23 October - 3 November 2017 will incur a 15% administration fee.
- No refund can be given for a cancellation after 3 November 2017
- Substitute registrations can be made without penalty. Any changes must be advised prior to the event.

# Confirmed speakers



Alastair McEwin is Australia's current Disability Discrimination Commissioner. He was the Executive Director of Community Legal Centres NSW, the peak body for Community Legal Centres in NSW. He was also the CEO of People with Disability Australia and the Manager of the Australian Centre for Disability Law.



Jody R. Carr, BBA, MLA, Canadian Politician, Former Minister of Education and Post Secondary Education

Jody has nearly 25 years experience in political, government, and legislative policy development and implementation. He is currently an elected politician in the Canadian province of New Brunswick. He was first elected in 1999 at age 23, one of the youngest in the province's history. He served as Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development between 2010-2013 and Post Secondary Education, Training and Labour in 2006 and 2014.

He has a passion for universal, inclusive education where all children learn together in common learning environments as a means to achieve better outcomes for all students, regardless of background and diversity.



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Dr Carol Quirk is one of the founders of the Maryland Coalition for Inclusive Education (MCIE). Carol serves on the Executive Team for the SWIFT Center, a National Inclusive School Reform Center funded by the US Dept. of Education in partnership with the University of Kansas. Previously, Carol was the Executive Director of an adult services agency in Baltimore City, a consultant to Philadelphia Public Schools, and Early Intervention Specialist for Maryland State Department of Education. Carol served on the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities.



Leanne Woodley works as an education consultant for the Association of Independent Schools of NSW (AISNSW) and she has taught students with additional support needs and learning difficulties for over 20 years.

Leanne's passion in education has led her to explore the Universal Design for Learning (UDL) framework to improve and optimise learning for all students. In 2015 she traveled to the USA to study and develop a deeper understanding of UDL implementation.



Gina Wilson-Burns is an unapologetic advocate for her son and promotes the life changing experience of parenting a child with multiple severe disabilities not as a 'traumatic or crushing experience' but one of hope and possibilities, love and laughter. Gina acknowledges we need to remove much of the red-tape and perceived limitations to empower families to do what families do best... live, love and grow. She is the author of the inclusive education blog Inky Ed! (<http://inkyed.wordpress.com>).

Gina is a former Chairperson of Family Advocacy and management committee member and a founding board member of All Means All - Australian Alliance for Inclusive Education.

More speakers being confirmed!  
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