

Welcome to the 2018 ASID Conference

What you need to know about the conference

Easy Read version



How to use this document



This information is written in an easy to read way. We use pictures to explain some ideas.



This document has been written by Australasian Society for Intellectual Disability (ASID). When you see the word 'we', it means ASID.



Some words are written in **bold**. We explain what these words mean. There is a list of these words on page 23.



This Easy Read document is a summary of information on our website.



You can find this information at www.asid2018.com.au



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About the ASID conference



This is our 52nd ASID Conference.



Lots of different people come to our conference, including:

- people with intellectual disability
- workers who support people with intellectual disability.



At the conference, we all work together to find better ways to include people with intellectual disability in the community.



We also work to change things that aren't supporting people with intellectual disability.



The conference starts on Wednesday
14 November 2018.



The conference ends on Friday 16 November 2018.



Each year the conference has a different **theme** – a main idea.



Our theme this year is 'Let's Shake it Up: Human Rights for Everyone'.



Our theme was chosen by a group of people with intellectual disability.



They want the world to be a place where everyone has human rights.



You can take part in the conference.



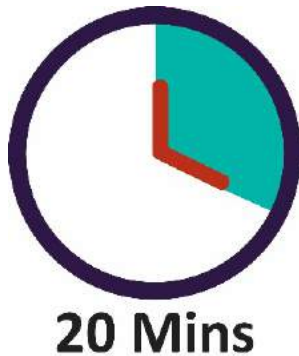
We need help with ideas for:

- posters
- workshops
- topics to talk about.

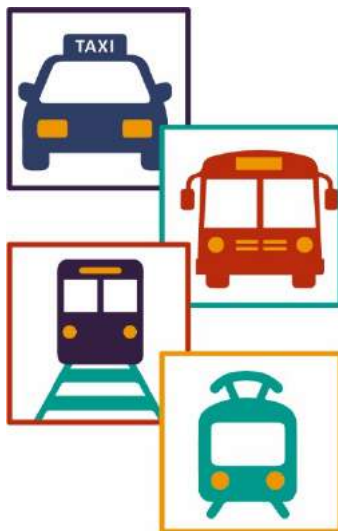
Where is the conference?



Our conference will be at the Gold Coast Convention Centre in Broadbeach Queensland.



Broadbeach is 20 minutes from the airport.



To get to the city from the airport, you can take a:

- taxi
- shuttle bus
- train
- tram.



To book a taxi, call Gold Coast Cabs on 131 008.



To buy a shuttle bus ticket, call SkyBus Gold Coast Airport Shuttle on 1300 655 655.

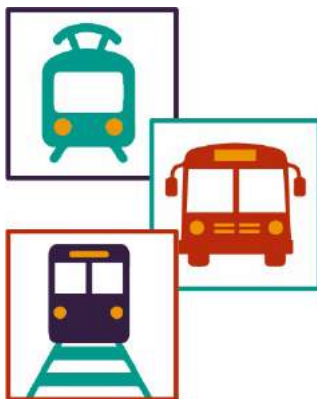


You can also catch public transport from the airport to the city.

TransLink



The public transport on the Gold Coast is called TransLink.



It includes:

- Gold Coast Light Rail – G:link – trams
- Surfside Buslines
- Queensland Rail.



To use public transport, you need to buy a Go card.



You can buy the 'Gold Coast go explore' pass when you get to the airport.

The pass:

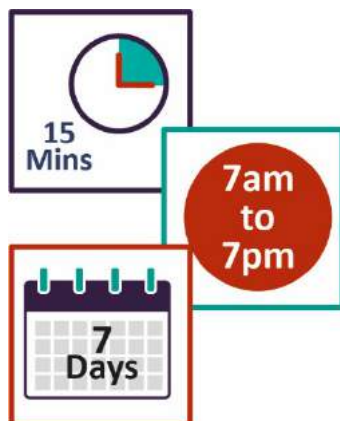
- costs \$10 a day
- can be used on the:
 - bus
 - tram.



Route 777 goes from the airport to Broadbeach South tram station.



It takes 10 minutes to walk from Broadbeach South tram station to the Gold Coast Convention Centre.



Route 777 runs:

- every 15 minutes
- from 7am to 7pm
- 7 days a week.

Where can I stay?



You have options for places to stay.



One option is the Crowne Plaza.

2807 Gold Coast Highway

Surfers Paradise.



The hotel is very close to:

- the beach
- the Gold Coast Convention Centre.



The G:Link has a station called Florida Gardens in front of the hotel.



It's a 3-minute tram ride to the Gold Coast Convention Centre.



Another option is the Sofitel Gold Coast Broadbeach.

81 Surf Parade Broadbeach Gold Coast.



It's just a short walk from the Gold Coast Convention Centre.

The conference program



Our conference program tells you what is happening each day.



From 9.00am–5.30pm on Wednesday 14 November, there will be:

- **Plenary Sessions** – the main sessions at the conference
- **Concurrent Sessions** – sessions in different places at the same time
- A Welcome Reception.



From 9.00am–5.30pm on Thursday 15 November, there will be:

- Plenary Sessions
- Concurrent Sessions
- conference dinners.



From 9.00am to 4.00pm on Friday 16 November, there will be:

- Plenary Sessions
- Concurrent Sessions
- the Launch of our 2019 conference
- a closing ceremony.



More information about our program will be ready soon.

The social program



You can meet new people at the conference.



There will be activities at the end of each day.



We hold a welcome reception after the first day of the conference.



It goes from 5.30pm to 7.30pm on Wednesday 14 November 2018.



We also have a conference dinner.



The conference dinner will be made up of 6 Dine Around Dinners.



This means that people from the conference will be split up into 6 groups.



Each group will:

- have 15 people
- go to a different restaurant.

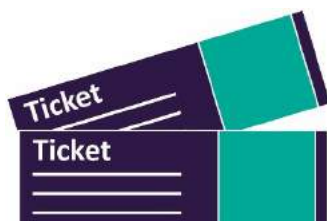


At each Dine Around Dinner there will be:

- someone from ASID
- a **Keynote Speaker** – the main speakers at the conference.



We will give you more information about these dinners.



You will be able to buy a ticket soon.

Who are the Keynote Speakers?



We will have 6 Keynote Speakers at the ASID conference.



1. Professor Andrew Jahoda



He is a Professor of Learning Disabilities at the University of Glasgow in Scotland.



He researches the mental health and wellbeing of people with learning disabilities.



2. Professor Monica Cuskelly



She is an Associate Head of Research at the University of Tasmania.



She researches the lives of adults with intellectual disability.



3. Professor Chris Hatton



He is a Professor of Psychology, Health and Social Care at Lancaster University in England.



He has done research about people with intellectual disabilities for nearly 30 years.



4. Associate Professor Ann Fudge Schormans



She works at the School of Social Work at McMaster University in Canada.



She used to be a social worker for people with intellectual disabilities.



5. Dr Brigit Mirfin-Veitch



She is a Director of the Donald Beasley Institute in New Zealand.



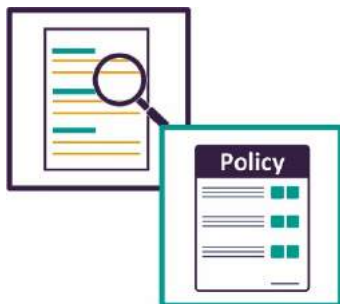
She works to promote access to justice for people with learning disabilities.



6. Dr Kathy Ellem



She is a Senior Lecturer in the School of Nursing, Midwifery and Social Work at the University of Queensland.



She is working to include people with cognitive disabilities in:

- research
- **policies** – Government plans for how things will be done.

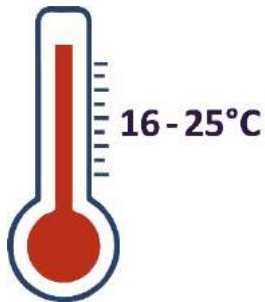
Questions about the conference



What is the weather like on the Gold Coast?



During the conference it will be Spring.



The weather will be sunny. The temperature will be between 16 and 25°C each day.



Can I bring someone with me to the social events?



Yes, you can bring someone else.



You can buy them a ticket at the Registration Desk when you get to the conference.



What if there are things I'm not supposed to eat?



If there are foods you can't eat you need to tell us.



We will make sure there is food you can eat.



Can I record sessions at the conference?

When you are in a session at the conference, you can't:



- take photos
- record video
- record voices.



Will there be WiFi at the conference?



There will be free WiFi at the conference.



Mobile phones



Please turn your phone off or switch it to silent during the conference sessions.



Social media



If you have a Twitter account, you can Tweet about the conference.

Word list



Concurrent Sessions

Sessions in different places at the same time.



Keynote Speaker

The main speakers at the conference.



Plenary Sessions

The main sessions at the conference.



Policies

Government plans for how things will be done.



Theme

A main idea.

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