



National Disability Coordination Officer Programme  
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## Sydney Vocational Support Networks

The Sydney based regions of the National Disability Coordination Officer (NDCO) Programme support a number of Vocational Support Networks (VSNs) in the Sydney metropolitan area.

The VSNs were originally started and organised by Department of Education Support Teacher Transition (STTs) to bring together stakeholders involved in the transition process for school leavers with disability. As the networks grew in strength, steering committees were established to help ensure the sustainability of the networks.

VSNs are located within Western Sydney, South Western Sydney, Sydney and Northern Sydney.

The membership of the VSN is comprised of school staff, State and Commonwealth funded services and government departments who are engaged in supporting school leavers with a disability to access both employment and prevocational education and training programs.

Those who attend include:

- School staff (DoE, CEO, Independent)
- Other educators (TAFE, Apprenticeship programs, RTOs)
- State and Commonwealth funded services (DES, TTW, CP, ADE)
- Government departments (Human Services, ADHC)
- NDCO

VSNs provide a forum for:

- Information sharing
- Identification of barriers and emerging trends
- Professional development
- Expo planning
- Improving vocational and employment outcomes for school leavers with a disability and ensuring a smoother transition

# 2017 VSN Dates

## WSVSN: Western Sydney VSN

9.15am – 11:30am, various venues

- Tues 21 Feb 2017 – Mt Druitt Hub, Ayres Grove, Mt Druitt
- Wed 31 May 2017 - Mt Druitt Hub, Ayres Grove, Mt Druitt
- Wed 30 Aug 2017 - TBA
- Wed 29 Nov 2017 - TBA (meeting till 12 noon on this occasion)

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## SWSVSN: South Western Sydney VSN

Tuesdays, 9:30am -12pm, Padstow TAFE College, Raine Road, Padstow, Building T- Level 1 – Room 1.11

- 21 March 2017
- 23 May 2017
- 15 August 2017
- 14 November 2017

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## SVSN: Sydney VSN

Tuesdays, 10:30am-12:00pm, Location -The Intellectual Disability Foundation of St George, 50 Beach Street, Kogarah

- 7 March 2017
- 30 May 2017
- 29 August 2017
- 21 November 2017

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## NSVSN: Northern Sydney VSN

Mondays, 10.00am – 12.00pm, venue to be advised

- 20 February 2017
- 15 May 2017
- 21 August 2017
- 20 November 2017

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