

Inclusive Research is about people with intellectual disabilities doing research, not having research done on them. Our motto is “Nothing about us without us.”

ABOUT US

We are a group of people who are interested doing research to learn more about the experiences of people with disabilities. Some of us have intellectual disabilities and some of us don't.

We all work together as “co-researchers” which means that we support each other. Co-Research values the experiences and perspectives of people with disabilities as experts on their own lives.

We first met in 2010 and completed a series of workshops about research skills. After the workshops we decided to form a group that would do research together.

Our research questions and methods are approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee at the University of Sydney.

COMPLETED RESEARCH PROJECTS

We have completed research projects about the National Disability Insurance Scheme, and about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. We have presented our research findings at conferences in Australia and overseas.

CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS

We have just finished “The Publishing Project” reviewing ways in which the inclusive research group can get their voices into the peer-reviewed literature.

Our current research project is “My story, my voice”: Life since the NDIS project and Self Advocates & Human Rights project

WHAT DOES BEING PART OF THE GROUP INVOLVE?

We meet on the fourth thursday of each month at the Centre for Disability Studies in Camperdown.

During meetings we discuss our research topics, listen to one another, share information, create new ideas and socialise. We also celebrate good things that happen.

When we are doing research we choose questions, run focus groups, interview people, analyse data and present at conferences.

We think it is important to share our research findings.

We plan to develop new skills to help us share our findings in video or written form.

PROGRAM COORDINATORS

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