



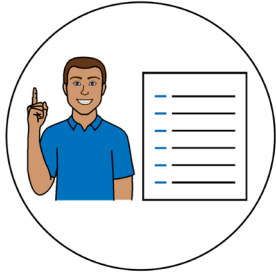
Independent Advisory Council to the NDIS

Intellectual Disability Reference Group

Meeting Bulletin 28 October 2021



Easy Read



Hard words

This book has some hard words.

The first time we write a hard word

- the word is in **blue**
- we write what the word means.

You can get help with this book



You can get someone to help you

- read this book
- know what this book is about
- find more information.



About this book

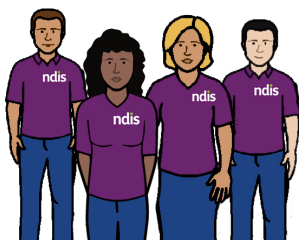


The **Independent Advisory Council to the NDIS** wrote this book.

We will call it the Council.



The Independent Advisory Council to the NDIS tells the **National Disability Insurance Agency** what they think about how the NDIS is managed.



The National Disability Insurance Agency or NDIA manages the **National Disability Insurance Scheme**.



The National Disability Insurance Scheme or NDIS gives services and support to people with disability.



This book tells you what happened at the **Intellectual Disability Reference Group** meeting.



The Reference Group gives advice to Council about ways the NDIS can help people with **intellectual disability**

- live a life like everyone else



- be included in the community



- make their own decisions.



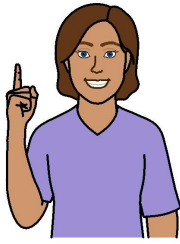
Intellectual disability is a disability that might affect how well you can

- think and learn

- feel and communicate



- connect and deal with others.



Reference Groups are groups of people that know a lot about something.

For example, disability.



The Reference Group

- helps the Council do its work



- helps make our advice better

- meets 3 times each year.

This book tells you what happened at our meeting on 28 October 2021.

Who was at the meeting?



The Reference Group **Chair** is Leah Van Poppel.

A Chair means someone who can run the meeting.



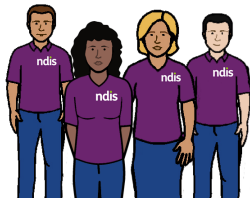
Leighton Jay is a Council member.

Leighton helped Leah run the meeting.



Also at the meeting were

- Reference Group members



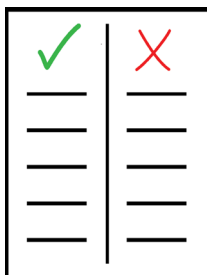
- NDIA managers and other staff.

What happened at the meeting?

Update from Reference Group Chairs

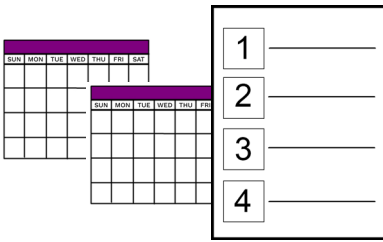


Council and the Reference Group has done a lot of work since they last met.

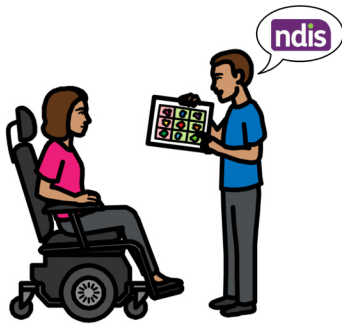


The Reference Group made an **engagement guide**.

The engagement guide is rules for how to run meetings to make sure people with intellectual disability can take part.



The Reference Group decided what work it will do over the next 2 years.



The Reference Group wants to make sure people with intellectual disability

- get the supports they need from the NDIS

- help Council make its advice better.

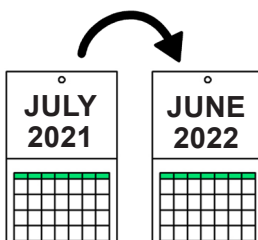


Work the Reference Group does will help Council's **work plan** happen.



Our work plan says

- what we will do this year to make the NDIS better for the people who use it



- what work will be done from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.

Council & Reference Group work



The Reference Group will give advice about ways to make **behaviour supports** better.



Behaviour supports help people to

- live better lives



- have less **behaviours of concern**.



Behaviours of concern are actions that might **not** be safe. For example, if a person hurts someone.



The Reference Group will give advice about ways the NDIS can support participants who are getting older.



Council and the Reference Group helped give advice to the government about

- changes to NDIS laws



- the **Information, Linkages and Capacity Building program.**



Information, Linkages and Capacity Building program or ILC gives money to help people with disability

- do things for themselves



- learn new skills.



ILC helps to make sure people with disability who **cannot** use the NDIS can

- be more independent
- meet other people and make friends

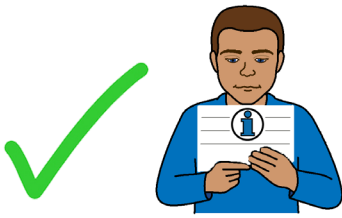


- find work and earn money
- live an ordinary life.

Update from Reference Group members



Reference Group members talked about what happens in their communities.



People with intellectual disability need **accessible information** to make sure they can

- be part of the meetings
- have a say.

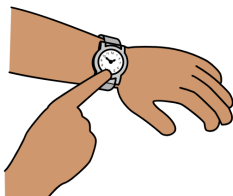


Accessible information means it is easy to read and understand.



Some people with intellectual disability have

- less money for supports in their NDIS plans
- to wait a long time to get supports.





Some people with intellectual disability say they

- have to do **more** plan reviews and give **more** proof about their disability



- have had their plans renewed without being told



- want to know how look after their own NDIS money



- find it harder to get NDIS supports if they live far away from bigger cities.



People with intellectual disability

- want to know about their home and living options in the NDIS



- like using technology but do **not** always get their information online.

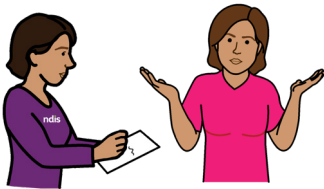


People with intellectual disability want

- to have jobs like everyone else



- supports for people who can fight for their rights.

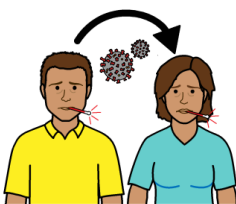


The **coronavirus pandemic** has affected some people with disability and their supports in good and bad ways.



Coronavirus

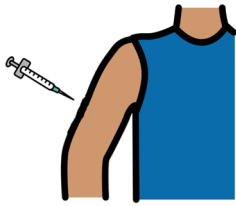
- can make people very sick



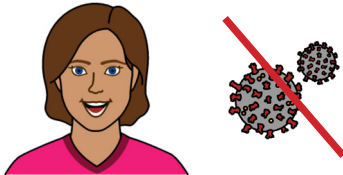
- is spread when you are close to someone else.



A pandemic means coronavirus affects a lot of people all over the world.



People with intellectual disability are more likely to get the coronavirus **vaccination** from a disability worker they trust.

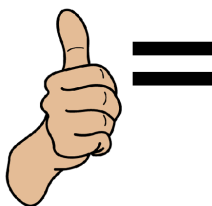


A vaccination is medicine to

- protect you from a virus
- help you to not get sick.

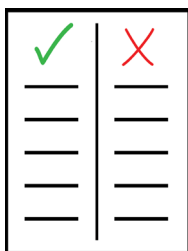


When you get the coronavirus vaccination it can help keep you and the community safe.



Some people say the NDIS and other government services need to work better together to

- treat people with disability like they matter
- make better rules for providers that do plans for behaviour supports.



NDIA's work with the community



The NDIA wants to work better together with the disability community using **co-design**.

Co-design means to work together to reach a goal.



For example, people who run services work with people who use the services to plan the services.

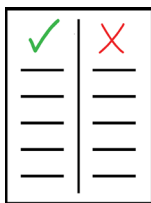


The NDIA is doing work with Council and disability and carer organisations to

- make a group that leads the co-design work

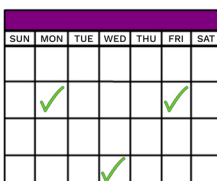


- decide the work we want to do together.

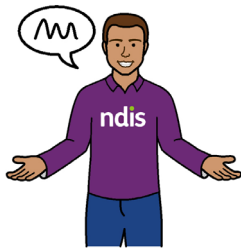


Reference Group members said they want

- rules about what co-design is and how the NDIA will do co-design work



- a calendar of work they will do together.



Reference Group members said they want

- the NDIA to be clear and honest in its communications about co-design



- the NDIA's co-design information to be **accessible** and **inclusive**.

Accessible means that everyone can use it.

Inclusive means everyone can take part and understand.

Update on NDIA's consultations



The NDIA talked about work it is doing after its **consultations** on

- home and living

- support for decision making.

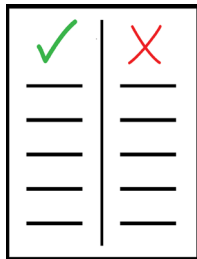


Consultations let you have a say on what the NDIA can do better.



The consultations said people with disability should be supported to

- choose where they live and who they live with
- make their own decisions.



The NDIA will co-design **policies** for home and living and support for support for decision making.

Policies are plans and rules for how we should do things.



Reference Group members said

- they want to be a part of future consultations
- there are problems with home and living supports
- the NDIA needs ways to support people who have trouble speaking to make their own decisions.



More information



The next meeting will happen in 2022.

For more information contact the
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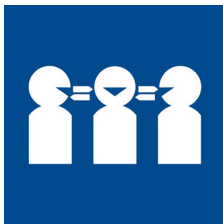


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