CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

‘Social Work in Disability - Maximising Diversity, Engagement and Inclusion’

Bi-annual conference of the Social Workers in Disability (SWID) Practice Group

Dates: 24th & 25th November 2016

Venue: Western Sydney University, Bankstown Campus
Cnr of Horsley Road and Bullecourt Avenue, Milperra

Rooms:

We are living through a period of seismic change in disability-related policy and practice. We have learned a lot throughout this process, but much is still unknown. The 2016 SWID Conference represents a wonderful opportunity to come together to share insights and to learn from each other for the benefit of people with disabilities, their families and communities, and social work as a profession.

This conference will bring together social work practitioners, researchers and students to share ideas, experiences and new perspectives, so that we are all better equipped and re-energised to meet the challenges that will inevitably continue to confront us.
You are invited to submit an abstract that fits within the conference theme of ‘Social Work in Disability: Maximising diversity, engagement and inclusion’. Your abstract will propose a presentation in one of the following three formats:

- **30 Minutes Oral Presentation** (includes question time),
- or
- **Poster Presentation**: Posters will be displayed throughout the conference, with an allocated time for presenting authors to be available for discussion of their poster
- or
- **45 Minutes Conference Workshop**.

You may submit more than one abstract.

**Please note that this event is not limited to social workers, however only abstracts that are consistent with the theme ‘Social Work in Disability: Maximising Diversity, Engagement and Inclusion’ will be accepted.**

**Abstract submission guidelines:** Please submit your abstract by email to:

_Pam Joseph_

_SWID Conference Planning Committee_

_Email: pjos3628@uni.sydney.edu.au_

Your email should contain two attachments:

1. **Abstract**: The abstract should be maximum 250 words. It must include the topic, mode of presentation (oral, poster or workshop), and an outline of your proposed presentation. Please do not include your name or contact details on the abstract.

2. **Cover information**: A brief cover letter including your name, contact details, the title of your presentation, and a short “bio” with information about your experience and/or qualifications in relation to the area of your presentation (approximately 100 words).

**Closing date for submissions:** Submissions must be received by midnight 5th August 2016.

De-identified abstracts will be forwarded to the Conference Abstract Review panel. You will be informed of the outcome by email, by Friday 2 September.

For further information please contact Pam Joseph by email (pjos3628@uni.sydney.edu.au) or mobile (0417 358 061).