Round Table on Information Access

for People with Print Disabilities Inc.

# Call for Abstracts: 2017 Annual Conference

## 6-9 May 2017

**Mercure Perth, 10 Irwin Street, Perth, Australia**

## Conference Theme:

## Information Access – new modes, technologies and opportunities

Information access is important to all persons with print disabilities (including, but not limited to, people with vision impairment) and has many dimensions, including format (braille, large print, E-text, etc.), facilities (libraries, agencies, educational institutions, government bodies) and modes of access (mobile touch devices, laptop, refreshable braille). The 2017 Conference will explore the ever-expanding opportunities presented to people with print disabilities for information access and creation, communication and learning.

### Conference Aims

* To share information about the latest developments in provision of accessible information
* To provide and promote accessible information for people with print disabilities
* To enhance dialogue between users and providers of accessible information
* To promote and enhance collaborative partnerships and peer support networks
* To showcase and workshop examples of best practice in the provision of accessible information and technology for children and adults with print disabilities
* To explore policies, frameworks, supports and services provided for children and adults with print disabilities in work places, educational institutions and local communities

### Suggested presentation topics

* Legislation, policies, research and/or service delivery models that promote equitable information access for children and adults with print disabilities: people with vision impairment as well as the broader print disability sector such as people with physical, perceptual, developmental, cognitive, or learning disabilities
* Innovative strategies and practices in print accessibility
* Issues relating to print disability in school, work and community contexts
* Perspectives from people who have a print disability
* Specialist and mainstream technology, including new and emerging technologies
* Audio description and Audio guides
* New developments in Braille
* Developments and strategies for accessible online testing and assessments
* Provision, cataloguing and sharing of accessible information, and copyright issues
* Implications of policies, frameworks and activities under the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) for Australians with print disabilities
* Workshops demonstrating the creation of accessible documents, websites, graphical images and 3D printing

### Types of presentations

* **Oral presentation** of approximately 30 minutes (20 minute presentation plus 10 minutes for audience questions or discussion)
* **Panel presentation**, with 10 minutes allocated to each presenter on the panel. Each panel session will include time for audience questions and discussion
* **Interactive workshop presentation** of 60 or 90 minutes duration, providing opportunities for the active engagement of participants.
* **Poster presentation** that will be exhibited in a dedicated space for informal browsing, with opportunities for presenters to discuss their posters with Conference participants.

### Conference participants and presenters

The Conference provides a forum for all of those with an involvement or interest in information access for children and adults who cannot readily access standard print. Conference participants and presenters generally include the following:

* Individuals with print disabilities, including people with vision impairment, learning disability and dyslexia
* Disability service providers, including national and local government agencies, education and rehabilitation professionals, librarians, and web and technology developers
* Accessibility experts, specialists and researchers
* Consumer representative organisations
* Publishers and accessible format producers

### Closing date for Abstract submissions: Wednesday, 30 November 2016

### Please complete and return the Round Table Abstract Submission Form to:

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