



Disability Education
Association NSW /ACT Inc.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY Thursday 14th October 2010

UTS City Campus, Tower, Building CB02, Room 03.02

Video-Conference to UNE Centre, Fitzroy Street, Tamworth and
TAREE TAFE, Library Seminar Room, Montgomery St, Taree

Mental Health Issues: The elephant in the room for all disability workers (continued)

Our Guest Presenters:

Nola Birch, Disability Liaison Officer, Disability Liaison Unit, The University of Melbourne

Annette Stevenson, Senior Counsellor, Student Assist, University of New England (via video link from Tamworth)

9:00	Registration
9:30	Welcome and introductions – Geoff Maddox
9:40	Choosing Responsibility: for your experience – Nola Birch Nola demonstrates that students can independently choose their study and career goals if the student is assisted in identifying obstacles and assisted in developing strategies to deal with those obstacles.
10:30	Questions and Discussion
10:45	Morning Tea
11:15	Skills for non mental health specialist disability practitioners - Annette Stevenson Annette's presentation will discuss issues and strategies for working with students with depression/anxiety, including disclosure, the role of counsellors, negotiating study/workload, the disability 'label' for students with depression/anxiety, dealing with students' toxic/aggressive complaining or extreme passivity and the impact of procrastination and perfectionism.
12:00	Panel and Discussion by Uni and TAFE staff
1:00	Lunch
2:00	What's New (including feedback from the DEAN Strategic Planning Day)
2:30	AGM
3.30	Close and networking

DEAN is a professional association of practitioners who provide educational access services for people with a disability in universities and TAFE Institutes in NSW and the ACT. Annual membership is \$30 at present. Eligible persons can register and pay for DEAN membership online at www.deaninc.org.au. Alternatively contact the Treasurer Reshad Heckbarally Reshad.Heckbarally@anu.edu.au for a copy of the membership form.

REGISTRATION

Registration costs \$50 for Members of DEAN (and people participating via video link) or \$70 for Non-Members. **All payments for PD Days must be made in advance** using PayPal or on the day by cash or cheque. DEAN is a volunteer organisation without administrative support - **we cannot generate invoices**. Payment must be made prior to participation in the PD Day.

Register online at www.deaninc.org.au. Alternatively you may print the registration form from <http://deaninc.org.au/content/view/12/65/> and return it to Reshad Heckbarally via email to Reshad.Heckbarally@anu.edu.au.

If you require alternative formats or sign language interpreters, please register as soon as possible, but by Monday, 4th October at the latest in order for these services to be put in place.

Registrations will close at 5pm, Friday 8th October, or earlier if maximum numbers are reached. Places are limited so please register early to avoid disappointment.

If you have any questions or require further information please do not hesitate to contact Debi Toman (DEAN Deputy Chair) on 0414 210 491 or d.toman@uws.edu.au or, for Tamworth and Taree centres, Gwen Johnson on 0437 315 338 or gwen.johnson@une.edu.au

LOCATIONS

The Professional Development Day is being held at UTS City Campus, Tower, Building CB02, Room 03.02. **Access:** come in the main entrance to the Tower, go behind the escalators, turn left into building 2, right to the lifts, and one level down and it's on your right.

