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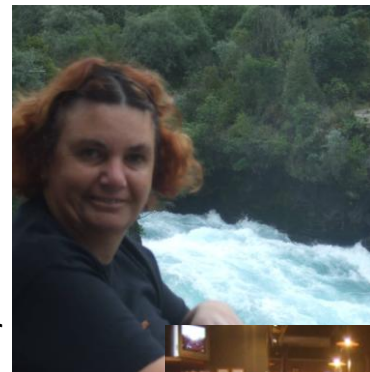
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## 1. Self Advocacy in New Zealand

In April Jane Hauser from Reinforce, Paul Drew From New Wave and Sue Smith the worker at SARU travelled to New Zealand. We went there to learn about how self advocacy in NZ works. There are some exciting things happening in NZ and we learnt a lot.



We will be making a DVD of our trip to share some of the great things that we learnt. We will send out free copies of the DVD to self advocacy groups when it is finished.



Some of the things we learnt from the trip include:

- How important it is to get to know your local member of Parliament. Why don't you invite your local MP to your next meeting?
- Using the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities as a tool to lobby government for your rights.
- Making self advocacy stronger by groups having the chance to network and join together
- Different ways to get younger people interested in self advocacy including holding forums where people get to talk about "what 's hot" and "what 's not".



We also learnt that New Zealanders really really love rugby!!

## 2. The UN Convention

In 2007, the United Nations passed a new law. It says people with disabilities have the same rights as everyone else. It says all people with disabilities are equal before the law. The new law is called the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Australia has signed the convention which means it has agreed to take action to end discrimination based on disability! When Australia signed the new law it agreed to work and change laws and the way things are done to make sure that people with disabilities have an equal right to:

- equality and to be treated the same as everyone else in the community
- be safe from violence and abuse
- be part of a family—and to start one
- privacy, no matter where you live
- live on our own in the community.
- employment in a job you choose, and to earn a decent living.
- an equal education, side by side with everyone else.
- the best possible health care
- be able to get to and use public spaces and public services.
- vote and have a say in laws and policies that affect us.
- be treated the same as any other person.
- take equal part in arts, sports and leisure.



If you want information about the Convention in plain English go to the following websites:

<http://www.hpod.org/pdf/we-have-humna-rights.pdf>

<http://www.childrensa.sa.gov.au/Documents/UNConv-RightsPersonsDis-EasyRead.pdf>

## 3. What's On

### Have a Go at Public Speaking

Learn how to speak in public and develop a presentation about your group.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 11.00am – 1pm

Room 1 First Floor Ross House

Morning Tea Provided

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 5.30-7.30

Ground Floor Meeting Room Ross House

Light supper provided



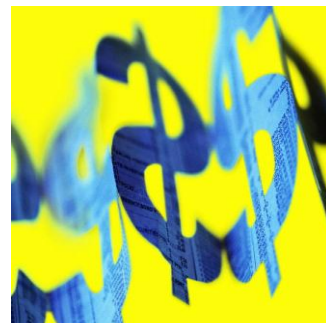
You must book for these sessions

***Please note the sitting on panels and advisory councils training has been postponed stay tuned for new date and times***

## 4. Funding Ideas

If your group needs funding for a project you can apply to different organisations and trusts for a grant. It is important when applying for a grant that you read all of the guidelines carefully. SARU can provide advice and support to groups wanting to apply to trusts and organisations for funding. It is always a good idea to ring the trust and check if your project idea fits in with their guidelines.

Here are some suggestions for funding opportunities closing soon:



### **Grant: ANZ Staff Foundation Grants    Closing Date: July 15th**

The ANZ Staff Foundation funds small projects up to \$5,000 for interesting and new projects run by community groups or for projects that support groups to run better. You need to be an organisation that is tax deductible. If you do not have tax deductible status you could ask an organisation that does to put in the application. This is called an auspice. Get more information and the guidelines from the following link:

<http://www.anz.com/personal/private-bank-trustees/trustees/apply-grant/find-trust-program/Guidelines>

### **Grant: Sunshine Foundation Grants    Closing Date: July 1<sup>st</sup>**

The grants will fund small projects that address social need up to \$10,000. They favour projects that are supported by volunteers and they give small amounts to help a project run on its own. This might suit some self advocacy groups. Get more information and the guidelines from the following link:

<http://www.sunshinefoundation.org.au>

### **Grant: City of Melbourne Grants    Closing Date: June 24th**

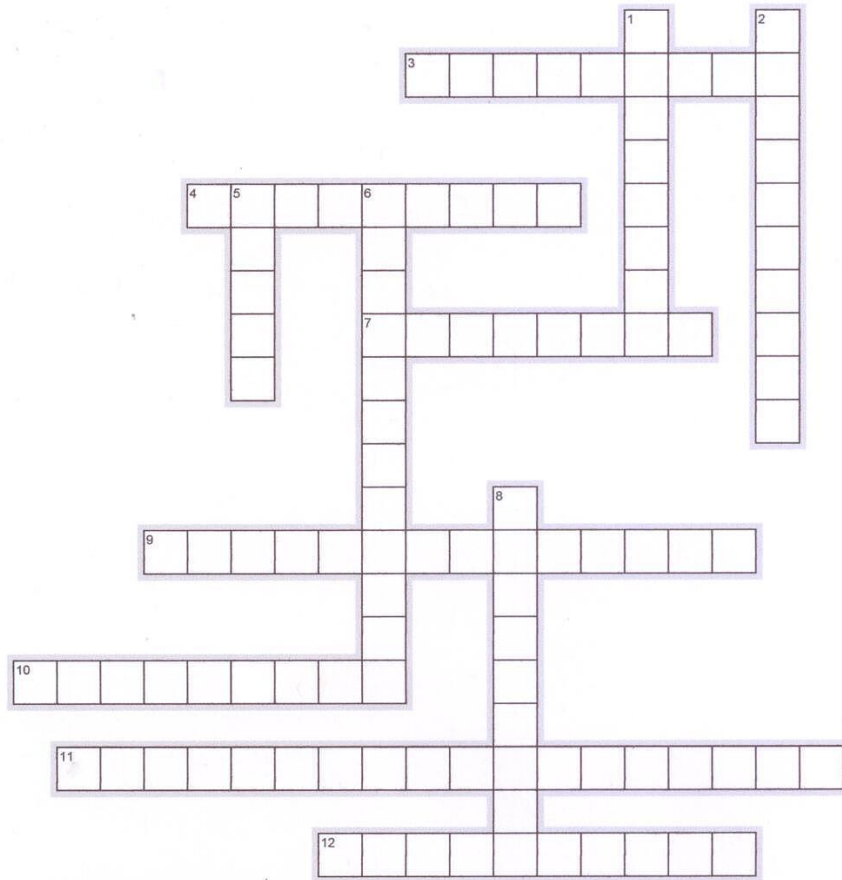
The City of Melbourne has several grants that might be useful for self advocacy groups to apply to including the International Day of People with Disability 2012 grant which provides up to \$5,000 for groups to develop an event for the day in 2012. Get more information and the guidelines from the following link:

<http://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/AboutCouncil/grantssponsorship/CommunityServicesGrants/Pages/DayofPeoplewithDisabilities.aspx>

## 4. SARU Crossword

On the next page is the SARU crossword. Have a go and see what you think. If your group would like to make a crossword for our next e-memo or for your own newsletter contact the SARU.

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EclipseCrossword.com

## Across

3. Jane is a member of this self advocacy group
4. Every emmo has one of these in it
7. The SARU office is in . . . . . Lane Melbourne
9. The next SARU training session is about this
10. people have the right to live in the . . . . .
11. MP stands for this
12. The UN . . . . . Rights of Persons with Disabilities

## Down

1. The SARU motto says we are stronger when we work . . . . .
2. Jane, Sue and Paul traveled to this Country
5. New Zealanders love this sport
6. The SARU supports this type of group
8. You can apply for funding from the City of . . . . .  
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