



DIRECT SUPPORT  
WORKERS CONFERENCE

# LEARN LEAD DELIVER

15 – 16 JULY 2024  
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## DAY 1 - MONDAY 15 JULY 2024

09:00	<b>Welcome</b> Kim Skubris	
09:05	<b>Welcome to country</b>	
09:10	<b>Address from the hosts</b>	
09:15	<b>HESTA sponsor address</b>	
09:20	<b>Impact of ableism on society and the vital importance of intersectionality and holistic approaches in supporting individuals with disabilities</b> KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Grace Edward	
10:30	MORNING TEA	
11:00	<b>Changing attitudes: sexuality and people with disability</b> Natasha Milner - True Relationships & Reproductive Health	
11:30	<b>Creating change for LGBTI+ people with disabilities</b> Annabelle Oxley - Queensland Council for LGBTI Health	
12:00	<b>The advocacy duties of Direct Support Workers</b> Huiji (Vicky) Chen - Multicap	
12:30	LUNCH	
13:30	<b>Workshop sessions</b>	
	<b>LEARN</b>	<b>LEAD</b>
	<b>Teaching essential life skills to people with disability using Task Analysis and Prompting</b> Jessica Crossan – Multicap	<b>The empowering role of direct support workers</b> Kevin Stone – The Empowering Advocacy Method (TEAM)
		<b>Embers of exhaustion – exploring approaches to wellbeing in Direct Support Workers</b> Trent Carberry – Multicap and Dr Maria Vassos – University of Queensland
15:00	AFTERNOON TEA	
15:30	<b>A place at the table: the important role of Direct Support Workers in achieving person-centred healthcare for customers with complex care needs</b> Megan Bragg - Multicap	
16:00	<b>Recovering from trauma and thriving</b> KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Keith Banks	
17:00	<b>Closing remarks</b> Kim Skubris	



## DAY 2 - TUESDAY 16 JULY 2024

09:00 Panel session - You can't ask that!

10:00 MORNING TEA

10:30 **Developing a Health Framework to best support people in achieving positive health outcomes**  
Elke Smith - Multicap

11:00 **Vision impairment in people with complex disability**  
Ursla White - Special Eyes Vision Services

11:30 **Leadership through changing environments**  
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Wayne Bennett

12:30 LUNCH

13:30 Workshop sessions

### LEARN

**Centre of Creative Arts – The art starts with you**  
Alicia Jones – COCA Program Lead and COCA customers

### LEAD

**Evidence for the ongoing use of Positive Behaviour Support in Australia: a response to 'Restrictive Practice - a pathway to elimination'**  
Sarah Hutchison – Multicap

### DELIVER

**Staying in tune – a practical music therapy workshop for Direct Support Workers**  
Helen Cameron – Jam Music Therapy, and the Multicap Music Therapy team

15:00 AFTERNOON TEA

15:30 **One small act**  
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Kath Koschel

16:30 **Closing remarks**  
Kim Skubris

