

Is the NDIS empowering?

Disability in Australia

- Australia ratified the CRPD in July 2008 and the Optional Protocol in 2009. The CRPD entered into force for Australia on 16 August 2008, and the Optional Protocol in 2009.
- ‘Universal’ ICF model (biopsychosocial) of disability.
- National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) overview and aims.
- National Quality and Safeguarding Framework.
- Continued violence towards people with disability.



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- Human rights-based approach to specialist service provision under the NDIS?
- Aim: Beginning assessments by focusing on human rights fulfilment and infringements based on the lived experiences and world views of people with disability.
- Not transformative!
- Prioritising ameliorative interventions (individual-level) above restrictions or limitations on the human rights of a person with disability.

NDIS an empowering setting: a reflection

- People with disability in Australia have access to individualised funding for disability-specific support needs via an insurance scheme.
- Federal and state legislation is in place to protect the rights and responsibilities of people with disability in Australia.
- Is a market-based insurance system to supporting people with disability empowering?

Discussion

- What is a contextual and situated understanding of empowerment?
- What is the relationship of disability to the markers of gender, sexuality, race/ethnicity and social class? How do these markers support the constitution of one another?