

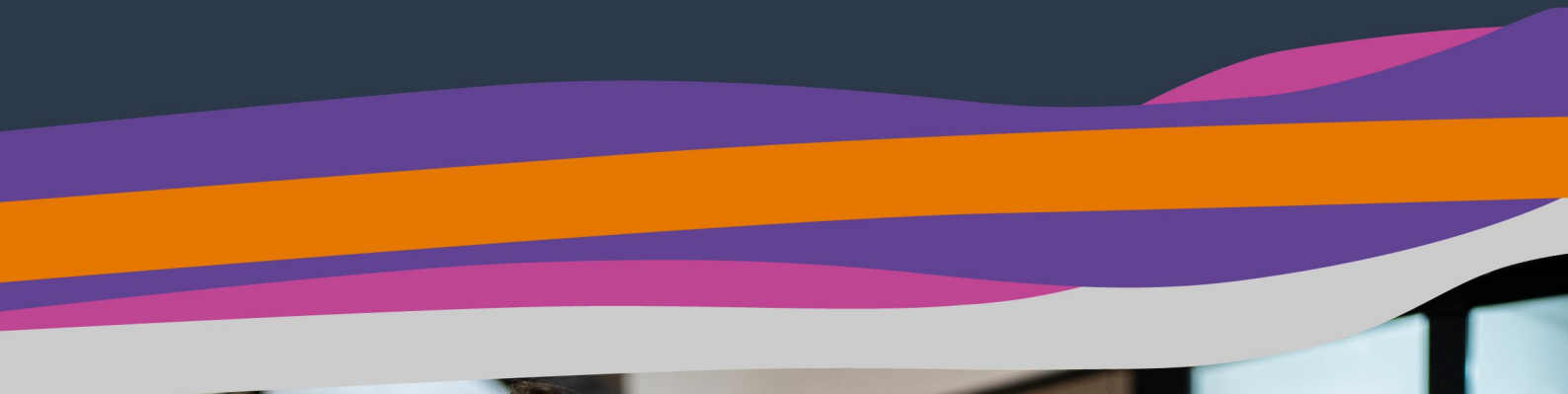


National Disability
Research Partnership

Disability research capacity

Our plan to make disability research better

Easy Read version



How to use this document



The National Disability Research Partnership (NDRP) wrote this document.

When you see the word 'we', it means the NDRP.



We wrote this document in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

Bold

Not bold

We wrote some important words in **bold**.

This means the letters are thicker and darker.

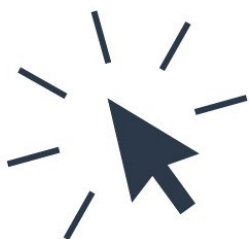


We explain what these words mean.

There is a list of these words on page 21.



This is an Easy Read summary of another document.
This means it only includes the most important ideas.



You can find the other document on our website.

www.ndrp.org.au



You can ask for help to read this document.

A friend, family member or support person
might be able to help you.

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About the National Disability Research Partnership



The National Disability Research Partnership is an organisation that works to support disability research.

We call it the NDRP.

The NDRP will offer **funding** for research done:



- by people with disability



- with people with disability.



Funding is money that helps people to do research.



We want to build a better disability research program for all of Australia.

This can help:

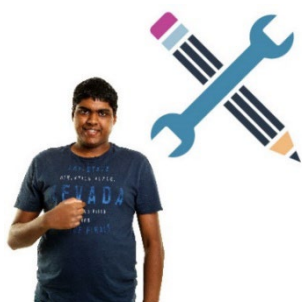


- the government plan better ways to support people with disability



- organisations work in ways that better support people with disability.

About disability research capacity



A person's **capacity** is:

- their ability to do something
- the skills they have.



One of our goals is to improve Australia's disability research capacity.



This includes improving:

- how much research people can do
- the **quality** of research people can do.



Quality is about good research that:

- meets the needs of people with disability
- gives people with disability choice and control
- shares findings people with disability can use.



We can improve research capacity by building people's research skills.

This includes:



- building research skills for people with disability



- supporting other people who do research to work with people with disability.



We can also build research capacity by making sure organisations have what they need to support people to do research.

This includes making sure organisations:



- know how to support people with disability to take part in research



- have enough funding to do good quality research.

Improving disability research capacity should also focus on how to support people to:



- use findings from disability research
- take part in disability research.

What we will do



We will focus on 7 areas that we can improve.

We explain each of these areas on the following pages.

1. Inclusive research



When something is **inclusive**, everyone:

- can take part
- feels like they belong.

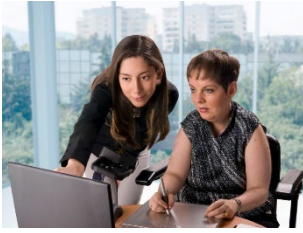
We have 10 year plan to make sure people with disability:



- have enough time to learn how to be leaders in disability research



- lead most disability research.



We will create better ways to support people to work on research with people with disability.



We will also work to build people's skills to take part in disability research.



This includes building the skills of:

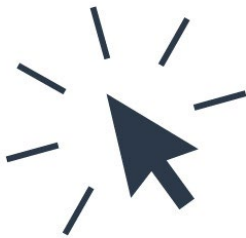
- people with disability
- the organisations who speak up for them.

2. Improve funding for disability research



We will speak up about giving more funding to disability research.

This includes funding research that supports the NDRP's 12 research areas.



You can find out more about the NDRP's research areas on our website.

www.ndrp.org.au/researchagenda



We will focus on funding that supports research to take place over a longer time.

We will focus on funding that supports the cost of:



- **co-design** – when people work together to plan something new



- sharing findings from research in different formats – like Easy Read.



We will also focus on funding that supports other people to take part in disability research.

This includes:



- organisations that speak up for people with disability



- **providers** – someone who supports people with disability by delivering a service.

3. Change how we check that disability research is safe and fair



We will create guides for people who check disability research to make sure it is:

- fair
- honest.

We will also support people who check disability research to make sure they understand:



- how research could put people with disability at risk



- how people with disability can safely take part in research.

4. Improve knowledge and skills for disability research

We will work to improve the capacity of:



- people with disability to do research



- organisations to offer funding for disability research that follows the NDRP's research areas.



We will also work to improve the capacity of organisations who speak up for people with disability.



This includes their capacity to:

- understand disability research
- share disability research.



We will support work that helps people improve what they know about disability.



This includes:

- providers
- people who speak up for people with disability.



We will also support work that trains people to write documents in:

- plain English
- Easy Read.



This includes:

- researchers
- people who work for the government.

5. Build the capacity of universities

We will support universities to agree to a plan that supports more people with disability to:



- do disability research



- lead the work universities do.

6. Connect organisations who do research



We want to work with the disability community to do research.

This includes:



- listening to their experiences
- listening to what they know
- having respect for their skills.



We will give funding to help organisations connect with people who do research.



This includes:

- providers
- organisations that speak up for people with disability
- organisations that people with disability run.



We will focus on making a place online where people can connect with each other.

For example, a place where they can connect with people doing research about the same thing as them.

7. Support people to understand data



When we talk about **data**, we mean:

- facts
- information
- records.



We will focus on how to support the disability community's capacity to understand data.



This includes supporting them to:

- understand what research finds out
- have the skills to ask questions about data.

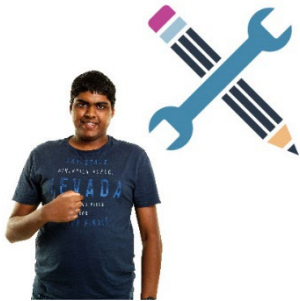


We will focus on how we can:

- show data in different ways
- let people ask questions about the data.

Word list

This list explains what the **bold** words in this document mean.



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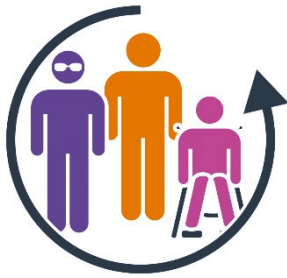
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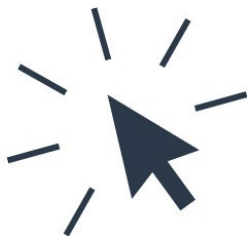
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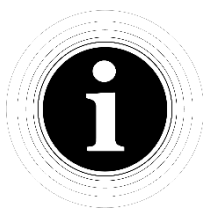
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