



Australian Council of Social Service

Applications now open to support people with a disability to participate in the ACOSS National Conference, 11th-12th June 2014

About

The Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS) is the peak body of the community services and welfare sector and the national voice for the needs of people affected by poverty and inequality. Each year, ACOSS holds a National Conference to bring together key decision makers, practitioners, researchers and the people at the front line of social policy and services.

In 2014 the conference theme is 'Global problems, local solutions: Tackling inequality in Australia and beyond', and the conference program will feature international guest speakers and Australian leaders presenting a way forward for tackling poverty and inequality. The ACOSS conference will also profile the G20 agenda for Inclusive Growth and identify opportunities for the community sector to engage with C20 advocacy for more inclusive and sustainable social and economic policy.

Disability Support Subsidy – deadline 30th April 2014

In order to support people with a disability from all over the country to attend and participate in the Conference, ACOSS offers a Disability Support Subsidy to successful applicants to cover travel costs, registration for the conference and conference dinner, accommodation and transfers for the applicant and where necessary, a carer.

In 2014, ACOSS is providing five bursaries up to the value of \$1000 per subsidy with funding available to cover travel costs, accommodation and transfers for the applicant and a carer where necessary. If you are considering applying for the subsidy and will require more than \$1000 to cover the costs of your attendance, please contact ACOSS.

Applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis, taking into account the finite funding available and the number and needs of applicants.

To apply for a Disability Support Subsidy, please email a letter of application to conference@acoss.org.au on or before the 30th April 2014.

Application letters must include the following:

- Applicants name and contact details
- Note of any conferences previously attended, including ACOSS Conference
- Outline how attendance at the ACOSS Conference will impact positively on the applicant and their associates
- Any requirements that the airline, hotel, venue or conference staff may need to know (including accessibility needs and dietary requirements)
- Details of the location the applicant will be travelling from and preferred travel arrangements
- Details of any disability organisations the applicant is affiliated with



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Terms and Conditions

- Funding is available to cover the costs of accommodation, travel and transfers only
- Funding is available for the applicant and up to one carer where required
- Unless otherwise requested, ACOSS will administer all travel and accommodation bookings for bursary recipients. Costs of up to \$1000 per bursary recipient will be available however costs will be met on a needs basis and there will be no pay-out for remaining funds after the costs are met
- Any successful applicants not able to attend the conference should notify ACOSS as soon as possible so that funds can be reallocated
- Travel funding is only available for domestic transport
- Funding for accommodation will only be considered for people living more than 90 km from the conference venue
- Accommodation is available for a maximum of 2 nights
- Funding is not available for extra hotel expenses including meals, minibar, room service, restaurant / cafe and bar etc.
- ACOSS encourages first time applicants for this bursary

For more information about the Subsidy, please contact Ivy Tran (Mon-Wed) on (02) 9310 6217 or conference@acoss.org.au. ACOSS also encourages you to visit the Conference website for more details: <http://conference.acoss.org.au/>