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## **SydWest Getting the Multicultural Community NDIS-ready**

*Roundtable Discussions on experiences with the NDIS by people from CALD backgrounds  
in their local community*

**SydWest Multicultural Services has collaborated with Settlement Services International, through the FutureAbility project, to bring together local people with disability from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds to identify issues and solutions to improve access to the NDIS.**

The Roundtable will bring together local people with disability from CALD backgrounds, local CALD organisations and leaders, as well as the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA), Local Area Coordinators (LACs) and mainstream disability providers to share experiences on the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and identify issues and solutions to improve access to the NDIS by people with disability.

The aims for these get-togethers are to:

- Help increase access to the NDIS by people from CALD backgrounds
- Increase the knowledge of the LACs, NDIA and mainstream disability providers of the issues impacting on people with disability from CALD backgrounds eligible for the NDIS
- Inform CALD communities and people with disability of the existence of local NDIA, LACs and mainstream disability providers and how to access them
- Develop local recommendations to be presented to the NDIA to help improve the NDIS experience by people with disability from CALD backgrounds

The event will be held on **21 November 2017 from 9am to 1pm at Blacktown Workers Club, 55 Campbell Street, Blacktown.**

SydWest Multicultural Services CEO, Elfa Moraitakis is encouraging people of all backgrounds to join in this unique initiative:

*We are excited to be hosting a very special opportunity that brings everyone with an interest in providing services to people with disabilities together. Our aim is to have a productive discussion and explore solutions that will improve access to the NDIS for our CALD communities.*

*This is a very real opportunity to make a difference and improve access the NDIS by CALD people with disability.*

SydWest Multicultural Services is the largest and most diverse community services organisation in the Western Sydney region. Established for more than 33 years ago, SydWest provides a range of services to culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) individuals and communities services to assist with settling and living productive and independent lives in the community.

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