

Celebrating 20 years of International Day of People with Disability

This year is the 20th anniversary of International Day of People with Disability (IDPwD), a United Nations sanctioned day that aims to promote an understanding of people with disability and encourage support for their dignity, rights and well-being.

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Larissa Collins



Rewarding job

DIRECTOR of Parramatta Speech, Language & Literacy Solutions, Larissa Collins is making a real difference to those in the community who need help to develop their ability to communicate.

Miss Collins says that working with people who have a disability can be an extremely rewarding job.

"There is so much variety in my job; I never get bored," Miss Collins said.

"Being a speech pathologist can make a real difference to a person's life and to their ability to interact with family, friends and people in the wider community."

Miss Collins is a registered provider with the Department of Veteran Affairs, Autism Early Intervention Program and is a Certified Practising member of Speech Pathology Australia (SPA).

Miss Collins says people with a disability "give back" so much to us as well.

"They face additional challenges to those of us without a disability and yet they still manage to keep going," she said. "And in regards to communication, they can still get their messages across successfully, albeit in a slightly different way."

"For example, they communicate by using Key Word Sign and Gesture; by using pictures and photos, or by using an electronic voice output device. I believe people with a disability should be valued more highly in our society."

Miss Collins has extensive experience working with children and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome, Global Developmental Delay, Cornelia De Lange syndrome, hearing impairment and other developmental delays and disabilities. She has also worked with "typically developing" children who are delayed in their speech and language skills, as well as those with literacy difficulties.

In addition to providing individual assessment and intervention, Miss Collins has gained considerable experience in providing group therapy.

Her clinic is located in North Parramatta. However Miss Collins is also available to do home, preschool, school or nursing home visits.

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Join Us For Music, Fun and Inspiration At Break Thru Dunrossil

Break Thru Dunrossil will be celebrating International Day of People with Disability by hosting a TV and movie themed musical.

Our clients have been working with community musician Tom Harding all year to come up with a show that will be fun and inspirational. To help make it an exciting and successful event, we encourage everyone attending to come dressed as his or her favourite movie or TV character.

Where: The event will be held at Break Thru Dunrossil

Address: Cnr of Arthur & Arcadia Streets, Merrylands

When: Friday, 7th of December 10am – 12pm

How much? It's **FREE!** However donations are appreciated 😊

If you'd like to attend, please RSVP by Wednesday 5th December. Space and seating is limited!

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