



LiDs Update

Our 2018 Seminar Series continues with two fascinating presentations detailed below. Open to all, the LiDs Seminars are a great forum for hearing the latest research coming out of LiDs and from others. Other seminar details on [the events page of our website](#).

We also are pleased to make available the audio and video from two recent debates around the performance of the NDIS featuring Professor Chris Bigby.

From Professor Chris Bigby's appearance on [ABC RN Life Matters on Tuesday 27 March](#), alongside Chantelle Robards. Discussing the progress the NDIS has made with host Amanda Smith.



LTU Bold Thinking Series: [Promise delivered? The National Disability Insurance Scheme five years on: Wednesday 28 March](#), featuring Professor Christine Bigby and Dr Jane Tracy, Paralympian Dr Lisa Chaffey and The Australian's Rick Morton



2018 Living with Disability Research Centre Seminar Series

April 2018 LiDs Seminar

For the April LiDs seminar when you return. We have two La Trobe faculty members presenting on their recent work this month:

3 - 4:00 pm – **Anoo Bhopti**

Lecturer, Occupational Therapy, La Trobe University

Family quality of life when there is a child with disability

Family Quality of life is a sense of group well-being of a family. This research investigated parent perspectives of having a child with disability and its influence on their family quality of life. It also investigated the relationships between family quality of life, disability-related supports and parent occupations. Findings highlighted that increased caregiving impacts parental health and being able to work. Disability-related supports are considered helpful. Parents use a positive outlook to feel good about their family quality of life. Despite feeling positive, the demands of caregiving get harder as the child gets older, and parents worry about the future.

4 - 5:00 pm – **Professor Teresa Iacono**

La Trobe Rural Health School, La Trobe University

Strengthening mainstream school capacity to support students with disability

Australian school education policy aligns with the UN Millenium Goal of achieving equity in education. Yet true inclusive education in mainstream schools remains elusive for many children with disability. This presentation begins with evidence of this policy-practice gap, then draws on two projects, one completed and one in progress, to consider potential strategies to close it. The funding sources for these projects speak to the cross-sector concern about how to strengthen education as a mainstream system to meet the needs of students with disability: the Principals Association of Specialist Schools, and NDIS ILC Readiness Grant.

Where & when?

Wednesday, April 11

3pm - 5pm

HS1 203 (the large meeting room)

Level 2 of the HS1 building

La Trobe University, Bundoora Campus

To join us remotely via zoom, [email Sophia](#).

Want to find out more?

For more information about the presenters and their presentations check our [this months event page](#) on the website.