

Submission to the Productivity Commission Enquiry into a Disability Care and Support Scheme

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My name is Cam West.
I have been invited to
give you an overview of
the group I work with,
Scope Community
Educators, and our
recommendations for the
Productivity
Commission's Enquiry
into a long term
Disability Care and
Support Scheme.





I was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy when I was 6 months old, so I know what it's like to have a disability. I want other people with disabilities to know they are NOT ALONE.

I know that you have all met plenty of people with disabilities, and you will have heard plenty of stories about how tough life can be. And it is really hard work.

Our group would like to tell you a little about how we have worked to get to where we are today. You will find a summary of our recommendations for a Disability Care and Support Scheme at the end of this submission.



Now I'd like to introduce you to some of the people in Scope's Community Educators, who open other people's minds to what it's like to live with a disability. Our group has two teams, Scope Young Ambassadors (S.Y.A) and the Disability Educators Group (D.E.G).



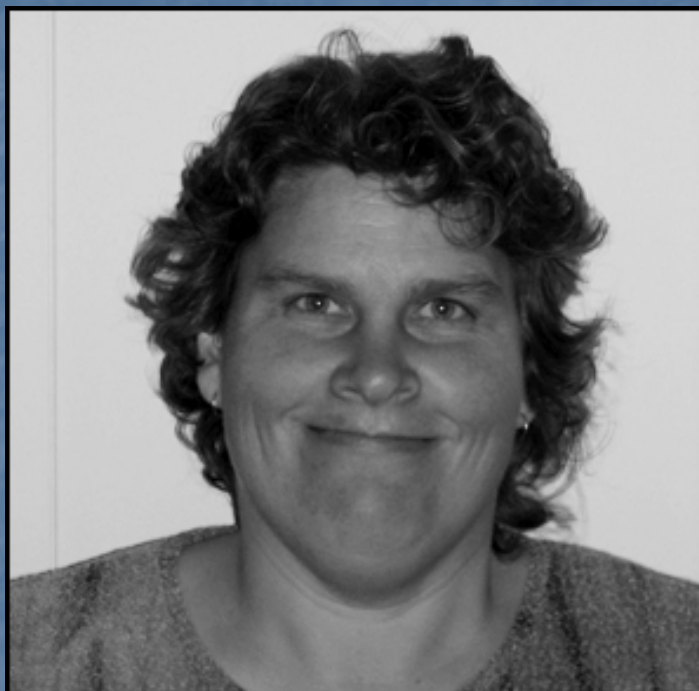
S.Y.A and D.E.G celebrating our personal development at the Certificate 3 in Business Graduation Ceremony, 2009

The following people are current members of Scope Young Ambassadors and the Disability Educators Group. Some of these presenters have attached individual submissions for your consideration.



Joel Barraud

Scope Young Ambassadors (S.Y.A) Session Presenter



Jannine Coldrey

Scope Young Ambassadors (S.Y.A) Session Presenter



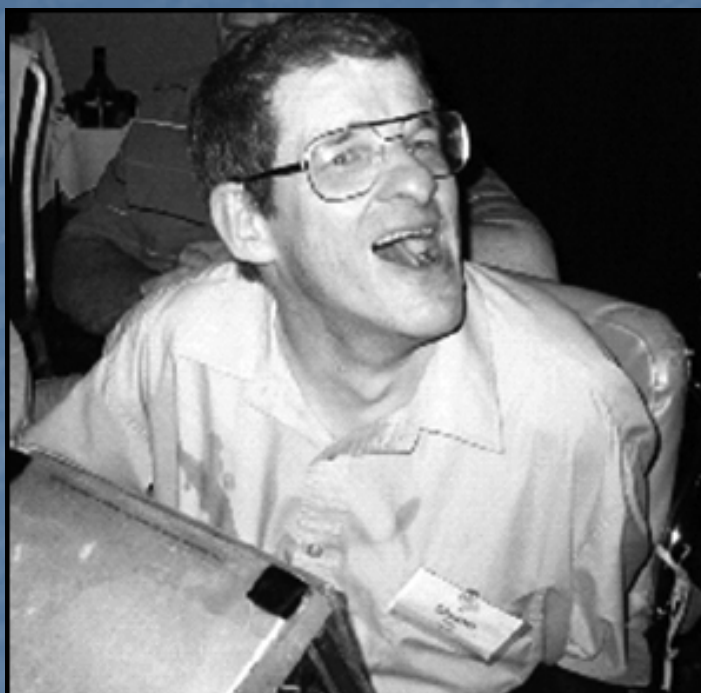
Carmen Debono

Scope Young Ambassadors (S.Y.A) Session Presenter



Lachlan Jones

Scope Young Ambassadors (S.Y.A) Session Presenter



Shane Kelly

Disability Educators Group (D.E.G) Disability Educator



Irene Kwong

Disability Educators Group (D.E.G) Disability Educator



Tim O'Keefe

Disability Educators Group (D.E.G) Disability Educator



Viv Ortolan

(S.Y.A) Session Presenter & (D.E.G) Disability Educator



Dan Richardson

Scope Young Ambassadors (S.Y.A) Session Presenter



Lyn Rowe

Scope Young Ambassadors (S.Y.A) Session Presenter



Karen Stewart

Scope Young Ambassadors (S.Y.A) Session Presenter



Cam West

Disability Educators Group (D.E.G) Disability Educator



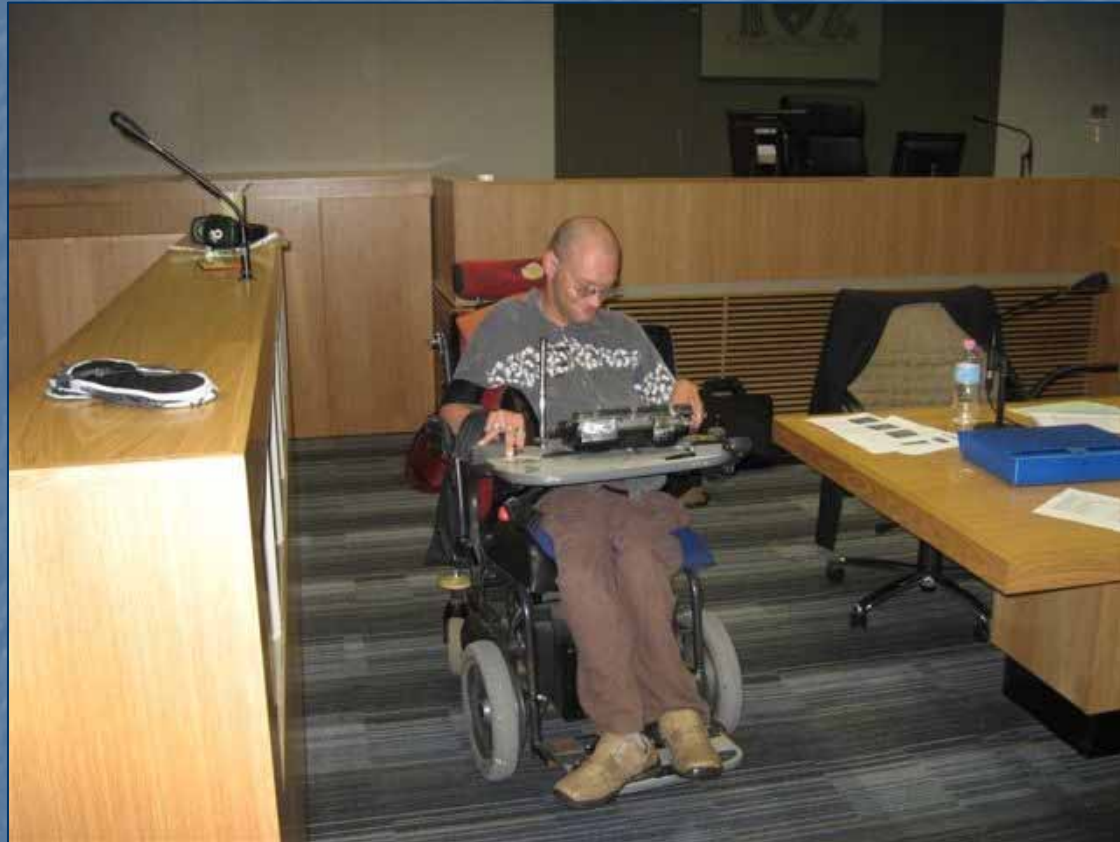
Chris Van Ingen

Scope Young Ambassadors (S.Y.A) Session Presenter

Scope Young Ambassadors and the Disability Educators Group share a common goal: we want to create a more welcoming and accessible world for people with disabilities.



We are employees of Scope, who are paid a real wage, for a real job.



The Disability Educators Group provides inclusiveness training to disability services staff, to Government Departments, and to a wide range of corporate and community organisations.



Scope Young Ambassadors educates young people in primary and secondary schools, and reaches them when they are most open to changing attitudes. During 2009, over 3250 students participated in the program.



This is Lyn Rowe delivering Session 3, “See the Person”

Lyn would like to share with you a piece on her work with Scope Young Ambassadors in primary schools.

(Please view SYA Primary School DVD attached in document sleeve)

From our shared experience of living and working in the community, we have listed our priorities for a new Disability Care and Support Scheme.

The scheme must achieve:

- Empowerment of individuals with a disability within their community;
- Breakdown of social barriers;
- Promotion of universal access;
- Funding for financial independence and employment;
- Recognition of entitlement to a better "Quality of Life" for all people.

We have attached our individual reflections on these issues for your consideration.

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Barraud

Shane Kelly

Tim
O'Keefe

Viv Ortolan

Lyn Rowe

Chris Van
Ingen

Cameron
West

In Conclusion....

We as a group would ask the commission to
accept both our group and individual
submissions in the spirit of:

“Seeing the Person – Not the Disability”