

# WA National Disability Insurance Scheme

## Information linkages and Capacity Building

### What is Information Linkages and Capacity Building?

Information, Linkages and Capacity Building (ILC) is the part of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) that builds the capacity of the broader community to support and include people with disability. ILC also provides people with disability with the information and support they need to participate in their community and mainstream services.

ILC funding is not part of individual plans and people do not have to be eligible for the NDIS to access ILC.

In 2015, an ILC Policy Framework was agreed by the Commonwealth, States and Territories through the Disability Reform Council.

### What is WA doing about ILC?

WA is committed to implementing the ILC Policy Framework as agreed by the Disability Reform Council in 2015. We now need a Commissioning Framework to describe how WA will fund ILC services.

The draft WA NDIS ILC Commissioning Framework is substantively the same as the National Disability Insurance Agency's ILC Commissioning Framework which was developed through nationwide consultation. The draft WA Commissioning Framework will be released for discussion in early 2017.

### When will ILC in WA NDIS start?

State-wide roll-out of ILC initiatives will commence from 1 July 2017.

## Is anything happening now?

An expression of interest (EOI) process for 2016–2017 ILC funding has been released. Based on feedback to date from people with disability across WA, the following activities have been prioritised:

- Providing information and advice on the NDIS in WA
- Assisting people to participate in the NDIS planning process
- Building the capacity of people who choose to self-manage their funding.

Potential applicants are invited to consider how they would respond to these priority areas.

Information on the EOI process can be found on the [Tenders WA website](http://www.tenders.wa.gov.au), [www.tenders.wa.gov.au](http://www.tenders.wa.gov.au) > Current Tender Search > DSC0062017.

## Why only those activities?

For 2016–2017 there is a relatively small amount of ILC funding available. We have heard from many people that there is a need for information about how to participate in the NDIS. By choosing these three activities the intention is to maximise the benefit of the available funds. We also hope that the information developed will apply more broadly to people outside the current NDIS areas as people prepare for the roll out of the NDIS across WA.

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## Further information

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