



Dare to Dream?

May your 2014 wishes come true

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We at Disability Speaks and the Intellectual Disability Association of SA hope your 2014 dreams come true.

No one should ever lose sight that we do the rock throwing, the pandering; the vitriolic criticism and apply the public pressure via our networks so that so many with disability around the country will one day have a fulfilling life. We make no apologies for playing tough. These tough times demand no less as disability support in 2013 sadly became officially a political football.

That was very disappointing.

I would like to thank the board of IDASA for their tireless efforts in 2013.

Like many in the sector our board members commonly sit on multiple committees and work relentlessly for change.

Their counsel, courage and willingness to push boundaries is appreciated.

National Disability Insurance provides genuine hope for the future. We pray it is delivered soon and in a quality focussed fashion

As many people look to the future with constrained optimism we thought we would share with you the attached link below. There is hope if people with disabilities, families, carers and service providers embrace choice, change and flexibility that a bright new era of as yet undeveloped service models will flourish and grow across our country.

The Kardinya Project recently was awarded "The Excellence in Cultural Change Award" by NDS in South Australia.

We hope this attached link gives you confidence to follow your dreams for a brighter future and happy days

<http://youtu.be/QJfnZBp7quk>

This project hosted by leading NGO Minda Inc. in Adelaide has been an outstanding success.

Based on intertwined concepts like

- Developing strong community concepts
- Ensuring stakeholder and Kardinya culture compatibility
- Focusing on individual centred plans
- Expanding onsite and offsite social networks
- Building confidence and independent living skills
- Providing safe, healthy living environments
- Self-Advocacy
- Assuming ongoing family involvement & engagement
- Building partnerships between residents, families and NGO
- Ensuring staff embrace the Kardinya philosophy and Active Support strategy
- Sharing management autonomy with residents, staff, families and volunteers
- Using new media to engage stakeholders and supporters
- Delivering superior financial outcomes

This model is seen by many as providing a positive pilot on the process around both the scope and development of similar projects.

In 2014 IDASA will be running more community consultations to assist people with disability and their families and carers to develop their dream projects.

More information on Kardinya can be found at www.kardinyahouse.org.au or Facebook Kardinya group

May each of you have a safe and happy Christmas and a successful 2014.

Disability Speaks will be back online in January 2014 as we gear up for the SA State Election to be held in March

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PS. yes I know I have a perfect face for radio!

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