

Workstream 1: Person-Centred Emergency Preparedness Peer Support



The aim of Workstream 1 is to increase individual emergency preparedness of people with disability, through a person-centred approach. In this workstream, people with disability will develop their own formal emergency preparedness plans to optimise their self-reliance and planned reliance on others in emergencies. The University of Sydney and the Queenslanders with Disability Network (QDN) will support the development of peer to peer approaches to emergency preparedness for people with disability. Resources will showcase how person-centred planning conversations enable individualised emergency preparedness planning for diverse people with disability in Queensland communities.

Objectives

People with disability will:

- increase awareness of local hazard risk and preparedness steps
- identify their capabilities and support needs in emergencies
- identify their current networks of services and supports
- support other people with disability to increase their preparedness through person-centred planning conversations and peer support

Key Activities

Twenty-five QDN Peer Leaders will participate in an educational program to develop capacity for peer-led Person-Centred Emergency Preparedness (PCEP). This program is designed to 'train-the-trainer' and enable peer-supported emergency preparedness planning across Queensland communities. People with disability will be engaged to lead community-based peer support and conduct in-depth person-centred emergency preparedness planning conversations with individuals with disability in their community. The PCEP Toolkit will enable self-assessment of capabilities and support needs in emergencies.

Locations

Queensland wide, with focused work across four Local Government Areas: Brisbane, Ipswich, Rockhampton, and Townsville.

Products

- PCEP workshop training materials/facilitator guides for QDN Peer Leaders
- Report that shares process, actions, project reach and learnings, with case examples of PCEP Peer Support
- Videos and infographics that showcase Workstream 1 findings

Outputs

- 25 Peer Leaders trained in PCEP conversations and able to conduct peer support sessions on PCEP
- Peer support sessions in PCEP conducted across the state (estimated reach of up to 300 people with disability)
- 45 individuals with disability have formal PCEP plans
- People with disability are connected to and collaborate with local emergency services

Where can I learn more?

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