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National Ethnic Disability Alliance

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National Ethnic Disability Alliance Report: 2024 to 2025

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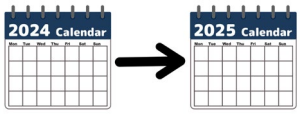
About this report

The National Ethnic Disability Alliance wrote this **report**.

When you see the word ‘we’, ‘us’ or ‘our’, it means the National Ethnic Disability Alliance.



A report is a paper that tells you what we have done from 2024 to 2025.

We wrote this report in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

This report has some hard words.

The first time we write a hard word:

- We will write it in **bold**.
- We will explain what the hard word means.

You can ask for help to read this report.

A friend, family member or **support person** can help you.

A support person is someone who helps you with things you find hard to do by yourself.

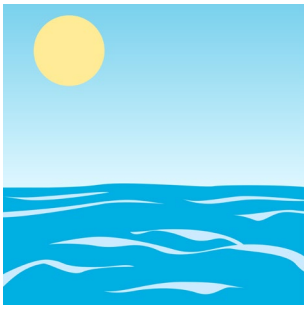
Respect for Country

We respect **First Nations** peoples as the owners of this land.

First Nations means the first groups of people who lived in Australia.

We know that they still have a special connection to:

- Their land.



- Their waters.

- Other First Nations peoples.

We thank their leaders now and from a long time ago.

About us

We are a group of people who work together around Australia.

We help people with disability and their families who are from **different cultures**.

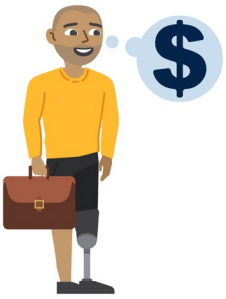
A different culture means people who:

- Come from different countries.

- Speak different languages.
- Do not speak English.

We speak up for their **human rights** so they get the help they need.

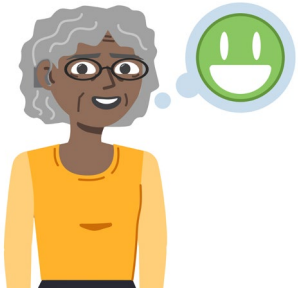
Human rights are things that everyone should be allowed to do and feel.



This includes:

- Having a job to get money.

- Going to school.



- Feeling safe and happy.

We do not work for the Government.

We do not get money from doing our work.

We get money from the Government to pay for things we need to do our work.

We are run by a **Council** from different states and territories.

The Council is a group of people who make decisions about how we should do things.

Most of the people on the Council have a disability and are from a different culture.

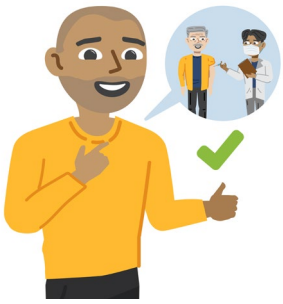
We want everyone to see that people with disability and from different cultures are important.

We think everyone should be treated the same.

Our rules

Our rules for our work are:

1. People with disability from different cultures and their support people should be respected.



2. People with disability from different cultures know themselves best and what help they need.

3. We must listen to people with disability from different cultures and their support people.

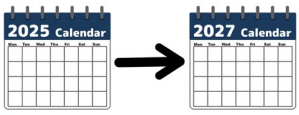
4. Everyone should be treated the same.

5. The Government must tell the truth and give good services to everyone.

6. We must tell the truth to people with disability from different cultures and their support people.

7. We will always share information and tell the truth about our work.

Our big plan for the future



We have a big plan for the next 2 years.

From 2025 to 2027, we will:

1. Help more people with disability from different cultures.

2. Become a stronger leader for different groups of people with disability from different cultures.

This includes:

- Women.

- Young people.

- People who live far away from cities.

- **LGBTQI+** people.

  This means people who are:

  - Lesbian.
  - Gay.
  - Bisexual.
  - Transgender.
  - Queer.
  - Intersex.
  - Have other feelings about their gender and sexual relationships.

3. Teach people from different cultures about kindness and respect towards people with disability.

4. Speak up for people with disability from different cultures to be treated the same.

This includes telling the Government how to make the **National Disability Insurance Scheme** or **NDIS** easier to use for everyone.

The NDIS is a plan that helps people with disability pay for the help and services they need to live well.

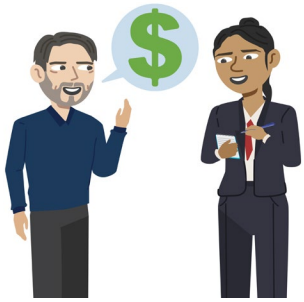
We will also tell them how they can stop people from hurting people with disability from different cultures.

5. Save money so we can stay strong for the future.

Important things that happened

This year, we:

- Talked to the Government about how to make life better for people with disability from different cultures.



This included how to make money rules fairer for everyone.

- Worked with the **United Nations** to make sure people with disability from different cultures were heard and included.

  The United Nations are a big group of countries that work together to make the world a better place.

- Live well.

- Helped write new rules and plans for people with disability from different cultures so they can:

- Vote.

- Feel safe.

- Started an **arts program** called the ‘Inclusive Arts Project’.

  An arts program is where people can learn and make different kinds of art.

  This includes:

- Painting.

- Singing.

- Dancing.

- Acting.

The Inclusive Arts Project is a group where people with disability from different cultures can join in and make art.

- Got money to look at how to make **aged care** safer for people with disability from different cultures.

  This means help for older people at home or in a special home where nurses look after you.

- Welcomed new team members who can help us do better work and help more people.

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