



HMinfo Newsletter

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From the editor

Welcome to the first instalment of the HMinfo Newsletter for 2014.

Staff News:

In February we welcomed two new faces to the team. Alice McNamara will be working three days a week and Michelle Svenger is working on reprinting numerous existing publications in the updated style that was launched at the end of last year.

Website News:

Our website continues to attract new users with total registered users and listserv (mailing list) numbers increasing progressively. To improve accessibility we have recently worked with Vision Australia to conduct usability tests and so far have made a number of upgrades to enhance user experience.

www.homemods.info

Conference News:

A/Prof Catherine Bridge recently attended the [Utzon Symposium](#) held on March 7-9 at the Sydney Opera House.

Catherine presented a paper entitled *Building a universal design legacy: What might Utzon do differently?* with Greg Killeen (SCIA) and Professor Satoshi Kose (Japan).

The Symposium was a collaboration between UNSW Australia, the Jørn Utzon Research Network (JURN) and the Utzon Research Center (URC), the University of Portsmouth, UK and Aalborg University, Denmark.

To view an image gallery from the Symposium head to the [FBE news page](#).

Websites we like: Able Magazine (UK)

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<http://ablemagazine.co.uk/>

Able Magazine is a United Kingdom (UK)-based Disability Lifestyle Magazine.

The magazine boasts reader-submitted content, inspirational articles, travel advice articles, product reviews and submissions, an online buying guide, and the latest UK and international disability news.

Able Magazine's website uses ReadSpeaker to allow users to listen to any article on the site.

Book Review: Landscapes of Care: Comparative Perspectives on Family Caregiving

Reviewed by Laura Davy, Research Associate, HMinfo.

Given the ongoing implementation of the NDIS in Australia, this book presents a timely summary and critique of disability service provision in other regions of the world. It focuses on family carers of adults with intellectual disability who live in the home, and particularly their 'socio-spatial experiences', from a human and cultural geography perspective.

The book is divided into 3 Parts: 1) Concepts of Care; 2) Comparative Perspectives in the Development of Care; and 3) Life Within the Landscape. Part 1 looks at the language of care and its different meanings, including formal and informal care, the different approaches to care taken by government, the disability movement, the carers movement, and the feminist movement, and the role of government and welfare. Part 2 compares government and informal care services in England, the US and Ireland, and compares the welfare ideologies in each country and how these contexts give rise to different 'landscapes' of care and disability that shape the experiences of individuals. It focuses particularly on care policy in Ireland, which is influenced by a blend of conservative Catholic family-based care policy and neoliberal legislative policy.

Part 3 examines the narratives of family caregivers influenced by these policies by analysing interviews with carers about their everyday experiences of caregiving and support services. This section of the book is by far the most compelling, describing in detail difficult transition periods such as from education services to adult disability services for young people with intellectual disability and their families, and critiquing the rationales for certain restrictions on the government carer allowance and respite grant in Ireland. This section highlights that particularly in the case of young adults with intellectual disability; caregiving is determined by the resources of individual families and the mix of community services available in the particular location. Regional inconsistencies in the way services are funded, organised and delivered is a major factor impacting the quality of life of people with disability and caregivers.

This is an excellent introductory text to those unfamiliar with the history of care provision in the reviewed countries (United States, England and Ireland), but will not necessarily add much knowledge or depth to readers well acquainted with the history and theory of care.

This book is available on Amazon and electronically via Trove.

Author: Andrew Power

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Events

SCIA Independence Expo

Spinal Cord Injuries Australia invites you to attend the SCIA Independence Expo on Saturday April 5 at the Australian Technology Park, Eveleigh. Admission is free!

This is an expo like no other. Exhibitors will range from employment support services, to travel agencies, charitable organisations, assistive technology suppliers, health product suppliers, home care services and many more!

SCIA will also hold workshops at the expo about the

Community Housing Federation of Australia Housing, Disability and NDIS Forum this month



CHFA has organised the Housing, Disability and the NDIS Forum on Thursday 27 March in Canberra.

The Forum will focus on the increased role for

National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), the importance of physical activity to promote a healthy lifestyle, and Identifying and Supporting Carers.

To find out more and to register visit [SCIA's website](#).

community housing providers in providing appropriate housing for people with disability under the NDIS.

Mr. Bruce Bonohady (AM), Chairman, National Disability Insurance Agency, will deliver the keynote presentation.

To find out more about the Forum and to register, visit [CHFA's website](#).

Publications by HMinfo Team Members

Home Modification Information Clearinghouse (2013). Annual report for the period 2012-2013. Sydney: Home Modification Information Clearinghouse, The University of New South Wales. December [online]. Available from www.homemods.info.

Judd, B., Liu, E., Easthope, H., Davy, L., & Bridge, C. (2014). [Downsizing amongst older Australians](#). AHURI Final Report No. 214. Available from: <http://www.ahuri.edu.au/publications/projects/p70687>.

More publications are available on [the HMinfo website](#)

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