

## Call for papers and presentations

### AGOSCI 2011 Conference

**Conference Website:** [www.alloccasionsgroup.com/agosci2011](http://www.alloccasionsgroup.com/agosci2011)

**Date of Conference:** May 11-14, 2011

**Venue:** Adelaide Convention Centre, South Australia

**Conference Theme:** *Taking it to the streets.*

Designed to encourage innovation and action to increase understanding and awareness of persons with complex communication needs (CCN) in the community.  
(see overleaf for general information)

#### **Keynote Speakers:**

Barbara Collier, Executive Director, Augmentative Communication Community Partnerships, Canada

Dr Rhonda Galbally AO, Director, Rhonda Galbally Associates, Australia

Darryl Sellwood, BCIS, Australia

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#### **How can I contribute to the conference?**

Share the success stories, challenges and initiatives that you and/or your Organisation have undertaken to promote inclusion of people with CCN.

Submissions are particularly encouraged from people with CCN, their families and those who live with, work with or know people with CCN.

To submit an abstract and obtain further information visit:

[www.alloccasionsgroup.com/agosci2011](http://www.alloccasionsgroup.com/agosci2011)

Closing date for Abstracts:  
**30 August 2010**

#### **Submissions in the following areas are particularly encouraged:**

- Strategies promoting positive health care and mental health promotion in children and adults with CCN
- Experiences in the employment sector of persons with CCN
- Initiatives in business, sport, arts, leisure and recreation sectors to facilitate participation of persons with CCN
- Inclusive educational practices for persons with CCN
- Facilitating AAC with people who are indigenous, older and/or from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.
- Promoting education and awareness of CCN in communities beyond the "traditional" groups and bringing new members of the community on board.
- Innovation in practice and service delivery influencing participation and public awareness of people with CCN.

Submissions covering other areas will be considered, especially approaches that influence community participation and public awareness.



## Taking it to the streets adelaide 2011

### Complex Communication Needs

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Do you ever encounter people who have difficulty speaking or who have difficulty understanding what you are saying?

People can have difficulty communicating for many reasons such as surgery, stroke, accident, cerebral palsy, autism, developmental disorders.

Have you considered what the issues are for people who have communication difficulties? Do you know how you can assist with the communication process?

### What is AGOSCI?

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AGOSCI is a group representing people with complex communication needs as well as those who live, know or work with people with complex communication needs. Established in 1981, AGOSCI aims to lobby for the rights of people with complex communication needs, increase public awareness of complex communication needs, and to provide relevant educational and professional development events across Australia.

### What is the conference?

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This will be the 10th Biennial Conference of AGOSCI. Each Biennial Conference includes sharing success stories, exciting breakthroughs, fun social activities, scientific paper presentations, and demonstrations of assistive equipment. During each conference, children and adults with complex communication needs, families, therapists, professionals and researchers share and learn the latest information about augmentative and alternative communication.

### Where can I get more information?

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[www.agosci.org.au/](http://www.agosci.org.au/)

