



WADIN

The WADIN (Western Australian Disability Information Network) project is funded by a 2008 NGCS grant.

It aims to be a collaborative network for staff working in disability resource centers and libraries in Western Australia.

Priorities are:

- Improved awareness of available resources
- Shared training and resources (specifically to disability and allied health staff and students, and then the general public)
- Reduction in duplication of effort.

There are currently 15 interested organisations, including hospital libraries, public libraries, TAFE and smaller disability organisations.

Membership

Free to interested organisations.

Resource sharing

This will be primarily awareness, but priorities for lending are:

- Health professionals from the various organisations. Lending will occur via WANDA staff or individually if necessary
- Public allowed to view and photocopy from collections, but no direct lending
- Some organisations are more interested in resource access for the public (parents etc.) and this will be reflected in the web site borrowing information

Meetings

Meetings will occur regularly, approx. every 2 months. Rotation of hosting among member organisations will assist members to become familiar with resources available at other sites and exchange ideas.



Web site

The web site will contain information on resources and lending policies for all members. It will be hosted on the Telethon Speech & Hearing web site at present, but this may change after initial set up. Maintenance will be ongoing.

Discussion group

This provides a forum for information dissemination and discussion of relevant issues. Subscription is available at <http://www.lists.edna.edu.au/lists/lists/subscribe?list=wanda> or by sending a blank email to join-wanda@edna.edu.au.

Information pack

This will contain information on all organisations and can be sent out to interested parties.