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**16<sup>TH</sup> April 2012**

Ferntree Gully based disability support service, Interchange Outer East will be holding its 2012 conference on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May at Burrinja Conference Centre in Upwey.

The theme for the conference is 'Keeping It Real' and a notable line up of speakers will be following this theme with presentations on real issues and projects which relate to the real world.

Interchange's Executive Office, Fred Brumhead said "This conference will bring together an eclectic mix of speakers and topics. As a part of a broader social development sector, Interchange Outer East seeks ideas and information from within and from other enterprises, for inspiration and a deeper understanding of how we can work for better outcomes for all"

Interchange has been fortunate in being able to secure such well known speakers, amongst others, as Australian of the Year 2011 Simon McKeon; RMIT Associate Professor, Dr Paul Ramcharan; Dr Mark Barber from Intensive Interaction Australia; Human Rights Commission educator Kenton Miller and James O'Brien State Coordinator of NDIS.

Conference attendees will hear presentations covering such diverse topics as Human Rights, equality, self empowerment projects for disadvantaged people, communication technologies and volunteering. The topics covered will not only address issues directly affecting those involved with Interchange and disability but will inform us on what is happening to improve the lives of others in the wider world.

"This conference is for everyone who believes that the more ideas shared, discussed and debated, the more vigorous and vibrant our society can be" said Mr Brumhead

The conference which will run over two days is free and community members are welcome to attend for either one or two days.

To register or for more information please contact Interchange Outer East on 03 9758 5522 or email [ioe@ioe.org.au](mailto:ioe@ioe.org.au) .

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