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Summer Foundation launches *Learnings from the Abbotsford Housing Demonstration Project: 2012-2013.*

The Summer Foundation is pleased to announce the launch of the report *Learnings from the Abbotsford Housing Demonstration Project: 2012-2013.*

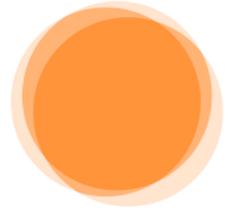
The report showcases the impact and value of a highly successful collaboration between four organisations with a shared vision. The Summer Foundation, annecto, Common Equity Housing Limited, Residential Independence Pty Ltd (RIPL)/Transport Accident Commission worked together on an innovative housing and support project to demonstrate a new and more inclusive housing option for people with significant disability.

The report offers reflections and learnings about the origins and set up phase of the Abbotsford Housing Demonstration Project. It explores the role of successful inter-organisational collaboration in creating systemic social change. It is not a 'how to' for every situation – because for each situation there will be different collaborators, potential tenants, and context factors.

“We were delighted to work with three partners who each brought their expertise to the project with a genuine desire to collaborate,” Summer Foundation CEO Dr Di Winkler said.

“Our Housing Demonstration projects generate a lot of interest from disability services, housing providers and government. Sharing our key learnings and the outcomes for tenants is part of our mission. We hope to encourage others to replicate this model.”

The report is intended for those developing policy and practices to create tailored housing and support living arrangements for people with disabilities, particularly those with more complex support needs.



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Learnings from the Abbotsford Housing Demonstration Project: 2012-2013 can be downloaded for free from <http://tinyurl.com/abb-learnings>

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About the Summer Foundation:

The Summer Foundation is Australia's leading organisation on research regarding young people in nursing homes. The mission of the Summer Foundation is to resolve the issue of young people living in nursing homes in Australia.