

## **SKILL (Strengthening Knowledge Ideas Links & Leadership)**

### **Country SKILL Connector**

#### **Role Description**

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<b>Term of Appointment:</b>	<b>Fixed term contract to February 2023 (7.6 hours per week)</b>
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#### **About Julia Farr Purple Orange:**

Julia Farr Purple Orange is a social profit organisation on a mission to create a world where people who live with disability get a fair go at what life has to offer.

#### **All our work is guided by our belief that people living with disability should:**

- Have a voice and be in control of their own lives and their supports.
- Be valued and active citizens of the wider community.
- Be included in the community and their voice is heard.
- Have opportunities to learn, grow, explore, and develop their interests.

We believe that when the above statements are not met, it is not only a great loss for people living with disability, but for society as well.

What ideas, insights, creativity, and work is society missing out on when people who live with disability aren't given the opportunity to participate and realise their own potential?

#### **About the SKILL Project:**

SKILL is an individual capacity building project made up of workshops, peer support networks and leadership development. SKILL stands for Strengthening Knowledge, Ideas, Links and Leadership. The project is funded through a 3-year grant to JFA Purple Orange from the NDIA's Information Linkages and Capacity Building (ILC) program.

The SKILL NDIS workshops are for people living with disability and their families, carers and supporters, who are interested in the steps and opportunities for taking charge in their lives. The workshops have been co-designed by people living with disability for people living with disability.

Peer support networks will develop from the workshops, with leadership development opportunities for emerging Peer Leaders.

#### **1. Summary of the role's aim**

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Country SKILL Connectors are responsible for identifying and connecting with people with disability in their region to promote and share SKILL Project activities and information and increase opportunities for people living with disability in regional areas. These activities include promoting and participating in online events and webinars, and helping to plan,

promote and facilitate peer support meetings for people living with disability in regional areas.

As a part of this role, you will be working with support from the SKILL Project Leader to share information, grow a peer support network, and facilitate and run peer support meetings. You will use your lived experience of disability to connect with and support attendees in the meetings, facilitate positive relationships and create a safe and encouraging environment. Training to facilitate these meetings will be provided as a part of this role.

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## **2. Main Duties**

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The main work activities, with support from the SKILL Project Leader, will include:

- Promoting SKILL events and activities and opportunities for people living with disability.
  - Identifying and developing local content for and facilitating approximately 20 peer support meetings.
  - Providing support to the attendees to engage in the peer support network.
  - Look for opportunities to promote SKILL and its activities with relevant regional organisations.
  - Maintaining good networks and relationships with stakeholders including: people living with disability, their family members and supporters, SKILL and JFA Purple Orange team members, and community leaders and organisations relevant to our work.
  - Participating in training sessions and contributing to improvements to the training based on feedback where necessary.
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## **3. About the role holder**

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### **Essential Criteria**

1. Strong social values, including a deep commitment to improving the life chances of people living with disability and their families, especially in relation to choice (Personhood) and inclusion (Citizenhood).
2. Experience and demonstrated commitment to improving the life chances of people living with disability and their families.
3. Strong knowledge and understanding of disability (e.g., through lived experience) that equips the candidate with authority and credibility to help mentor others on peer support meeting content.
4. Experience with building and maintaining collaborative relationships with a range of individual and organisational stakeholders.
5. Strong oral communication and presentation skills.
6. Demonstrated organisational skills.

7. Based in a South Australian country/regional area.

#### **Desirable criteria**

1. Knowledge of current disability sector reforms, initiatives and issues for people living with disability.
  2. Lived experience of disability.
  3. Well-developed networks within the disability sector.
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#### **4. Special Conditions** (Such as travel requirements, frequent overtime, etc).

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The role demands a commitment to:

- Support the integrity of JFA Purple Orange by maintaining a high standard of personal and professional conduct that supports our values, including:
    - People living with disability having personal authority in their lives.
    - People being active valued members of mainstream community life.
    - Inclusive communities
    - Capacity-building
    - The exercise of ambassadorship
    - The exercise of your best judgement in respect of safeguards for you, your fellow team members, people living with disability and their families, and other visitors to our organisation.
  - Occasionally work outside of normal business hours where this is needed.
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#### **HOW TO APPLY**

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To apply for this role, please send a short cover letter and your CV to [andrewg@purpleorange.org.au](mailto:andrewg@purpleorange.org.au) by **11:59pm on Sunday 12 December, 2021**.

In your cover letter, please tell us why you would like to be a Country Connector and briefly describe how you meet the essential criteria.

If you have any questions, please call Skye Kakoschke-Moore on 08 8373 8317 or email [skyek@purpleorange.org.au](mailto:skyek@purpleorange.org.au)

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