



JFA Purple Orange

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State Elections

On Saturday 15 March South Australians and Tasmanians went to the polls to set the course for the next four years.

The NDIS and the transition issues give much for state governments to think about. However, while the NDIS is an important social reform, it's important governments don't lose sight of the National Disability Strategy and the United Nations Convention that underpins it. More than ever before, governments need to take leadership on this, ensuring that all key public services, including public transport, health and education are authentically inclusive of people living with disability.



It is also important that state and territory governments redouble their efforts to reduce the unmet needs waiting list, deepen state-funded individualised funding and prioritise the availability of community supports, especially for people wishing to leave congregate services such as Highgate Park in Adelaide.

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Building Capacity

In 2012 JFA Purple Orange launched a capacity building workshop program for people living with disability and their families.

The program comprises seven topics centred upon our Model of Citizenship Support 2nd edition:

1. You and Your Life
2. Making a Plan
3. Choices and Voices
4. Connected
5. Choosing your Personal Assistance
6. My Home, My Castle
7. Safeguarding for a Good Life



The workshops assist participants to explore how to build life chances in support a good life. They explore the Four Capitals outlined in the Model of Citizenship Support, and the elements of Citizenship and Personhood.

Feedback from participants suggests the workshops are particularly helpful for people taking up individualised funding options either in their state/territory or through the NDIS.

Since launching the workshops in Adelaide, we have extended the workshops to regional South Australia including Berri, Mt Gambier, Victor Harbor and Port Augusta to reach a broader audience and meet demand for the workshops. We can also set up customised workshops for people interested in having the even in their town or with their group.

As well as offering these workshops ourselves, the workshop program is now available for purchase on a licence fee basis for agencies to run for their staff and clients. This involves training with our staff to become an accredited facilitator.

Most recently we have extended the workshops to the Australian Capital Territory where we are working with two local agencies (Adacas and Imagine More) to run the workshops.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in attending our workshops or becoming an accredited facilitator, please contact us for more information.

The Model of Citizenship Support 2nd edition, on which the workshops are based, is also available for purchase from JFA Purple Orange for \$35 each incl. GST + optional postage and handling of \$3.95 each incl. GST Australia wide.

The governments of South Australia and the Australian Capital Territory have contributed funds towards this program.

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Council Consultations

JFA Purple Orange is working with a range of South Australian councils to strengthen access and inclusion for people living with disability in their community.

Our current projects include:

- working with the City of Salisbury on their Beyond the Ramp Inclusion Forum 2014 to discuss successes, challenges and future priorities for inclusion
- hosting community forums for local residents in the [City of Mitcham](#), [City of Marion and City of Charles Sturt](#) to inform and develop a council specific Access & Inclusion Plan to guide councils' future work.



Further information about these projects is available on our website www.purpleorange.org.au.

As well as access and inclusion consultations, JFA Purple Orange is available to assist agencies and organisations to:

- explore and resolve values that drive your agency/organisation's work
- update, clarify or strengthen policy and practice arrangements for governance and management
- map and understand strategic options
- better understand and address issues of culture and practice.

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Last Chance to Register for the Julia Farr Youth Conference

Registrations for the Julia Farr Youth Conference close Wednesday 9 April 2014.

There are still a number of sponsored spots available for young people living interstate and young people living with acquired brain injury or degenerative neurological disorder.



The conference is for young people living with disability and professionals interested in empowering young people.

The topics cover all the things that matter to young people living with disability, including connecting with other young people, having a voice, living independently, transition skills and tips about travel and employment. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear other people's life stories and learn how they navigated some of the tricky things in life.

All of our conference speakers live with disability and/or work in the disability sector.

The conference is hosted by Julia Farr Youth – a group of young people aged 16-30 who live with disability and advocate on issues affecting young people living with disability.

The full program and registration form is available from our website www.purpleorange.org.au or call us on (08) 8373 8333 with questions or comments.

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MySupportAdvisor

MySupportAdvisor is an initiative launched by the South Australian Department for Communities and Social Inclusion. It is a free online source of information to better connect people with a range of disability service providers in South Australia.



MySupportAdvisor can be used to search for services, share feedback on services and read feedback posted by others. Service providers can respond online to reviews.

This website seeks to assist people to make better informed decisions when choosing a service.

The role of MySupportAdvisor will be similar to websites such as TripAdvisor and is the first site of its type launched in South Australia. Service providers are encouraged to utilise MySupportAdvisor as a free marketing tool by establishing and maintaining their own profile page. This allows services to promote themselves on the site at no cost.

People living with disability, their families, service providers and community members are encouraged to visit www.MySupportAdvisor.com.au and contribute to its ongoing development.

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