



# JFA Purple Orange Newsletter

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## A Plan for Justice

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South Australian Deputy Premier and Attorney-General John Rau launched the Disability Justice Plan at JFA Purple Orange on Tuesday 10 June.

The Plan aims to make the criminal justice system more accessible to people living with physical and intellectual disability.



JFA Purple Orange CEO Robbi Williams said the comprehensive Plan would be welcomed by the disability community.

"This is a good Plan that is properly mindful of the rights of all people living with disability," he said.

"With input from the disability community in its development, the Plan commits to a set of actions that can help ensure people living with disability get a fair go."

With many important actions within, the focus now shifts to the Plan's implementation.

"We value the commitment that's been shown in this Plan. With careful coordination and the continued involvement of people from the disability

community, we are hopeful this Plan will make South Australia an exemplar jurisdiction on how to authentically safeguard the rights of people living with disability in the justice system."

"This Plan is an opportunity for South Australia to lead the way in making our criminal justice system fair and equitable for everyone."

You can access the *Disability Justice Plan 2014-2017* and *Supporting vulnerable witnesses in the giving of evidence – Guidelines for securing best evidence* via the Attorney-General's Department website

[www.agd.sa.gov.au/initiatives/disability-justice-plan](http://www.agd.sa.gov.au/initiatives/disability-justice-plan)

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## Join us for Evening Workshops about Moving Towards a Good Life

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JFA Purple Orange is offering its free workshops in the evenings for people who have been unable to attend during daytime hours.

The workshops are facilitated by our Research Officer Kerry Telford who lives with disability and is familiar with issues and experiences relevant to the disability community.



The workshops can assist you to explore how to make the most of your support funding and arrangements to move towards a good life.

The workshops are held from 5:30pm to 8:30pm at our offices, 104 Greenhill Road, Unley in Adelaide.

Visit our website [www.purpleorange.org.au](http://www.purpleorange.org.au) to download a registration form or call us on (08) 8373 8333 for more information.

Workshop Title	Day and Date
Choosing your Personal Assistance	Monday 30 June
My Home, My Castle	Monday 7 July
Safeguarding for a Good Life	Monday 14 July

*The Department for Community and Social Inclusion has contributed funds towards this program.*

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## The Model of Citizenship Support

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A lot of the work we are currently undertaking revolves around the Model of Citizenship Support.

To recap, the *Model of Citizenship Support* (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition) is a framework for supporting people living with disability to realise their life chances and live ordinary, valued lives within the community.



It is grounded on the values of Personhood (where people living with disability are able to exercise personal authority) and Citizenship (where people living with disability are active citizens in the life of the community) and explores what we have coined the Four Capitals:

- Personal Capital (perspective)
- Knowledge Capital (information and skills)
- Material Capital (tangible physical resources)
- Social Capital (connectivity with other people).

### Facilitator Opportunities

The framework of the Model has been adapted into a suite of seven workshops. The workshop program is now available for purchase on a license fee basis for agencies to run for their staff and clients. You will be provided with training to become an accredited facilitator.

If you would like more information, email us at [admin@purpleorange.org.au](mailto:admin@purpleorange.org.au) or call us on (08) 8373 8333.

### Social Audit Initiative

The Model of Citizenship Support includes a set of 20 questions support agencies/services can ask themselves to gauge how they are building authentically helpful relationships with their clients.

We are currently working with a South Australian service agency to carry out a Social Audit of their organisation. If you are interested in having your agency/service/organisation audited, contact us at [admin@purpleorange.org.au](mailto:admin@purpleorange.org.au) or call us (08) 8373 8333.

The Model of Citizenship Support 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition is available for purchase from JFA Purple Orange for \$35 each incl. GST + optional postage and handling of \$3.95 each incl. GST Australia wide.

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## Julia Farr Youth eMentoring

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Julia Farr Youth eMentoring provides an opportunity for young people aged 11-18 to connect with mentors in a secure online chat forum.



The forum is designed for young people living with disability to share stories, concerns and questions with other young people living with disability and our awesome mentors.

Mentors can respond to questions about everyday life, schooling, connecting with the local community and growing up!

eMentoring can complement face-to-face mentoring or provide an opportunity for young people to access our mentors if they are living outside metropolitan Adelaide or are awaiting a Mentor match.

### How to get involved:

If you are already registered, click here to access the forum:

[www.purpleorange.org.au/forums](http://www.purpleorange.org.au/forums)

If you would like to register contact Sandy Williams on (08) 8373 8325 or email [sandyw@purpleorange.org.au](mailto:sandyw@purpleorange.org.au) to begin the application process.

Please note eMentoring is currently available to South Australian residents only.

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## Narrative Practices Workshop

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Narrative Practices Adelaide are holding a workshop for volunteers, counsellors, mentors, advocates, supporters, community and allied healthcare workers, case-workers, special educators and teachers.

When: 7-8 August 2014

Where: 1 Mary St, Hindmarsh

Cost: \$320



The two-day workshop is called Working with Children and Families Living with Disability: Toward dignity, connectedness and agency. During the workshop Lisa Johnson and Maggie Carey will present some key ideas and specific practices in Narrative Therapy.

There will be opportunities to see these ideas in action with video/audio records of their work with children and their communities. There will also be space for discussion to support your thinking around how these ideas and practices may fit and build upon the work you are already doing, or hope to do.

For more information visit the Narrative Practices website at [www.narrativepractices.com.au](http://www.narrativepractices.com.au) email [info@narrativepractices.com.au](mailto:info@narrativepractices.com.au) or phone (08) 8340 2240.

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## Julia Farr Youth Conference

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On 14-15 April Julia Farr Youth, an initiative of JFA Purple Orange, held the first Julia Farr Youth Conference – Having a Voice.

Young people from all around Australia attended the conference. It provided an opportunity for participants to discuss and explore issues relevant to young people living with disability, including personal self-worth, transition to employment, education and life after school, living independently and managing your own support, inclusive education, relationships and sexuality, sporting and recreation, travel and moving forward.



Guest speakers included The Honourable Kelly Vincent, professional speaker Michele Colman and Paralympians Grace Bowman and Katrina Webb. The conference had a positive vibe and JFY looks forward to building momentum on the discussions had.

Below is an article written by Eloise Dibden who attended the conference.

A woman once said that “we are the experts of our lives and own experiences”, and many of you might know her: the Honourable Kelly Vincent, the Dignity for Disability representative in the South Australian Parliament. She is the first Australian politician to permanently use a

wheelchair for mobility, the youngest woman currently sitting in an Australian parliament and the first Australian to be elected on the platform of disability rights. It was her philosophy and opening presentation that drove the Julia Farr Youth Conference I went to on 14 and 15 April at the Adelaide Convention Centre.

It was not only a welcome break from homework, but also a great opportunity and platform for many to express ideas and opinions for change, which resonated with me as a young person with a disability. So, I invited myself to write this. I couldn't miss the opportunity, because I believe that in this rapidly advancing and changing world, individuals with disabilities get left behind from the crowd, physically and metaphorically. However, the most fantastic thing about this conference was the fact that it didn't dwell on what can't be done, or what isn't there, but rather the attributes we currently possess and how we can help improve the situation for future generations.

Did you know that a person with a disability is a more loyal employee and takes less "sick leave" than his or her able-bodied counterparts? (\*Cough\* I haven't had a day sick from school since Year 8 \*cough\*). Perhaps the most astonishing moment was hearing "The Other Robbi Williams" talk about disability and education. 'Inclusion' to many is seen as adding a ramp or a handrail here or there, but it is much more than that ... it is about creating that sense of belonging, because everyone, no matter who they are, has the right to go to his or her local school and get a good education. This made me realise how fortunate I am to go to a school where I am not separated from the rest of the class or taught something completely different from others just because I have a physical disability.

This conference has opened my eyes to so many different things, opportunities and supports that I didn't even know were out there. It was easy to relate to many of the speakers because they connected their personal experiences to their speeches, whether it was about living independently, travel or technology.

Some of my personal favourites included: Katrina Webb (Paralympic athlete), Bel Owen (Julia Farr Youth Member), Aidan Barry (Youth Squad Captain and Director of the Association Directors Golfing Federation Inc.), Jordan Nguyen (inventor of the first thought-controlled wheelchair, known as TIM, mind behind Project "Pegasus") and Grace Bowman (connect-ABILITY (Recreational) Officer, Novita).

If I can impart any final words of wisdom (as told to us by Michele Colmer, Many Open Doors Foundation), it is that chocolate is great – it's my new best friend (sorry calculator)!

Eloise Dibden  
Community Service Prefect at St Peters Girls

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## **Perspective 2014 Art Exhibition: Freedom**

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Each year we host the Perspective Art Exhibition which explores themes relevant to people living with disability, their families, personal networks and the wider community. The exhibition is a celebration of the work of people living with disability as well as non-disabled artists.



The theme for the Perspective 2014 Art Exhibition is Freedom.

Freedom is having the power or right to act, speak, or think as one wants. Freedom is the absence of subjection, domination or restriction. Freedom is self-determination, choice and independence.

If you are an artist, we encourage you to develop a piece relating to the theme of freedom to be entered in the exhibition. We also encourage you to share this information with any artists you know who would be interested in exhibiting.

Submissions can include visual, audio or tactile works and are due by Thursday 17 July 2014. The exhibition is being held as part of SALA (South Australian Living Artists) and will launch on Friday 1 August 2014.

All the forms you need are available on our website  
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