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Model of Citizenship Support 2nd Edition

JFA Purple Orange recently released the second edition of the Model of Citizenship Support. Building on the original 2010 publication, the latest edition explores how people understand and value themselves, have authorship in their lives, and find their place of belonging in the world as active, valued citizens. The model explores how a person's life chances can be built, based on four different types of resource called the Four Capitals.

The new edition includes a survey tool to help understand a person's current life chances and a set of questions to assist service agencies to audit their own helpfulness.

The new edition is available free-of-charge as an electronic copy for a limited time (conditions apply). Contact us at admin@purpleorange.org.au or on (08) 8393 8333 to order.

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State Budget wrap-up

The South Australian Government released their State Budget 2013-14 on Thursday 6 June.

The budget included a significant financial commitment to fund disability support in South Australia including:

- \$723 million in funds for full implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), DisabilityCare Australia in the state by 2018/19
- \$108 million over the next five years for disability services and equipment.

Other States also released their budgets in June, with key highlights including:

- Tasmania: \$16.8 million over four years to assist with the introduction of the NDIS
- Queensland: \$8.8 billion for Community Services including \$868 million for the NDIS
- Victoria: \$224 million for disability services and reform
- New South Wales: \$585 million to launch the NDIS.

In our media release we applauded the State Government for strengthening its capacity to assist people living with disability, in line with its commitment to the NDIS.

We also noted the additional funding for services and equipment to target at least some of the 926 South Australians living with disability on the Category 1 Unmet Need waiting list.

We also signalled our hope that a portion of the additional funding would be used to assist people living with disability to move out of the large congregate care facility Highgate Park (formerly the Julia Farr Centre).

Detailed information about the State Budget 2013-14 is available on the State Government website at www.statebudget.sa.gov.au.

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DisabilityCare Australia news

July has arrived and four launch sites (South Australia, Tasmania, the Barwon region in Victoria and the Hunter Valley in New South Wales) have opened their doors for business.

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is available to around 20,000 people living with disability at the launch sites for three years, before being rolled out to an estimated 400,000 Australians.

Also recently, 73 short-term projects funded by the NDIS Practical Design Fund were showcased at the DisabilityCare Australia inaugural conference in June. We understand the findings from these projects will be available to the public, including the two projects led by JFA Purple Orange (see next item).

The Federal Government has launched a new website dedicated to information about the NDIS, DisabilityCare Australia. The website address is www.disabilitycareaustralia.gov.au

People living with disability are invited to complete a questionnaire, available on the website, called the My Access Checker, which will help people determine whether they are likely to be eligible for support.

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Purple Orange and the Practical Design Fund

JFA Purple Orange undertook two projects as part of the Practical Design Fund. The reports relating to the below projects will be made public shortly. To find out how to get a copy of these reports, contact our office on (08) 8373 8333 or email us at admin@purpleorange.org.au

eMarket

The eMarket project was run using a co-design approach to find out whether a Trip Advisor/eBay type website (which we called an eMarket) would be helpful to people and agencies using the NDIS.

The overwhelming view from the 21 consultations held around Australia was that an eMarket would be helpful. Our report includes a list of key features people would want from an eMarket and recommendations made to DisabilityCare Australia.

Values-Based Leadership Development

The Values-Based Leadership Development project involved a series of two-day workshops for service agency staff in the five NDIS launch sites. The workshops were designed to help participants identify and examine the values which drive their agencies work, particularly in terms of being truly helpful in people's lives.

Upon completion of the workshop all participants received a questionnaire to help initiate a conversation about values and actions at their agency. Our report includes these questions together with recommendations made to DisabilityCare Australia.

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Workshops for people living with disability and their families

We have just completed the first series of Adelaide workshops designed to help people living with disability and their families to think about their future, given the changes to disability support funding.

With an average of 20 people attending each of the seven workshops, they have proved a great opportunity for people to get helpful information on a range of topics, including imagining a good life, making a plan, having choices and making decisions, connecting to community life, choosing service providers, having a home, and attitudes to risk and safety.

The workshops have also been characterised by the participants bringing their own stories to share, and we have heard many inspiring tales of people's determination and creativity.

A second round of Adelaide workshops is planned for later this year. We will also be bringing the workshops to regional South Australia where we are planning three half-day workshops (two topics per workshop) in the Riverland, Port Augusta and Mt Gambier.

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Perspectives 2013: Tell your story

Each year, JFA Purple Orange hosts 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 2013 Art Exhibition is Stories.

Stories evolve from people's life experiences. They reflect our unique journeys of love, loss, change, resilience, acceptance, courage, family, friendships and more. We invite you to share your story through your art.

Submissions can include visual, audio or tactile works and are due by Thursday 18 July 2013. The exhibition is being held as part of SALA (South Australian Living Artists) and will launch on Friday 2 August 2013.

In submitting artwork to JFA Purple Orange, the artist understands the artwork may not be chosen for the exhibition.

All the information you need is available on the homepage of our website www.purpleorange.org.au. Alternatively you can contact us (08) 8373 8333 or via admin@purpleorange.org.au for more information or assistance.

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Young Tasmanians Gearing Up for the future

JFA Purple Orange CEO Robbi Williams was a keynote speaker at the Gearing Up: Living your Potential expos held in Launceston and Hobart during May and June.

The expos focused on post-school opportunities for young people living with disability.

Mr Williams said it was common for young people living with disability to think their options are limited.

"It is common for school students living with disability to think their options are limited to service recipiency such as sheltered workshops and day programs," Mr Williams said.

"This is not the case. Students living with disability have just as much potential as non-disabled students to move forward into secondary education, trades and paid employment," he said.

"The key is helping students to realise their gifts, talents and strengths, and supporting them to move forward into the life they imagine for themselves."

Mr Williams said people living with disability are essential to the fabric of community life.

"Everyone has something to contribute to the community."

Robbi will be presenting at one more Gearing Up expo, in Burnie on 14 August.

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An Address with Melanie Schlaeger

On Friday 7 June JFA Purple Orange hosted an Address with Melanie Schlaeger.

Melanie is a 25 year old woman living with Cerebral Palsy who credits her “self-managed” supports for enabling her to live the life she wants.

More than 20 people attended the address, including people living with disability and their families, support workers, school students and teachers.

We received positive feedback from all in attendance and we invite people to contact us if they were interested in hearing from Melanie again or if they missed this opportunity and would like to attend a second address.

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Julia Farr Youth Conference

Julia Farr Youth has been granted funding under the Department for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs National Disability Conference Initiative 2013-14.

Julia Farr Youth will use the funding to host a conference for young people living with disability here in Adelaide.

More information will be made available shortly and we invite any interested parties to contact Georgina Edwards in the interim for information on (08) 8373 8313 or email georginiae@purpleorange.org.au

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JFA Noske Christmas Fund

The JFA Noske Christmas Fund distributes grants of up to \$200 to assist eligible South Australian adults living with physical disability, acquired brain injury or degenerative neurological disorder, to celebrate Christmas.

The Fund was established through a bequest from the late Mr Noske who set aside funds to assist people during the Christmas period. Many people have received grants for various personal items, including holidays, electrical goods, presents for loved ones, clothing, food for Christmas Day, and more.

To find out more about eligibility and how to apply, visit our website www.purpleorange.org.au. Alternatively you can contact Alicia Fidock on (08) 8373 8311 or email aliciaf@purpleorange.org.au for more information or assistance.

Applications are due by 5:00pm on Wednesday 21 August 2013.

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