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Canada's Bruce Uditsky Brings Practical Lessons to Adelaide

International practitioners Bruce Uditsky and Dr Anne Hughson visit Adelaide this month, and will be delivering a one-day workshop on Self-Directed Funding workshop, *Practical Lessons from Canada*. This workshop will highlight what is needed by way of individual and family vision, community resources, government policy, funding, service provision, and other related features if self-directed funding is to be of value and benefit.

Purple Orange invites individuals, families, support staff, service agencies and government agencies to attend this full-day workshop on 15 August, which will be enriched by the lived experience of families from Canada, some of whom will also be in attendance.

The workshop will be held at Our Space, 104 Greenhill Road, Unley, South Australia, but there are only a few places left, so people are encouraged to contact Purple Orange without delay.

Bruce is the Chief Executive Officer of Alberta Association for Community Living, and Anne is Associate Professor at University of Calgary. Bruce and Anne have 30 years' experience with self-directed funding, from its utilisation in their own family members' lives to developing policies, legislation, resources, providing training and evaluating self-directed funding.

For enquiries please contact Purple Orange on (08) 8373 8333, freecall 1300 857 327, or email admin@purpleorange.org.au.

Purple Orange's 2011 Art Exhibition Launched



More than 60 people gathered last Monday at the opening of Purple Orange's new Art Exhibition, celebrating *Personal Leadership*.

Guests mingled with the artists, and heard messages about the personal history and aspirations that inspire their work, many of which sold on the evening. Guests were also invited to vote for a People's Choice winner, which can be voted on until the end of September.

Purple Orange's CEO Robbi Williams said that the concept of personal leadership is essential for people seeking an ordinary valued life.

"In the midst of current debate about the future of disability support, personal leadership remains an essential ingredient," Robbi said.

The 100 Leaders Project was launched the same evening, with an audio-visual art installation created by Purple Orange titled *Stories for Living*. The installation featured interviews and objects of significance from people who have taken control of their lives.

The Honourable Kelly Vincent, Dignity 4 Disability MLC and member of Julia Farr Youth spoke to guests about the power of her *100 Leaders* experience.

"I was amazed about how much I learned about myself by telling my story," Kelly said.

The 100 Leaders website will be online later this month, and will be a practical and inspirational resource for people seeking information on the "how" of personal leadership and self-directed support.

The exhibition will run until the end of January 2012, and is open to the public from 9 am to 4.30 pm at Our Space, 104 Greenhill Road, Unley. All art work is for sale.



Are you a leader? If you would like more information about the *100 Leaders Project* please contact Purple Orange's Research Officer Kerry Telford on (08) 8373 8333, freecall 1300 857 327, or email kerryt@purpleorange.org.au.

Tellus and You Could Win an iPad!

We are seeking your assistance with our second Tellus survey – developed by Purple Orange to gather information from people living with disability about their lives.

Tellus was born from our desire to build a collective understanding of the lived experience and views of people living with disability, and to use this information to influence positive change.

Findings from the first Tellus survey informed a number of policy submissions and produced three Tellus reports; *Having Choice and Control*, *Accessibility*, and *Disability Funding – Where should it go?*

Everyone who has completed the current survey by 15 August 2011 will have a chance to win an iPad. Any person living with disability or any member of the disability community is invited to participate, and all information will be treated in a confidential manner.

There are several ways to participate:

- You can complete the survey online by clicking [here](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JFA_Living_with_Disability_Survey) or cutting and pasting the following link into your browser - http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JFA_Living_with_Disability_Survey
- You can call Purple Orange and give your answers verbally over the phone.
- You can obtain an electronic version from Purple Orange which can be completed on a computer, saved on a CD and returned to us.
- You can obtain a hard copy version and a reply paid envelope from Purple Orange.

If you have any questions about participation or the way that information is collected, stored or used, or would like to make a comment about the survey's content, please contact Alicia Fidock on (08) 8373 8333, freecall 1300 857 327, or email aliciaf@purpleorange.org.au.

Julia Farr Youth Group's Jarad is a Pride of Australia Finalist

25-year-old Jarad McLoughlin is a foundation member of the Julia Farr Youth Group, and is now one of four finalists for the Pride of Australia's Young Leader Medal.

Celebrating Australia's unsung heroes, this medal recognises a person aged 25 or younger who has advanced their community through academic or personal endeavours.

Jarad is a valued member of Julia Farr Youth where he is currently involved in the making of a documentary which highlights important issues for young people living with disability. Jarad was also one of the young leaders behind the introduction of the Julia Farr Youth Mentoring Program.

He is also actively involved in the South Australian Minister's Youth Council where he provides advice to the Minister for Youth, Hon Grace Portolesi MP, on issues that affect young people, and works with the YMCA and Youth Parliament SA program where he assists with preparing training resources.

This has enabled Jarad to have involvement with the implementation of bills including the Primary School and Environmental Education Incentives Act (2008), Youth Assistance Bill (2009), and the Bullying Prevention Act (2010).

Jarad is now firmly focused on a career in youth work and politics, currently participating in the Flinders University foundation studies program with the goal of starting university studies in 2012.

The Purple Orange team congratulates Jarad and we wish him all the best for the announcement of the medal winner later this month.



Congratulations to Jarad McLoughlin, a finalist in the Pride of Australia Medal Program and Julia Farr Youth Group member.

Come and See Purple Orange For the Good Juice!

The Purple Orange team and Julia Farr Youth will be at the Disability and Ageing Expo on Friday 12 August at the Adelaide Showgrounds.

Visit us at Stall 35 (near the West foyer entrance) to find out why we call ourselves Purple Orange and discuss how we can help you get the good juice in your life!

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