



Enabled Youth Disability Network

Peer Mentor

Role Description

Term of Appointment:	Fixed term contract to October 2022 (Casual position up to 4 hrs per month)
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ABOUT EYDN

The Enabled Youth Disability Network works to give young people living with disability a voice on issues that are important to them, and opportunities to advocate for themselves. As a part of this work, EYDN, as supported by Julia Farr Association's Purple Orange, will be developing a school mentoring program to help explore pathways and post-school opportunities for students living with disability.

1. Role Summary

Peer Mentors are responsible for helping to deliver a mentoring program for school students living with disability. As part of this role, you will attend group mentoring sessions across South Australian schools to build positive rapport and relationships with young people, support the exploration of post-school pathways, and help young people living with disability learn new skills.

You will be facilitating these group mentoring sessions alongside three other Peer Mentors, with support of the Project Leader. Mentoring training will be given as a part of this role.

2. Main Duties

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

- Participating in training sessions for the mentoring program and contributing to improvements to the training based on feedback where necessary.
- Helping develop content for and help to co-facilitate the mentoring sessions.
- Providing support to the students to engage in the mentoring sessions.

- Maintaining good networks and relationships with stakeholders including young people living with disability and other people in their lives such as family, EYDN and JFA Purple Orange team members, and the school community.

3. Person Specifications

Essential Criteria

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

Desirable Criteria

1. Knowledge of current disability sector reforms initiatives and issues for young people living with disability.
2. Well-developed networks within the disability sector.
3. Previous experience with the EYDN/Julia Farr Youth mentoring program.

4. Special Conditions (Such as travel requirements, frequent overtime, etc).

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.
- Be willing to undertake a DHS Working With Children Check (WWCC), and the Child Safe Environments Course.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for this role, please send a short cover letter and your CV to sarahf@purpleorange.org.au by **9am on Wednesday, 30th June, 2021**.

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

If you have any questions, please call EYDN Project Leader Sarah Footner on (08) 8373 8388 or email sarahf@purpleorange.org.au
