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Family Leadership Events
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Expanding Ideas; Creating Change

Advocacy and its Meaning for Families

Jeremy Ward and Lisa Bridle
Robina Community Centre, Gold Coast

Friday 27th February

This workshop will introduce fundamental principles of social advocacy, as well as practical strategies and how to be effective by avoiding common pitfalls and staying focused on the best interests of your family member.

Facing the Crowd - Building Frameworks, Skills and Confidence to Lead Positive Change

Catherine Allen and others
NDS Hub, Lutwyche

Friday 27th &
Saturday 28th March

Day 1 will provide tools to equip participants to have the conversations that matter in shaping a good life for your family member. Day 2 will focus on where families can invest their time and energies to make the most powerful difference for your family member.

Finding your Leadership Niche

Open Event: People with Disability, Families and Workers

Dr Michael Kendrick
Riverglenn, Indooroopilly

Tuesday 19th May

This workshop will explore the types of leadership contributions that are needed to create change for people with disability, the values which underpin ethical leadership, and how you can discover the roles which best match your leadership style and circumstances.

An Evening Discussion for Brother and Sisters

Presenters to be confirmed
Community Resource Unit Office, South Brisbane

Tuesday 11th June

This evening is for adult brothers and sisters to meet with other brothers and sisters for a meal and conversation. Topic to be advised.

Family Leadership Weekend

Presenters to be confirmed
The Outlook, Boonah

Friday 24th to Sunday 26th July

*This event is designed as a live-in event for **all members of the family**. There will be inspiring stories, group discussion, individual reflection time and time to relax and connect with the presenters and other participants. Childcare/ support will be provided for formal sessions.*

Towards a Better Life: Exploring Valued Roles for your Family Member

Jane Sherwin and Meg Sweeney
Brisbane

Monday 31st August &
Tuesday 1st September

This workshop will help families understand the theory of Social Role Valorisation and how to draw upon this theory to build valued social roles, guard against devaluation and strengthen the likelihood of your family member enjoying a good life in community.

Flyers will be forwarded closer to the the event.

Please visit www.cru.org.au for more information.

Presenters



Jeremy Ward is a parent whose eldest daughter lived with disability and lived in her own home, with support, for over 10 years. Jeremy helped establish Queensland Advocacy Inc, where he worked as an advocate, lawyer and director. More recently his work has assisted families to plan for the future.



Jane Sherwin is a Queensland-based consultant who has been involved in the lives of people with disabilities since the late 1970s. Jane is a Senior Social Role Valorisation Trainer. She is committed to working at a grassroots level towards developing and maintaining supports so vulnerable people experience meaningful lives.



Catherine Allen is a facilitator and leadership development coach with a commitment to people developing their own abilities. Her highly participatory facilitation style helps maximise group effectiveness. She has a post graduate diploma in Organisational Psychology and is a member of the International Association of Facilitators.



Michael Kendrick is well known internationally as an educator, advocate, consultant and author. He consults on issues such as service quality, safeguards, and design of personalized services. As a regular visitor to Queensland he understands the local and national issues faced by people with disability and their supporters.

These events are for family members who believe that their son or daughter, brother or sister deserves the same life opportunities as anyone else and who are looking to expand and protect this vision of a rich, inclusive life.

These events will equip families with ideas, skills, analysis and self-knowledge to lead change for their family member and for others with disability.

They will also provide opportunities to connect with others who share a similar passion for authentic positive change and be strengthened for the long-haul.



Meg Sweeney is the mother of three young adults and became involved in family leadership for people with developmental disability over 20 years ago upon the birth of her eldest daughter. Meg is a learner, educator and writer committed to assisting people with disability develop authentic selves in the heart of community.



Lisa Bridle works as a Senior Consultant at CRU. Since her son Sean's birth 20 years ago, she has been involved in a number of advocacy and parent support organisations. Lisa is passionate about helping people with disability take their rightful place as valued and contributing community members.



Margaret Rodgers is CEO of CRU and has worked for more than 30 years with people with disability and their families, mostly in family support in the non-government sector. Roles have included leadership development, work on the Building of Informal Networks project with the Mamre Association and a number of roles within government.

I act on the conviction that everyone is making a difference.

Our choice is what kind of difference to make (Fran Peavey).

Assistance with travel and other expenses may be available for regional family members.

For further information please contact CRU.



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