# **Getting to the Heart** of What Matters: The Role of a Support Worker

Friday 21st February 2020, Brisbane



## **About the workshop**

The role of a support worker is complex and multi-faceted. Paid staff can make a significant contribution to a person's life enabling the person to live a rich life and pursue their own unique goals and dreams.

What lies at the heart of the role is. however, frequently invisible. When we fall into the habit of talking about "hours", and tasks, routines and schedules, it's easy to be distracted from what really matters about supporting people well.

This full day workshop will be an opportunity for support workers to critically reflect upon the essential purpose of their role, the values that drive "support", and the sorts of relationships which are core to someone well. supporting particularly in relation to valued roles and community belonging.

#### Topics covered will include:

- A good life
- Your role in a person's life
- Getting to know the person in order to assist them well
- Supporting belonging, contribution and relationships
- What gets in the way of good support?



Bridget Wickert

### **About the Presenter**

Bridget Wickert has worked in educational and larger service settings as a teacher's' aide, direct support worker and a self-managed consultant as well as leading a small community development team.

Her interest and deep desire to work with people with disability to achieve their goals comes from a strong sense of social justice, commitment to inclusive practice and a belief in seeing difference as uniqueness.

For self-managing and plan-managed NDIS participants, see the Learning Objectives on the event's page of our website. You can decide if this is a reasonable and necessary support to help you (or your family member) achieve your goals.

"[Support] requires a certain humility on the part of staff, letting go of control, a willingness to follow rather than lead," Susan Stanfield

#### Who should attend?

This training is for support workers who are directly assisting an individual with disability to live a good life in community. People self-managing may want recommend this training to their support workers. If you or your organisation wants to register more than four workers at this workshop, would appreciate contacting CRU to discuss this.

Date: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February,

2020

9.00am - 4.30pm

Venue: CRU Office

Level 2/43 Peel St South Brisbane

\$100 Cost:

RSVP: Friday 14th February

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