



JFA Purple Orange Newsletter

Exciting New Project and Website

Late last year the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) appointed JFA Purple Orange as the national support agency for the Disability Support Organisation (DSO) Capacity Building Project.



Our job is to support the great work of 18 membership-based agencies who are developing peer support networks. Peer support is where people help each other by sharing knowledge and experience and/or give each other emotional, social or practical help. The network can meet in person or online.

The members of a network may explore a range of issues depending on what they're interested in. This might include how to make a plan, exploring housing options, how to imagine what a good life can look like, thinking about what families should expect from schools in terms of inclusive education, getting information about the NDIS, finding ways to connect into community life, and more.

If you are interested in learning about peer support networks, or would be interested in starting or joining one, we have started to build a website called [Peer Connect](http://www.peerconnect.org.au) to help you (www.peerconnect.org.au). It's just started and we expect it to grow over the next few months so do check back regularly for the latest information.

Peer Connect has information about having choice and control in your life, decision making and planning, the NDIS, connecting with Peer Support Networks and getting involved with your community.

There may be an agency in your area who can help you. [This link](#) takes you to the agencies involved in this initiative.

If you are an agency involved in peer support networks and you would like us to include your details on our website, get in touch with us.

This project has been funded through the NDIA Sector Development Fund for a two-year period.

NDIS Pre-Planning Consultation: Have YOUR Say!



JFA Purple Orange is currently coordinating a nationwide consultation about pre-planning, on behalf of the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

Pre-planning refers to the thinking that a person living with disability and their family might do before they begin the NDIS's planning process. We have already heard from a number of people that doing this helped them prepare for their conversation with the NDIS.

The consultations will help the NDIS:

- find out what helps people to plan
- think about how best to support people with planning, not only so people get the best value from the NDIS, but also get a fair go from mainstream services such as health, education, housing, employment and transportation.

The consultation involves several questions about planning, and we hope as many people as possible will give their views. This is a great opportunity to help influence how the NDIS approaches planning.

There are different ways you can participate in the consultation:

- Take our online survey at bit.ly/NDISplanning
- Come to a consultation event to give your views, as we may be organising one near where you live
- If there is not an event near you, we can take your views over the phone or by email. Call us toll free on 1300 857 327 or email admin@purpleorange.org.au

Once we have completed the consultation we will write a summary of the main points that came out of the consultation and put them on our website. We will also write an advisory report for the National Disability Insurance Agency based on what people have told us.

Senate Submissions

JFA Purple Orange recently made two Senate Submissions on important issues affecting people living with disability.



The Submissions were about:

- Young people living with disability in aged and residential care
- Violence, abuse and neglect against people living with disability in institutional and residential settings.

You can read more about, and access in full, the submissions on our website www.purpleorange.org.au

Julia Farr Youth Mentoring Workshops



Julia Farr Youth is holding free workshops for young people living with disability.

Leadership and living on the autism spectrum

Tuesday 19 May 2015, 4:00pm-5:30pm

What are your rights?

Tuesday 2 June 2015, 4:00pm-5:30pm

Dealing with anxiety

Tuesday 16 June 2015, 4:00pm-5:30pm

Living independently

Tuesday 30 June 2015, 4:00pm-5:30pm

Relationships and sexuality

- For people aged 11-15 years, Tuesday 14 July 2015, 3:00pm-4:30pm
- For people aged 16 years+, Tuesday 14 July 2015, 5:30pm-7:00pm
- For parents, families & supporters, Tuesday 21 July 2015, 5:30-7:00pm

Dealing with anger and frustration

Tuesday 28 July 2015, 4:00pm-5:30pm

What makes a good friend?

Tuesday 11 August 2015, 4:00pm-5:30pm

Travel - enjoying what the world has to offer

Tuesday 25 August 2015, 4:00pm-5:30pm

These sessions are a great opportunity to meet other young people, chat about your experiences and meet the Julia Farr Youth Mentors. Download a flyer and registration form from www.purpleorange.org.au or [register via Eventbrite](#).

Call us on (08) 8373 8333 or email admin@purpleorange.org.au if you have any questions or would like assistance with registration.

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Our page is updated daily with information from the disability community, including news stories, events and articles.

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