



# JFA Purple Orange Newsletter

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## Capacity Building Workshops

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Due to continued demand JFA Purple Orange is once again running its suite of workshops during October and November.

The workshops are for people living with disability, their families and friends, and can assist you to explore how to make the most of support funding and arrangements to move towards a good life.



The workshops are particularly helpful for:

- people taking up the State Government's offer of converting disability support arrangements to an individualised budget
- families connecting with the National Disability Insurance Agency to organise supports for their child living with disability
- people living with disability who want to learn skills to help them move towards the life they want to live.

The workshops will be held at Our Space, 104 Greenhill Road, Unley, Adelaide, on Monday evenings from 4:00pm – 7:00pm. The workshops are free to attend and a light dinner will be provided.

Our workshop facilitator, Kerry Telford, lives with disability and is familiar with issues and experiences relevant to the disability community.

<b>Workshop Title</b>	<b>Day and Date</b>
Making a Plan	Monday 20 October
Choices and Voices	Monday 27 October
Connected	Monday 3 November
Choosing your Personal Assistance	Monday 10 November
My Home, My Castle	Monday 17 November
Safeguarding for a Good Life	Monday 24 November

Visit our website [www.purpleorange.org.au](http://www.purpleorange.org.au) to download a registration form or call us on (08) 8373 8333 for more information.

*The Department for Community and Social Inclusion has contributed funds towards this program.*

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## **No to Institutions, Yes to Valued Lives**

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Adelaide People First is holding a two-day forum in November for people living with disability, their families and supporters. The forum will explore what we mean by institutionalised practice and how we can support people living with disability to live valued lives within the community.



During the forum participants will explore:

- the detrimental impact institutionalised practice has on people's lives
- the importance of socially valued roles and freely given relationships
- values-driven advocacy support
- barriers that stop people being supported into valued lives within the community
- deinstitutionalisation in South Australia and nationally
- the National Disability Strategy and National Disability Insurance Scheme
- how leadership can happen.

Speakers include people with lived experience of intellectual and physical disability and experts from within the disability movement.

**Date:** Wednesday 12 and Thursday 13 November 2014

**Time:** The forum will run from 10:00am—4:30pm on both days  
(Times are subject to change. Participants will be notified prior to the forum)

**Where:** Our Space, 104 Greenhill Road Unley, Adelaide

**Cost:** Gold coin donation on the day.

Refreshments will be provided. Registration is essential as places are limited.

**Register via this link:** <https://apfpublicforum.eventbrite.com>

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## **The Ride SA Screening Tour**

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Book your spot to attend a screening of *The Ride* at one of 22 locations in South Australia during October.

*The Ride* is a documentary film about four Aussie blokes living with disability who trade their wheelchairs for quad bikes and ride 5000km across the desolate heart of Australia to visit the crash sites where they were injured as young men.



The stakes are high in this story of survival – three of the men live with paraplegia and one lives with quadriplegia. Exhaustion, mud, deserts and floods won't stop these blokes from visiting the spots where their lives changed forever.

The screening is free to attend (gold coin donation at the door).

The Julia Farr MS McLeod Benevolent Fund (part of the Julia Farr group) is the major sponsor for The Ride SA Screening Tour.

**Book tickets via this link:** [www.theridesatour.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.theridesatour.eventbrite.com.au)

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## The Business Services Wage Assessment Tool Bill

In August, JFA Purple Orange joined forces with more than 27 disability advocacy organisations around Australia to urge Senators to reject the BSWAT Payment Scheme Bill 2014.



The Bill was tabled for debate in late September but has been postponed.

We endorse the *Joint Statement to Senators from National Peak Disability and Advocacy Organisations* developed by DANA, AED Legal Centre, PWD Australia, Inclusion Australia-NCID and AFDO. You can view the statement on our website: <http://bit.ly/bswat>

The Statement urges Senators to vote against the BSWAT Payment Scheme Bill 2014 which was deemed discriminatory by the Federal and High Courts of Australia against people living with intellectual disability who work in Australian Disability Enterprises (ADEs)

The Payment Scheme outlined in the Bill:

- does not accept liability for discrimination or lost wages;
- offers a payment instead of compensation;
- releases the Commonwealth and ADEs from past and future liability;
- provides for the appointment of substitute decision makers, nominees, without adequate safeguards
- is based on a false assertion that the Payment Scheme will protect the jobs of workers living with intellectual disability.

We know this presents significant challenges to ADEs, and we believe there should be adequate transition arrangements in place to assist ADEs to dismantle and replace current arrangements, including the possibility of reinventing themselves as providers and/or brokers of personalised, mainstream, waged employment opportunities.

Transitions always bring uncertainty, for the agencies, their staff and the people using their services. But we think it's the right thing to do, to help ensure people living with disability have their rights protected and have a greater range of choices to take up valued roles in community life and the economy.

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## Reviewing Australia's Welfare System

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In August JFA Purple Orange made a submission to the Australian Government Department of Social Services on the review of Australia's welfare system.



Our submission, *JFA Purple Orange Submission on a New System for Better Employment and Social Outcomes* responds to the *Interim Report A New System for Better Employment and Social Outcomes*, released by the Reference Group on Welfare Reform for the Minister for Social Services.

Our submission focusses on several key issues we believe are particularly relevant to the life chances of people living with disability, including:

- Every person should have fair opportunity to take up valued roles in community life and the economy.
- Where this necessitates the involvement of welfare services, this should be anchored on the principle of social investment in people living with disability's capacity to move into valued roles in community life and the economy, including access to sustainable waged employment.
- This includes social investment to uphold a person's life chances when they are the primary carer/supporter for someone living with disability or other types of increased vulnerability.

You can read our submission via this link: <http://bit.ly/welfaresubmission>

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## Julia Farr Youth Mentoring Information Sessions

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Julia Farr Youth Mentoring is holding free information sessions for young people living with disability aged 11-18.

The information sessions will be held from October-December 2014 and will cover:



- Travel tips – enjoying what the world has to offer
- Getting involved in local sporting and community groups
- Going to university – what you need to know
- Becoming a leader: Q and A with Julia Farr Youth
- What makes a good friend?
- Being independent

- Getting a job and building a career
- Tips on getting your driver's licence and travelling on public transport, planes and in access cabs
- Managing your health

These information sessions provide a great opportunity to meet with other young people, chat about experiences, meet Julia Farr Youth Mentors aged 18-30 and get guidance and support.

Click this link to our website <http://bit.ly/jfyinformationsessions> for more information and to download a flyer and registration form.

Get in quick as spaces are limited.

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## **Perspective 2014 Art Exhibition: Freedom**

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Each year we host the Perspective Art Exhibition which explores themes relevant to people living with disability, their families, personal networks and the wider community. The exhibition is a celebration of the work of people living with disability as well as non-disabled artists.



The theme for the Perspective 2014 Art Exhibition is Freedom.

Freedom is having the power or right to act, speak, or think as one wants. Freedom is the absence of subjection, domination or restriction. Freedom is self-determination, choice and independence.

Our Exhibition launched during the SALA (South Australian Living Artists) Exhibition but is open until January 2015. You can visit the exhibition at Our Space, 104 Greenhill Road, Unley, Adelaide, 9:00am - 5:00pm weekdays.

If you are visiting with a large group, we encourage you to call ahead.

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