Expanding Ideas; Creating Change

Real Stories of the NDIS

New Opportunities for a Good Life

Community Resource Unit Ltd. is hosting a one day forum that showcases stories by and about people with disability and their families who are using the NDIS.

Presenters from Queensland and other states will share their experience of using the scheme.

"It was great to hear the creative ways people are embracing the opportunities afforded through the switch to the NDIS" – Parent, Toowoomba

Presenters will talk about their experience of:

- creating a vision and planning for a good life
- preparing for a planning conversation with the NDIS
- transitioning from school
- self-management and using a plan manager
- living in a home of their own

Who should attend?

This forum is for **people with disability, families, friends, allies and people in paid support roles.**

Joe and Gemma Condon (Warwick, QLD)

Gary Matthews (Mackay, QLD)

Additional speakers to be announced

Brisbane

Friday 13th October, 2017

Time: **9.30 am – 3.30 pm**
Registration from 9.00 am

Venue: **Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre**
Grey St Entrance
Boulevard Level
South Brisbane

Cost of attending this event is funded by the Queensland Government.

Lunch will be provided.

Register by Thursday 5th October 2017 through the CRU website

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Interpreter

Contact CRU if you need assistance to register, attend or participate in this event.

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Presenters

Three different presenters from Queensland and other states will bring their own perspective to share on their experience of the NDIS. They will share the highs and lows of the experiences but most importantly some of the things you can do now to be prepared in this time of change.

Joe Condon (Warwick, QLD)
Joe Condon is the eldest brother of four and he lives in Warwick. After finishing school Joe moved into a group home until he expressed his wish to lead a more independent lifestyle. Joe returned to live in his family home for a number of years, while his family supported him to explore the possibility of living in his own home. He is the owner of a small business "Joe's Magic Mowing" which provides mowing, gardening and car cleaning services in his local area. Joe also manages a small paper run.

Gemma Condon (Warwick, QLD)
Gemma is Joe's mother and together with her husband, Tom, they have intentionally gathered Joe's brothers and other family members in a circle of support to assist Joe to reach his full personal potential. The circle also facilitates the support required to reach Joe's goals and plan for his future. Gemma and Tom were previously self-managing and have been able to continue to do so with Joe's NDIS funding with some great outcomes for Joe's life.

Gary Matthews (Mackay, QLD)
Gary lives in Mackay in North Queensland and is an active member of the Mackay community, particularly within organisations involved in the disability sector. He is an active and involved member of Queenslanders with Disability Network (QDN). As a Regional Facilitator, he represents QDN at local and regional events. Gary is a Peer facilitator of the Plan Ahead workshops and is also a QDN Local Support Group Convenor. Local Support Groups provide regular opportunities for people with NDIS plans, and others who are working toward a plan, to meet and discuss issues that are important to them. Gary is a professional photographer; he works with community groups to document their activities, however his real passion is abstract photography.

Additional speakers to be announced soon!

Some reflections from previous forums:

"Presenters showed how the NDIS can positively impact on family life"
Parent

"As a service provider we need to think more about flexibility for families"
Worker

"I felt encouraged to be courageous and to consider self-management"
Parent

Community Resource Unit Ltd. has a 29 year track record of working across Queensland to help people with a disability take control of their lives and take their place in their community.