

FOUNDATIONS FORUM

THE BIMONTHLY UPDATE OF THE NSW SRV LOCAL GROUP



Pursuing Ordinary Lives Through Valued Roles

In late 2019, Foundations Forum was successful in receiving an NDIS funded ILC Grant under the [Individual Capacity Building Program grant round](#)

The project aims to increase the capacity of people with disability and families in NSW to self-advocate and influence change by:

- Participating, co-presenting, speaking, storytelling, and team leading in learning and training events held in different parts of NSW aimed at increasing social, community and economic participation, choice and control and protection of rights
- Providing opportunities and support for public speaking
- Increasing opportunities to influence mainstream and disability service providers and, as a result, to have greater access to mainstream and community services
- Gaining more knowledge about valued roles, full participation, expectations, vision of full belonging and contributing to the wider community

- Providing disability service providers and community organisations with strategies to increase the social and economic participation of people with disability
- Participating in, and leading, local networks to continue influencing change once the project has been completed
- Taking on leadership roles in like-minded groups and Foundations Forum itself

The project will offer strategies, tools and the confidence to be able to address the social barriers to attaining positive social roles in community.

We are currently in the process of recruiting a Project Coordinator for this project but look forward to sharing more information in the coming months on this project.

You can read more about the project on our website at: <http://wwwFOUNDATIONSFORUM.ORG.AU/pursuing-ordinary-lives-through-valued-roles.html>

In the meantime if you or your organisation are keen to work with us on this project please get in contact via email: FOUNDATIONSFORUM@FOUNDATIONSFORUM.ORG.AU



New Website and Email address

We recently have updated our email address and website address. As we transition and let people know we have kept our old addresses so people can still contact us. Going forward if you can please update your address books with our new address we will be looking at phasing the old addresses in the coming months.

New email address is:

foundationsforum@foundationsforum.org.au

New website address is:

www.foundationsforum.org.au

Australian Social Role Valorisation Association (ASRVA)

For those that are not aware of who ASRVA is - it previously was known as the Australian SRV Group then the Australian and New Zealand SRV Group (ANZSG), the 2015 formation of the SRV safeguarding group in Australia adopted the name 'Australian Social Role Valorisation Group (ASRVA). We encourage you to visit their [website](#) and read more about their work and also [read their updates](#).

Other useful resources that are available through their [resources page](#) which includes:

Report of research into the application of Social Role Valorisation (SRV) ASRVA and Jane Sherwin

If you are interested in learning from those who have experience in applying SRV, then please read the [ASRVA report into research on this topic: 'SRV really expands my radar': Lessons From People Experienced in Applying SRV](#)

Our Mission: "To challenge, inspire and encourage individuals and organisations to pursue better lives for people who are at risk of being devalued, by promoting greater awareness and understanding the principles and practice of Social Role Valorisation (SRV) and its related concepts."

Submission in response to the rights and attitudes issues paper, Royal Commission into violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation of people with disability *Jane Sherwin*

Jane Sherwin, Accredited Teacher of SRV (SRV Senior Trainer), has written a submission to the Royal Commission, in response to the [Rights and Attitudes Issues paper](#). Submissions are due by July 30, in case you too are interested in making a submission. You might consider how SRV has helped you to think about vulnerabilities to Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation, and which practices based on SRV serve as safeguards around these vulnerabilities.

SRV Workshops for 2020-2021

As with a lot of organisations that provide face to face workshops and engagement activities we have been impacted by COVID 19 by not being able to hold our usual two day workshop *Towards a Better Life* or at exploring other opportunities. As restrictions have started to ease we will look at what this means and how we can deliver our workshops and events going forward, ensuring that social distancing is applied and what online opportunities we can explore. With a new Project Coordinator coming on board shortly we are looking forward to expanding our networks and workshops across NSW and looking more closely at how we can build capacity in individuals and their networks of supports. So watch this space!

In the meantime we encourage you to visit the websites of the two Accredited Teachers of SRV in Australia for helpful resources and articles.

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Jane Sherwin: <http://www.sherwinconsulting.com.au/>