

FOUNDATIONS FORUM

UPDATE OF THE NSW SRV LOCAL GROUP



With the year end upon us Foundations Forum would like to wish you and your families a restful, safe and happy festive season. 2020 has certainly challenged us all and we thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to improving the lives of people who are marginalised in our community and the work of Foundations Forum.

Recently at our AGM held in late October I delivered [the chairperson's report](#) where I gave an overview of Foundations Forum's work over the last 12 months. You can read this on our website: [Resources - Foundations Forum](#)

We look forward to connecting with you again in 2021 and hope to see you at our upcoming workshops in February or virtually online!

Stay safe! - *Rhiannon Brodie, Foundations Forum Chairperson on behalf of the Foundations Forum Committee.*

Foundations Forum Webinar Series

Our three part webinar series with Accredited Teacher of SRV John Armstrong were very successful and highly popular with valuable feedback on how useful and informative they were to their work and interactions with people they support. These webinars were recorded and are able to view online on our [YouTube channel](#).

1. [How can you prevent people's lives getting lost in the discussion of funding & support arrangements? - YouTube](#)
2. [What tensions arise when providing formal support in informal environments? - YouTube](#)
3. [What's the big deal about the good things of life? - YouTube](#)

Register now for our upcoming workshops in February 2021

We are pleased to let you know we will be hosting John Armstrong in February to deliver two workshops which will be held in Pennant Hills, Sydney. More information can be found on our website at the links below.

Please share with your networks!

- [Towards a better life](#) 16th and 17th February 2021
- [What does it mean to have an intellectual disability?](#) 18th February 2021

For more information about these workshops please contact our Project Coordinator, Rosita: engagement@foundationsforum.org.au

NEW SRV Resource

NEW Highly recommended SRV Book and Resource:

[Ageing and the Good Things of Life: The Application of Social Role Valorization to Supporting People as they Age.](#)

The book contains contributions from 14 key thinkers about ageing and Social Role Valorization (SRV), and includes never previously published chapters by Dr. Wolf Wolfensberger, the inventor of SRV.

The book is edited by Ronda Held, John Armstrong, Ray Lemay & Susan Thomas, and published by Valor Press in Canada.

In the midst of the worldwide Covid19 Pandemic and a Royal Commission looking into Aged Care in Australia, we urgently need to re-think the way we support our older citizens. SRV provides a framework to guide such thinking so that a new way might be better than the old. If these current events have put you in the mood to pivot your thinking about ageing and services to the aged, then draw on SRV to get out of the progressive wounding that has become a feature of so many aged care services.

As people age, they lose valued social roles and value in the eyes of others, and this opens a big door to other bad things happening to them. They get cast into negative roles such as burdensome, dependent, child once again, or object of pity. They get surrounded by imagery that interprets them as useless, sick, and as good as dead. They get rejected and distanced from the larger society. These things lead to declines in competence and health, reduced well-being, even abbreviation of life itself.

This book proposes creating and supporting valued social roles for older people as key to their getting and holding on to the good things of life. The book describes both SRV theory as it relates to people as they age, and international implementation efforts to create good lives for older people using SRV principles. The SRV framework lays out issues that need to be addressed to build positive role possibilities for older people on the level of governments, businesses, providers, families, and communities.

For anyone who is struggling to do right by older people, this book provides clear and truthful analysis, and practical guidance for making things better.

In Australia and New Zealand, the book may be purchased from:

- [Community Resource Unit Ltd. \(Brisbane\)](#)
- [Belonging Matters \(Melbourne\)](#)

Our NEW way of communicating with you!

You may have noticed recently that we have been using a new way of letting you know about our workshops and other news.

We also have the new email address

engagement@foundationsforum.org.au.

This is to make it easy and accessible for us to provide you with relevant and up to date information. If you are having any issues receiving our emails or they are turning up in your junk or spam email folder please [get in touch](#) and let us know. Our Project Coordinator Rosita is more than happy to assist!

Key SRV website links:

If you are wanting to expand your knowledge and interest in SRV or join a discussion with other like minded people we encourage you to check out the links below. Please also [get in touch](#) at any time to have a conversation with us about all things SRV.

- [ASRVA - Australian Social Role Valorisation Association](#)
- [ASRVA - Australian Social Role Valorisation Association Closed Group Discussion](#)
- [International SRV Association - Resources](#)
- [NSW SRV Local Group Foundations Forum - Resources](#)
- [QLD SRV Local Group - Values in Action](#)
- [Accredited Teacher of SRV Jane Sherwin](#)
- [Accredited Teacher of SRV John Armstrong](#)