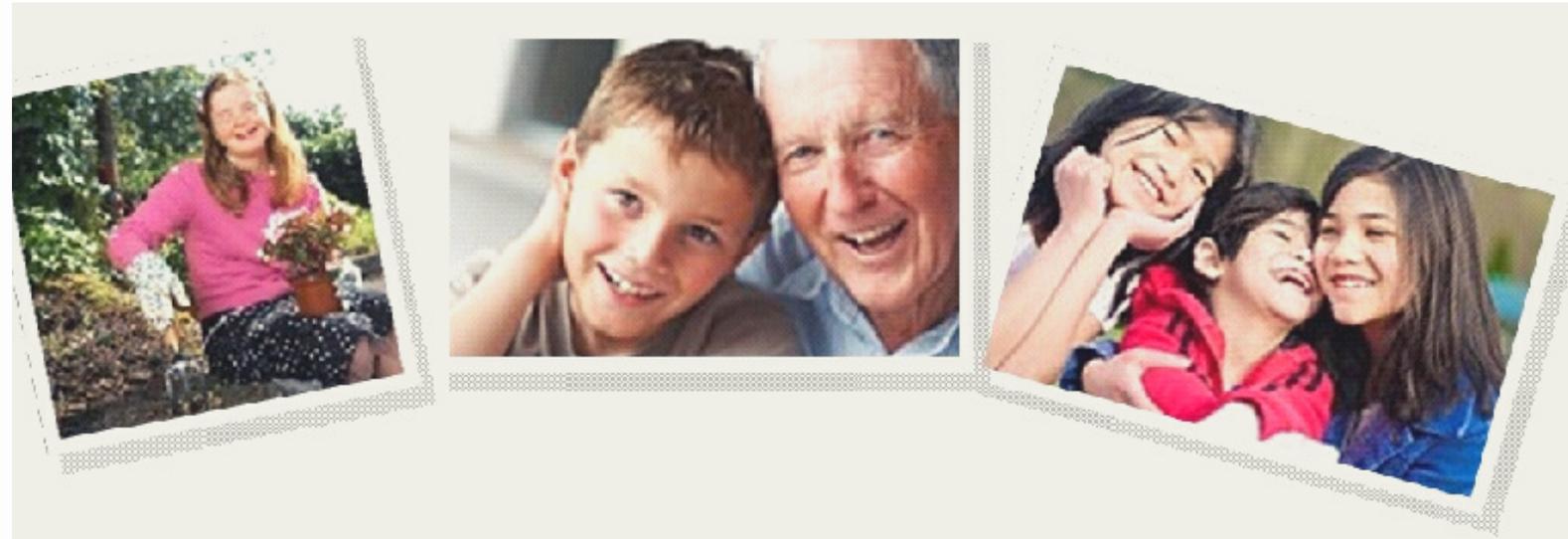


# FOUNDATIONS FORUM

THE BIMONTHLY UPDATE OF THE NSW SRV LOCAL GROUP



It is hard to believe that we are now into Spring and this latest edition of our update comes a bit later than planned. It certainly has been a year of challenges and adapting to new ways of life. We hope that you and your loved ones are keeping well.

A lot of the work we undertake at Foundations Forum is hosting face to face workshops, so for us not being able to do this throughout 2020 has forced us to look at different ways of how we may still connect with people during this time.

We are pleased to have employed our Project Coordinator, Rosita Sunna in July. Rosita will be helping us deliver our ILC funded Project - *Pursuing Ordinary Lives through Valued Roles* and has already started to look at improving our contacts and networks via a new database and rejuvenating our website and resources. We have also started to look at how we can deliver SRV based workshops online whilst we prepare for returning to face to face workshops in 2021 and what we need to do to be able to do this in a COVID safe environment.

For us involved with Foundations Forum and our connection with Social Role Valorisation, and our deep commitment to improving the lives of marginalised people we are keen to start hosting a monthly conversation. The conversations might be a mix of virtual and face to face, where we can discuss issues of current affairs and using SRV as a framework and lense, explore together how we may overcome some of these barriers or thinking through why this might be occurring. We look forward to sharing more about the conversations very soon and hope you will join us for these along the way!

## Foundations Forum Membership

We are always looking for new members to support Foundations Forum to help strengthen the network of SRV in NSW.

By joining as a member you become part of a network of individual people who are committed to:

- Promoting greater awareness and understanding of Social Role Valorisation theory and its related concepts.
- Conducting training events and opportunities focusing on the dangers to people who are marginalised, and offering positive strategies for creating the conditions which are more likely to lead to a better life for those people.
- Sponsoring or supporting events which challenge ideas and
- Supporting individual leadership development, consistent with the principles of Social Role Valorisation.
- Nurturing and supporting the development of a network of individuals committed to promoting positive lifestyles for people who are at risk of being marginalised.

To become a member or renew your membership please fill in our online form: [Foundations Forum Membership Form](#)

## Meet our new Project Coordinator

Hi, my name is Rosita. I am excited to be part of Foundations Forum. I would love to hear from you. Feel free to connect with me by emailing me at [engagement@foundationsforum.org.au](mailto:engagement@foundationsforum.org.au).

A bit about myself: As a Marketing Specialist, I have extensive experience in Project and Event Management. The Foundations Forum coordinator position appealed to me because of my passion to achieve a positive change in communities. Having gained an understanding of the barriers and challenges, people who are ageing, people with disability and others who are marginalised face I can see how Social Role Valorisation can help make positive change to their lives .

I am committed to advocating for social equality and social justice and very much looking forward to working on this project. I will be getting in touch with you soon regarding our upcoming workshops and look forward to meeting you via zoom or in person.



## Join the Foundations Forum Committee

As a lot of you will be aware the work that we undertake is all on a volunteer basis and with out the support and generosity of our members and the work of our committee members we would not be able to continue to provide SRV learning opportunities for others in NSW. The committee is seeking out those who would like to continue to support the work of Foundations Forum by inviting them to join us on our committee. Meetings are held monthly and we have flexibility for you to join virtually at these meetings. If you would like more information on what being on the committee involves, please contact Rhiannon on 0415 310 890 or email

[foundationsforum@foundationsforum.org.au](mailto:foundationsforum@foundationsforum.org.au)

## SRV Resources and Updates

The Australian Social Role Valorisation Association's latest update is available to read on their [website](#) -August 2020 Update . The update includes a great editorial on *What will the state of SRV be in Australia in ten years time?* An update about the SRV Gathering, Information around the recent two hour online SRV Taster workshops ASRVA hosted and a list of new SRV Resources.

[SRV based submissions to the Royal Commission into violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation of people with disability](#)

Jane Sherwin and John Armstrong, both an Accredited Teacher of SRV (SRV Senior Trainer), have written submissions to the Royal Commission. Jane Sherwin's submission used SRV as the major lens in response to the Rights and Attitudes Issues paper. It recommends SRV as a helpful framework to understand both vulnerabilities to abuse and also to responding to the lack of valued roles which give access to rights. John Armstrong's submission draws on Dr Wolf Wolfensberger's wider work on human services and other literature that can be reviewed in the reference section of his submission. Both submissions are good resources for discussion groups.

[Submission in response to the rights and attitudes issues paper, Royal Commission into violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation of people with disability Jane Sherwin](#)  
[Submission in response to the rights and attitudes issues paper, Royal Commission into violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation of people with disability John Armstrong](#)

[New PASSING Reference Material available online.](#)

What is PASSING? A tool for analysing service quality according to Social Role Valorization – PASSING is an instrument for evaluating the quality of any human service according to how well it implements Social Role Valorisation theory.

The International Social Role Valorisation Association (ISRVA) have updated the [SRV website](#) and added 13 articles, chapters and books, most of which you can download, including *Wolfensberger's 1983 "Guidelines for Evaluators during a PASS, PASSING, or similar assessment of human service quality.*

[ISRVA YouTube Channel](#) - access SRV related videos and ideas at: <https://www.youtube.com/c/ISRVA/videos>

[Announcing an ISRVA Research Grant](#)

Purpose: To encourage research on SRV Theory and its implementation, and the further dissemination of SRV theory and practice in Universities. To read more and how to apply visit: [ISRVA Grant Opportunities](#)

[What is Citizen Advocacy?](#)

Citizen Advocacy is the name given to the committed relationship between a suitable citizen who provides long-term advocacy to a person with a disability (referred to as a protégé – one who is protected) so that they are no longer entirely alone and unprotected given their relatively powerless circumstances. Vulnerable persons with a disability who are without family or friends are especially in need of at least one loyal long-term ally who is single mindedly committed to them.

To find out more we encourage you to visit:

[Citizen Advocacy Trust of Australia website](#)

[Stories of Citizen Advocacy Relationships](#)

Join the [Friends of Citizen Advocacy Trust of Australia Facebook Group](#)

[NEW SRV based RESOURCE for School Aged Children Building Belonging in the school community: Finding Roles that Help Students Participate and Contribute Community Resource Unit \(CRU\) QLD](#)