

IN PERSON EVENT

WITH OPTION TO ATTEND ONLINE

7-8 MARCH 2024 | 9.00 AM - 4.30 PM
Murrumbidgee Park Community Hub

TOWARDS A BETTER LIFE

An exploration of the Social Role Valorisation framework with regard to people who are marginalised in society



What is this Workshop About?

This 2 day event will inspire participants to reflect on the value of obtaining the good things in life and consider how we may support people who may have been marginalised or disadvantaged to have better lives and greater involvement in their communities. This event is designed to assist participants to:

- Understand social devaluation and its consequences,
- Learn about Social Role Valorisation as a means of addressing experiences of devaluation,
- Strengthen ones' motivation to counteract devaluation,
- Clarify the qualities of the good things in life and how they might be facilitated,
- Understand the importance of valued social roles and how to develop roles that lead to authentic inclusion in one's community.

You will also hear some "real life" stories from people who were inspired by this workshop and how they have changed the course of their life! This workshop will use a combination of lecture, interactive exercises, reflection and discussion!

Who is this Workshop For?

This event is for anyone who is serious about improving the lives of people who may be at risk of being marginalised or disadvantaged, such as people with disabilities, people with a mental illness, people who are aging and people experiencing poverty or homelessness. It would be of particular interest to people with a disability, their families, students, support workers, planners, LACs, NDIS personnel, professionals, managers, CEOs, policy makers, people in leadership positions and other concerned citizens.

About The Presenters



John Armstrong has a long involvement in the lives of people with disabilities, in informal advocacy and friendship roles as well as the formal roles of service provider, teacher, adviser and service planner. John is one of two senior Social Role Valorisation (SRV) and PASSING trainers in Australia. He is particularly interested in uncovering the reasons behind the abuse of vulnerable people and the things that influence beneficial instead of detrimental actions. His events seek to increase consciousness and the development of the qualities needed by people who intend to act with integrity and leadership.

Kylie Duncis has worked in various roles alongside people with disabilities and their families for the past 20 years. She currently works for Community Living Project as a Circle of Support Facilitator. Kylie previously worked as a Manager of a group home, a Support Co-ordinator and Support Worker. She taught Certificate 4 in Disability for a Community Services Registered Training Organisation. SRV is at the core of her work and something she is very passionate about. Kylie has a passion for teaching and information sharing, in particular about SRV. This has led to her being a member of the ASRVA SRV Educators study group, led by Jane Sherwin to further grow her knowledge and skills to teach SRV.



Feedback About This Workshop

“This course has helped support workers to understand how to support our daughter with respect and dignity and understand the importance of valued roles.” **(Parent)**

“Social Role Valorisation has been the basis for my work for many years and has led to the authentic inclusion of the many people I have supported.” **(Planner)**

Concentrating on valued roles has led to many opportunities for my daughter to be included and welcomed by her community.” **(Parent)**

“This workshop is fundamental in regard to understanding the actions that lead to isolation and exclusion. It raises consciousness and reconceptualises thinking - leading to actions that value and empower the people we support. A must for all staff.” **(CEO)**

“A refreshingly deep look at our past, our judgements and their impact on our practice and everyday interactions and assumptions. I enjoyed the challenge and the reminder to look deeper.” **(Co-ordinator)**

“This workshop is an invaluable resource for those who truly want a practical approach to supporting vulnerable people into experiencing ‘the good life’. John Armstrong is an engaging presenter who brings a wealth of experience.” **(Trainer and teacher)**

Booking Information

Ticket prices start from AUD\$80.00 and includes GST unless otherwise stated.

The ticket price includes access to the content and handout material over 2 days. If attending in person, the price includes morning/afternoon tea and lunch.

Registrations are only available online. Bookings close 4 March 2024.

Additional Information About Your Attendance

To get the most out of the course, we highly recommend participants attend the 2 full days.

A certificate is provided to those who complete the 2 days. No single day tickets are available.

Please note that we are delivering a hybrid event giving two different ways to attend, in person or online via streaming. Attending in person gives you the opportunity to participate fully in any group exercises.



When

7 & 8 March 2024

9.00 am—4.30 pm



Contact

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Registration

Through Humanitix

[Click Here to Register](#)

How can I attend this course?

There are 2 options to attend, either in person or virtually via livestream.



Option 1—In Person

Murrumbeena Community Hub
(Function Room—Upstairs)

28 Gerald Street, Murrembeena Vic



Option 2—Virtual via Livestream

This event can be attended virtually. More information will be sent out closer to the event date.