Looking Forward!

Preparing for the NDIS
Preston, 21st March, 2016

When: Monday 21st March, 2016 9.30 am to 3.30 pm
Where: Preston City Hall, 284 Gower St Preston, VIC
Why: The NDIS has the opportunity to bring about a huge shift in how disability supports will be delivered in Australia. While it brings significant opportunities, it may not automatically create the change that people with a disability and families want to see if people are not informed, well prepared and plan for a full, meaningful and inclusive life.

What: In this seminar, people in NDIS trial sites, with lived experience of disability, will share their learnings about the NDIS in moving towards a good life. The day will aim to cover:
- Preparing for the NDIS - when, where and how to start,
- Things to consider in your vision and plan and conveying this to the NDIS,
- Imagining beyond possibilities you know e.g. programs,
- Inclusion, trying new things and supported decision making,
- Putting plans into action,
- Ways of managing and self-direction,
- Finding your ideal match for support and assistance,
- Getting un-stuck, and
- Stories about people who are enjoying lives well connected to the community.

Who for: This seminar is best suited to people with a disability, their families, carers, allies & others involved in assisting people with disabilities who are interested in the NDIS and a good life.

Presenters:

Sheree Henley’s youngest son, Isaac, has a complex disability. Like many families, Sheree had very little experience of disability and listened to the “experts” and followed the usual, expected segregated and separate pathways often offered to children with a disability. She didn’t know there were alternatives to special schools, group homes and sheltered workshops until she met Sally Richards, another parent. Sally encouraged Sheree to immerse herself in the world of hope, love, possibilities and inclusion. As part of the roll out of the NDIS in Canberra, Sheree will share her experiences of preparing, planning and directing NDIS funding to enable Isaac to have a full and inclusive life. Sheree is also one of the founders of Microboards Canberra.

Kathy Spowart lives in Geelong and is her daughter, Ally’s voice and advocate for a good life. She has many insights to share about the NDIS. Ally is a delightful, 17 year old who is completing a modified VCAL course and enjoys dance. Although having a shaky start when the NDIS first began, Ally’s family were determined that she hold the central voice over her life, even though she has Autism and Down Syndrome. With “Ally and family” directed supports that are well tailored to her needs, Ally’s life is now blossoming. As she transitions into adult life the future looks bright!

Cost: Concession $60.00  Standard $170.00  Bursaries available on application. Other rates may apply
Registration: Closes 16th March, 2016. Registration is on-line and will not be accepted without payment
To book and pay please visit: www.belongingmatters.org or CLICK HERE
Further info: info@belongingmatters.org or phone 03 9739.8333 or www.belongingmatters.org

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