

Life After School

Peer Group



What is this Peer Group about?

Planning for life after school can seem daunting, especially when you have a developmental disability. The options may seem slim and limited, however with vision, preparation and planning it's possible for young people with a disability to thrive after school.

This series of 5 sessions will assist families or advocates to plan and prepare an **inclusive** life in the community for their secondary school student after school. It will also enable the sharing of ideas and discussion.

Topics covered in this peer group:

- What can be done early to build a foundation for adulthood
- Understanding the benefits and limitations of post school options
- Creating a clear vision, goals and objectives for an inclusive life after school
- The importance of harnessing gifts, interests, passions and strengths
- Exploring inclusive pathways for life after school including customised employment
- Finding the right supports

Who is this event for?

This peer group is specifically aimed at family members, advocates and friends of students with developmental disability leaving school. It will be of benefit to those who are interested in exploring **inclusive** pathways.

It's applicable to those who:

- Have students in the mid-later years of secondary school
- Have younger children as a means of long-term preparation
- Might be supporting individuals who have left school but are dissatisfied with the traditional options often offered

Who is facilitating this course?

Since 2003, Belonging Matters has been a not-for-profit capacity building organisation who believe that communities are strengthened by the inclusion of all people. Belonging Matters provides mentoring, learning opportunities and resources specifically focused on assisting people with developmental disability and their families/allies to imagine and foster full, meaningful and inclusive lives.

This course will be facilitated by Carmine Laghi from Belonging Matters. Carmine Laghi has worked with people with disabilities and their families for 30 years. Training originally as a special education teacher, he went on to work in disability services with a focus on crafting individual lives with people centred on building an identity as a valued member of their local community where they had the opportunity to find meaningful activity and genuine freely given relationship.

Event Information

Session Information



All sessions are hosted via the online platform Zoom.



All sessions will run from:
7 pm until 8.30 pm AEST



Session 1: Monday, 24 February 2025

Session 2: Monday, 3 March 2025

Session 3: Monday, 17 March 2025

Session 4: Monday, 24 March 2025

Session 5: Monday, 31 March 2025

Registrations are through Humanitix

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Ticket Pricing

This event is fully subsidised, there is no cost to attend.

Places are limited, please book early.

Please see the [Humanitix event listing](#) for full details.

Registrations close on 20 February 2025.

Further Information

To express your interest or if you require further information please contact Belonging Matters.

You can email: info@belongingmatters.org.

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