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1. SARU – Have Your Say

In the last memo we talked about the planning that Reinforce has been doing. Planning is what you do to decide the activities or projects your group wants to work on and how you are going to make them happen. It is a good idea to write a plan for your group every 12 months. Everyone in your group should have a say in the group's plan.

Now it is SARU's turn and we want to know what you think! SARU is writing a plan about the work we need to do to support self advocacy in Victoria over the next 12 months. We want all the self advocacy groups we support to have a say in our new plan. We want to hear from you!!!!!!!!!!!!

How Can You Have Your Say?

Self advocates are invited to come along to our planning meeting

When: Tuesday 25th September

Time: 10.30 – 1.00

Where: 4th Floor Ross House Hayden Ray Smith Room

What will happen at the meeting?

At the meeting we will talk about the work SARU does which includes:

- Supporting Self Advocacy Groups
- Helping start new groups
- Making and buying resources for self advocacy groups
- Training
- Helping groups to connect with each other or network



1. SARU – Have Your Say cont.

At the meeting you will have a chance to tell us the things you think SARU can do to support self advocacy in Victoria.

You can also give us ideas about how we can do our job better. Some of the things self advocates have already said they want the SARU to work on include:

- Setting Up the Victorian Self Advocacy Network
- Supporting a Self Advocacy NDIS Lobby group
- Helping groups to run well. (Governance)

So come along and have your say. If you cannot make it to the session you can ring or email us your ideas and we will discuss them at the meeting.



2. Self Advocacy NDIS Lobby Group

Last month thirty self advocates and other interested people came to a SARU forum about the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) to talk about what it means for self advocates and self advocacy groups. The self advocates talked about lots of things including:

- The need for self advocates and self advocacy groups to have their say in the way the NDIS is run.
- How important it is that self advocacy groups are still supported and not forgotten after the NDIS starts.
- The need to tell the decision makers all about what is happening in self advocacy in Victoria. Including our plan to set up a Victorian Self Advocacy Network

Kevin from VALID spoke about how important it is self advocates have a voice in how the NDIS is run. Leah from AFDO told us the people and the committees you need to lobby to have your voice heard. She also said self advocates need to start speaking up now!!!!!!The self advocates at the forum agreed that they need to have their voice heard about the NDIS. They have decided to set up a:

Self Advocacy NDIS Lobby Group

The self advocacy NDIS Lobby group will include representatives from interested self advocacy groups and will begin meeting soon.



3. What's On

Club WILD Dance Party

Melbourne's best fully accessible nightclub are going Bollywood, Belly Dancing and Burlesque!

When: Sat 15 Sept 6pm to 10pm

Where: North Melbourne Town Hall 521 Queensberry St
North Melbourne



Human Rights in the 21st Century

Reinforce is running a forum to celebrate International Day of People with a Disability. At the forum we will talk about the issues facing people with an intellectual disability in the 21st Century and what actions need to happen for people to get their rights.

We hope to see you there!

When: Monday 10th December 2012, 9am- 4pm

Where: Hayden Ray Smith Room, 4th Floor Ross House
247 Flinders Lane in Melbourne

RSVP: No later than Friday 12th November for catering numbers

PH: (03) 9650-7855

Email: colin@reinforce.org.au



4. Funding Opportunities

Grant: Andrews Foundation Grants

Closing Date: 2nd November 2012

What is the grant for: To help small groups get started or to run a project.

How much: You can apply for up to \$5,000

For more information ring (03) 9793 4722 or go to their website. <http://www.andrewsfoundation.org.au/index.htm>

Don't forget you can ring SARU and ask for help to apply for funding.



5. SARU Word Search

On the next page is the SARU word search. Have a go and see what you think. If your group would like to make a crossword for our next e-memo or for your own newsletter contact the SARU.

If your group is having a special event let us know and we will put it in the Memo email us you info. You can also help us by letting us know:

- what you think of the memo
- how we can improve or make the memo better
- things you would like to read in the memo

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