



**DATE:** 13<sup>th</sup> March 2015

**TIME:** 10am – 1pm

**PLACE:** Trinity Place,  
68 Hawthorne St.  
Woolloongabba.

**COST:** \$35

Free for full-time  
students – contact  
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6<sup>th</sup> March 2015

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## Paper Bag Lunch Forums 2015

Presented by Community Living Association & WWILD-SVP Association

WWILD-SVP Association and Community Living Association are working together to offer health professionals, support workers, carers and people with disabilities an opportunity to come together to share knowledge and practice, around specific issues that affect people with an intellectual disability.

### *Growing Up After Care – Issues for Young People with Intellectual Disability Transitioning from Out of Home Care*

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#### **Guest Speakers:**

**Self-Advocates** will be sharing some stories of their lived experiences of leaving the out-of-home care system.

**Sarah MacDonald - PhD Researcher from School of Nursing, Midwifery and Social Work, UQ**, will be giving an overview of the issues and discussing some of the findings of her research project, 'Growing Up After Foster Care'.

**Jessica Burke—ARROS Program, Community Living Association**, will be discussing some of the issues, barriers and ARROS practice model in working with this particularly vulnerable group of young people living in the community.

Contact Gillian at WWILD at [gillian@wwild.org.au](mailto:gillian@wwild.org.au) or (07) 3262 9877 for more information. **Register at [www.wwild.org.au](http://www.wwild.org.au).**

## BIOGRAPHIES

### **Sarah MacDonald -**

Sarah is a PhD Candidate at the University of Queensland, School of Nursing, Midwifery and Social Work. Her doctoral research, titled “Growing Up After Foster Care”, is concerned with the transition to adulthood experiences of young people with a mild-borderline intellectual disability who have exited out-of-home care. Sarah is interested in hearing the voices of people with an intellectual disability and learning from their personal stories. Prior to commencing her PhD in 2011, Sarah worked for over 10 years with people with an intellectual disability, in both outreach and research roles.

### **Jessica Burke - Team leader, ARROS -**

Jessica has been working in this position since 2009. Jessica has previously worked with people with intellectual disabilities at Community Living Program, CLA; worked with people with disabilities as Family Empowerment Project Leader with the Circles Network in Wales, UK; and worked with young people as a Reconnect worker with Community Connections, CLA.

### **ARROS - Transition and Post Care Support Program -**

ARROS (auspiced by the Community Living Association Inc.) was established in 2000 to support young people with intellectual disabilities who were homeless. ARROS came into contact with young people who had intellectual disability and experienced homelessness, had also been wards of the state. In 2006 ARROS commissioned the ‘Journeys of Exclusion’ report on the experiences of young people with intellectual disability who had exited care of the state. In 2011 ARROS established the Transition and Post Care Support program to support young people exiting state care, funded under the COAG National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness.