

L'ARCHE AUSTRALIA 2019 CONFERENCE

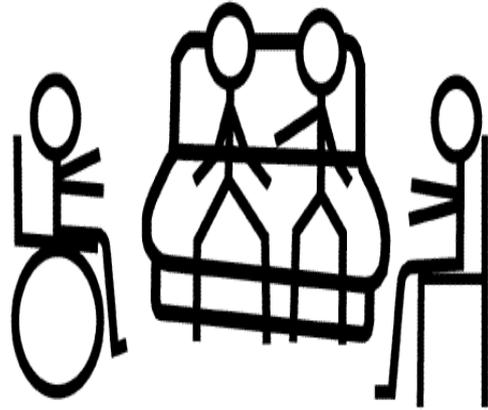
*Inclusion:
Creating Spaces of Belonging into the Future*

Tuesday February 5, 2019 until

Thursday February 7, 2019

Alphacrucis College,

Paramatta, NSW. Australia



CALL FOR PAPERS

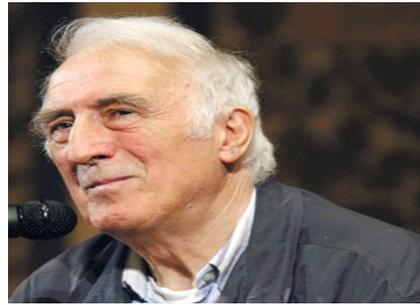
L'Arche Australia is hosting a conference on the theme of 'inclusion' and how effective, we are in society at creating spaces for people with an intellectual disability to meaningfully engage and participate in society. Meaningfully engage is defined here as creating opportunities for people living with an intellectual to make informed decisions about where to live? With whom? Exercising choice and control in home situations? In the wider neighbourhood? In the relational sphere? In civic and political discourse?

What are your experiences? L'Arche Australia is keen for you to explore these through a range of multi media forms these and associated inclusion issues.

In 1978, prior to any systemic deinstitutionalisation program in Australia, L'Arche formed in Australia by inviting persons with and persons without an intellectual disability to share their lives in local communities. The Identity, Mission and Charter of L'Arche focused on providing spaces for persons to discover and love the secret of what is unique to them as a person, to whom we are as interdependent *beings*. L'Arche argues that it is in the context of 'community' that persons are transformed when someone is willing to listen to their story; sharing a meal together; spending time together, sharing activities and interest and being valued in your *being*.

2019 and the world is a different place! The conference seeks to explore whether this notion of 'community' is a relevant goal for L'Arche today? Is it "good news"? Or, in this age of individuality, are individual funding packages the twenty first century version of "good news"? Is funding necessary for 'community'? Is 'community' the appropriate place to structure inter-personal relationships in disability services to

create a sense of belonging and how they can enable people to live a good life in their local neighbourhood? If not, what is that place?



The aim of the Conference is to give as many presenters as possible the opportunity to explore what enhances creating spaces that creates belonging, connections, friendships and enables persons with an intellectual disability to lead a flourishing life.

We would especially welcome presentations that apply to some aspect of disability or spirituality to these topics rather than ones merely *about* disability or spirituality, and also those by post-graduates and HDR students.

The following information must be included in your proposal (please only submit .doc. .docx, or pdf files).

Proposer's name and title

Institutional Affiliation

Email address

Mailing address, phone number

Working title of the paper

The length of sessions is forty-five minutes long. Presenters are free to use the timeframe consistent with the purpose of their paper/workshop. Please send an Abstract of no more than 300 words to leader@larche.org.au by Friday November 30, 2018. Abstracts will be peer reviewed and feedback will be provided December 30, 2018.