

L'ARCHE NSW JAN-FEB-MAR 2024 GRAPEVINE

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AN ADVENTURE
IN HUMAN
RELATIONSHIPS



God, you called us to journey together in L'Arche.
A journey born in the prayer of many.

We share life in the spirit given to us in the washing of
the feet.

We celebrate with song, story, and dance.

We continue our journey with hearts of hope.

AMEN

Written by Kathy Bourke

L'ARCHE PRAYER



COMMUNITY LEADER MESSAGE

Krishnee Nair

*As we gather together, whether in person or virtually,
I am reminded of the incredible strength and resilience
that exists within our community.*

*It is our faith and unity that sustains us and guides us
forward.*

As we continue on this journey together, let us hold onto hope and spread kindness wherever we go.

Let us be a beacon of light in the darkness, showing love and compassion to each one.

Let us never forget the power of prayer, knowing that God hears our cries and answers them in His perfect timing.

May we emerge from these trials stronger and more united than ever before. And may the love of God continue to shine brightly in our hearts and in our community.

With love and blessings,





WITH AND WIHTOUT ... TOGETHER



As the international campaign “ With and Without “ continues, and as usual we live with and without differences. We are all unique and all equal. We share our passions, our talents, and our laughter. This is the beauty of living.

At L’Arche, all ways of existing are welcome. With and without disabilities, each story is proof that there is no limit to what we can create together. What really matters to us is living richer lives through the bonds we create with each other



COMMUNITY HOLIDAY - JAN 2024

Imagine a place where you're invited to be yourself, in every imaginable way. With and without, existing in the same space, at the same time, in total harmony.

In our January community holiday, we travelled, played, share meals and fully lived the spirit of L'Arche.





BABY NEWS

With lots of excitement we are so happy to announce the birth of Luke and Elina’s little baby girl “Sophia Mary Formosa”.

Mum and dad are thrilled for the growth of the family, and sisters were so happy to meet their new member in the family.

We pray for your strength, courage and that the spirit of the Lord protect Sophia as she navigates the world.



Celebrating Elina’s baby shower



L'ARCHE NSW CELEBRATIONS

Shrove Tuesday



International Women's day



Down Syndrome Day



WASHING OF THE FEET



“12 WHEN HE HAD FINISHED WASHING THEIR FEET, HE PUT ON HIS CLOTHES AND RETURNED TO HIS PLACE. “DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I HAVE DONE FOR YOU?” HE ASKED THEM. 13 “YOU CALL ME ‘TEACHER’ AND ‘LORD,’ AND RIGHTLY SO, FOR THAT IS WHAT I AM. 14 NOW THAT I, YOUR LORD AND TEACHER, HAVE WASHED YOUR FEET, YOU ALSO SHOULD WASH ONE ANOTHER’S FEET. 15 I HAVE SET YOU AN EXAMPLE THAT YOU SHOULD DO AS I HAVE DONE FOR YOU. 16 VERY TRULY I TELL YOU, NO SERVANT IS GREATER THAN HIS MASTER, NOR IS A MESSENGER GREATER THAN THE ONE WHO SENT HIM. 17 NOW THAT YOU KNOW THESE THINGS, YOU WILL BE BLESSED IF YOU DO THEM.”

John 13: 12-17



EASTER AT L'ARCHE



“ BLESSED BE THE GOD
AND FATHER OF OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST!
ACCORDING TO HIS GREAT
MERCY, HE HAS CAUSED
US TO BE BORN AGAIN TO
A LIVING HOPE THROUGH
THE RESURRECTION OF
JESUS CHRIST FROM THE
DEAD “

Peter 1:3



From L'Arche NSW May the spirit of our resurrected Easter live
with joy, happiness "



MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSEHOLDS



WE ARE DELIGHTED TO HAVE JANINE BACK HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL, AND WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR HER CONTINUED RECOVERY.



WE CELEBRATED KATIE'S 53 BIRTHDAY AT CAMPSIE, KATIE WAS SURROUNDED BY HER FRIENDS AND FAMILY. IT WAS A SPECIAL OCCASION FILLED WITH LOVE, LAUGHTER, AND CHERISHED MEMORIES.



DUE TO GEOFFREY INCREASING MEDICAL NEEDS, HE HAS TRANSITIONED TO AN AGED CARE FACILITY ON THE CENTRAL COAST. WHILE WE ALL MISS HIM DEARLY, WE PLAN TO VISIT HIM FREQUENTLY. GEOFFREY STILL BELONGS TO OUR COMMUNITY.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VISIT GEOFFREY PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR FURTHER DETAILS. 02 -9787 8132



WE HAVE ENJOYED MANY MEMORABLE OUTINGS, INCLUDING DRIVES AND PICNICS TO LOCATIONS - BAY VIEW PARK, SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK, BRIGHTON LE SANDS BEACH, BOTANICAL GARDEN AND OTHERS. THESE EXPERIENCES HAVE ADDED JOY AND LAUGHTER TO OUR DAYS.



NEW YEAR, NEW BEGINNINGS. EXCITED TO GET BACK OUT AND ENGAGE IN THE WORLD AROUND US. WE CONTINUE TO FILL THE DAYS WITH FUN, LAUGHTER, MUSIC, GARDENING, EXERCISE, DRIVES, PICNICS AND OF COURSE PRAYER, BUT GRADUALLY GETTING BACK TO THE NEW NORMAL. OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS WE HAVE VENTURED OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY, INTO THE CITY FOR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS, TRAIN AND FERRY RIDES, DRIVE'S, WALKS AND PICNICS AT MILSON POINT AND OTHER PARKS AROUND SYDNEY SWIMMING AT OLYMPIC PARK AQUATIC CENTRE, CONCERTS, PARTICIPATED IN BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS, TRAIN RIDES WITH MORE TO COME. AND WITH THE RETURN OF A NORMAL RHYTHM GONE BACK TO PROGRAMS AND ENGAGED WITH DAILY ACTIVITIES.



IN JANUARY, FIVE DOCK CORE MEMBERS CELEBRATED NEW YEAR AND AUSTRALIA DAY. HAD A BARBEQUE AND ENJOYED AND DANCED TO THE MUSIC AND PLAYED SOME GAMES.

FEBRUARY WAS FULL OF FUN OUTINGS. WE HAD A PICNIC BY THE WATER, STARTING AT FIVE DOCK AND GOING ALL THE WAY TO CARSS BUSH PARK AND MAROUBRA BEACH EVEN THE MAN-MADE BEACH AT PENRITH. OUR BELOVED CORE MEMBERS ALSO ENJOYED A MOVIE AT BANKSTOWN AND TOOK A TRIP TO LA PEROUSE BEACH TO HAVE LUNCH.

MARCH STARTED WITH CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY. WE HAD A GATHERING AT FIVE DOCK. ALL THE CORE MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS LOOKED GORGEOUS AND HOPEFUL IN GREEN. PANEL GUESTS TOOK PRIDE IN BEING WOMAN AND SHARED UPLIFTING STORIES. EVERYONE GATHERED IN THE BURWOOD HOUSE TO CELEBRATE WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY AND ENJOYED THE MORNING TEA. EVERYONE WORE COLORFUL SOCKS TO ACKNOWLEDGE WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY.





WITH THE START OF THE NEW YEAR, CORE MEMBERS AT BURWOOD ARE BACK TO THEIR DAILY ACTIVIES, OF WORK, DAY PROGRAM, OUTING AND SHARING THE CELEBRATION OF THE COMMUNITY EVENTS, LIKE WASHING OF THE FEET, EASTER, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

IN ADDITION TO OUTINGS, PICNICS AND WELCOMING THE HOUSE VISITORS WITH WARM HEART AND BIG SMILE

BRUCE AND PETER BACK TO THEIR WORKING LIFE AND WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

KATHLEEN HELPING WITH THE HOUSE WORKS AND COOKING

ELAIN JOINING THE HOUSE FOR RESTPITE FOR FEW DAYS DURING THE WEEK AND SHARING THE LIFE AT BURWOOD HOUSE

MARELINA SHARED CELEBRATING HER 5TH ANNIVERSARY AT L'ARCHE WITH HER FREINDS AND BURWOOD HOUSE CORE MEMBERS

TIM ENGAGING WELL WITH THE BUSY ATMOSPHERE AND ALWAYS WITH BIG SMILE WHEN SEEING HIS FAMILY MEMBERS.



APRIL 2024 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Seine Hema 	4  MORNING PRAYER AT HOMEBUSH OFFICE 10 AM	5	6
7 JAM BAND 3PM BURWOOD	8 Kahtleen Doohan  Eileen Glass	9	10	11  MORNING PRAYER AT HOMEBUSH OFFICE 10 AM	12 Linda Attard 	13 Blama Soumaro 
14 Janine Mottram  Suman Timeshina	15 Dipi Burman 	16	17	18  MORNING PRAYER AT HOMEBUSH OFFICE 10 AM	19	20
21	22	23	24	25  MORNING PRAYER AT HOMEBUSH OFFICE 10 AM	26	27
28 Marilena Piscicelli 	29	30 Andrew Kennedy 				

ANNIVERSARIES

<i>Bruce Ewin</i>	<i>1st of April 1983</i>	<i>41 years</i>
<i>Katy Morgan</i>	<i>8th of April 2013</i>	<i>11 years</i>
<i>Karen Hartas</i>	<i>12th of April 2001</i>	<i>23 years</i>
<i>Zachariah Duke</i>	<i>19th of April 2013</i>	<i>11 years</i>

EVENTS :

Please follow the birthdays celebrations events and the invitations emails to celebrate with the core members their birthdays.

SOCIAL MEDIA :

To keep up to date with our news, events and more, please follow our page on the social media portals as “ L’ARCHE NSW “

THE HOUSES CONTACT DEATILS:

*Burwood 0437 715 566
Five Dock 0428 417 879*

*Campsie 0473 642 755
Merrylands 0428 417 879*



RICE PUDDING RECIPE

Ingredients

- 1 cup Italian-style rice , (200grams)
- 2 cups water , (500ml)
- 2 cups milk , (500ml)
- ½ cup sugar , (100grams)

- **ADDITIONAL INGREDIENTS:**
- cinnamon stick
- teaspoon of pure vanilla extract

YOU CAN WATCH A VIDEO HOW TO PREPARE IT ON:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z3-3LhCvICI&t=20s>



- Rinse the rice really well. To a pot, add the water and let it come to a boil. Add in the rinsed rice and reduce the heat to low.
- Put a lid on the pot, leaving an opening on the side, and let it boil until the water has fully evaporated.
- Once the rice is 90% cooked and the water has fully absorbed into the rice, remove it from the heat.
- In a separate pot, add the milk, sugar, and cinnamon stick. Let it come to a simmer and stir until the sugar dissolves.
- Add in the cooked rice and stir the whole time, until the mixture thickens. This can take up to 10 minutes on medium heat. You don't want the milk to burn so keep stirring and reduce the heat to medium-low if you need to.
- Carefully taste the rice and when it's fully cooked and thick, you can take it off the heat. Make sure to blow on it so you don't burn your mouth when you taste it.
- Last but not least, stir in the pure vanilla bean paste or extract. Pour the pudding into glasses or bowls and enjoy warm or let it cool completely, cover it, and transfer into the fridge. If you like rice pudding warm or cold it's totally up to preference.

- Enjoy.

We Pray together for



FOR ALL L'ARCHE COMMUNITY MEMBERS

- For our community members who haven't been feeling well.
- For peace around the world.
- For warmth in our homes and hearts as we welcome the season of Autumn/Winter and the cold weather.
- A special prayer goes out to our dear community member Geoffrey Hughes who moved to an aged care facility, and for his brothers Warren and Rick, who have been holding Geoff in their hearts.

And We Give Thanks for



With and
Without



- The gift of each other, companionship and trust in God
- The gift of L'Arche family
- Family members and friends as they journey with L'Arche NSW community.
- For L'Arche NSW celebration during the Easter and its lent, for all those who helped to make it happen.

NATIONAL NEWS



We are thrilled to share a momentous achievement that fills our hearts with immense joy and pride. L'Arche Bendigo Community has taken a significant step forward in its journey by being welcomed as a probationary member into the esteemed L'Arche Federation.

For more details :



Voting for L'Arche Australia on the my giving circle program by scanning the QR Code, will help L'Arche Australia helping other communities in need.



We sadly remember of dearest friends from the communities in Australia



Fr Terry Yard. A foundation member of the Hobart community, Fr Terry passed away on Tuesday 28th February.

In 2011 Fr Terry was inducted into St Virgil's College Heritage Roll of Honour with recognition for " Long serving priest of the Archdiocese and founding member of the L'Arche Community in Tasmania"

In 2021 Fr Terry was one of the recipients of the Inaugural Guilford Young Medal for substantial contribution to the mission of the Church in Tasmania. L'Arche Hobart published an extract from the award page in their newsletter:

We invite you to remember Fr Terry Yard in your prayers and asking peace for his soul.



With heavy hearts, we share the news of the passing of our dear community member, Jason Palethorpe.

Jason was more than just a member of Brisbane community; he was a cherished friend to many and touched countless lives with his kindness, warmth, and infectious spirit.

A request from Jason's family we will now celebrate his life and memory on Thursday April 18th in the Thursday online evening prayer.
An email of the prayer link will be sent out later.

We invite you to join us and share your messages of condolences and memories in the comment section below on Facebook/ Brisbane community page. Your words will be a source of comfort to our community and Jason's family during this difficult time.

<https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=1214909522984182&set=a.812775056530966>



On the 30th of January, sadly Scott Andrea "Scotty" a core member used to live at Canberra community passed away.

We are asking you to keep Scott in your prayers, may his soul rest in peace.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS



<https://www.larche.org>



L'Arche international launched a few months ago the new campaign of "With and Without" to re-present L'Arche philosophy and the image of L'Arche sharing life together as people with and without disabilities.

More news and stories can be found on L'Arche international website :

<https://www.larche.org/about-larche/news/>



With and
Without

**WITH AND WITHOUT
DISABILITIES,
TOGETHER WE CREATE**



THE FARM COMMUNITY :

LA FERME IS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH WITHIN L'ARCHE, MADE UP OF 14 PEOPLE, 4 OF WHOM ARE RETIREES. THEY ARE LAY PEOPLE, SINGLE OR MARRIED, WITH OR WITHOUT DISABILITIES, ALL COMMITTED TO THE SERVICE OF L'ARCHE MISSION. IN A FAMILY SPIRIT, THEY SHARE A LIVING ENVIRONMENT: MEALS, SERVICES, DAILY WORK AROUND L'ARCHE MISSION OF HOSPITALITY, EVENINGS AND COMMUNITY OUTINGS, THE FARM COMMUNITY BASED IN FRANCE

HENRI NOUWEN OR JESUS - INVITATION FOR LA FERME CENTRE SPIRITUEL SPRING RETREATS FROM APRIL 22ND 2024 :

“ Every year we invite you for a Spring/Easter Retreat.

In 2022 our retreat was Seeing the World with Easter Hope & Flying, Falling, Catching: Practicing Trust and Finding Freedom with Henri Nouwen was our offer in 2023.

Both retreats, given by Candice Wilson & Jim Cargin and Carolyn Whitney-Brown & Curt Armstrong, were very popular and inspiring. For 2024, we have decided to offer both retreats for anyone who missed the chance to attend either of these highly valued retreats. As we know that many assistants at L'Arche are busy, we will offer each of the retreats in two formats: during one week or spread over several weeks.

Below and on our home page: <https://www.lafermedelarche.org/en/our-welcome/sessions-en/> you can read more details on this offer open to all!

Please share our invitation with all who could be interested !

ALL can register with us via welcome@lafermedetrosly.com or via our homepage: <https://www.lafermedelarche.org/en/our-welcome/sessions-en/>

before April 20th 2024. “

A LETTER FROM THE INTERIM CEO OF THE FEDERATION RE: FRAGILE SITUATION IN HAITI

Together
With and without intellectual disabilities



Montreal, March 15, 2024

Dear friends and members of L'Arche,

Many of you have heard the news reports about the extremely fragile security situation in Haiti, home to two L'Arche Communities, Carrefour and Chantal. Carrefour is situated on the edge of the capital, Port-au-Prince, which is much more directly affected by the gang warfare than Chantal, located further South. Alain Ouedraogo, the Federation representative, as well as others, are in regular contact with Eunice the community leader in Carrefour.

Background context

The present political unrest worsened following the assassination of President Jovenel Moïse in July 2021. That shocking event had a heavy impact on national governance, the police and judicial system, which spiralled in a widespread breakdown in law and order. Into the power vacuum have stepped various armed gangs. All commentators agree that Haiti now finds itself in an unprecedented situation, with increased violence, inflation and poverty: massacres, fires, looting and kidnapping have become regular occurrences. Many schools and colleges have closed their doors.

L'Arche Carrefour

In an interview with the Communication Team earlier this week, Eunice described the daily pressure they are living.

"The current situation in Haiti is really taking its toll on us. We had thought after a few years that things would get better, but they've only been getting worse. Now none of us feels safe and hopeful. When gangs fight each other, we hear the gunshots as though they were inside the L'Arche compound. This really brings our stress level up, and many of us now are getting sick, with tension and high pressure."



The location of the community means that they cannot really move freely outside their compound. In Eunice's words, L'Arche is *"sandwiched between two neighborhoods controlled by rival gangs"*. These gangs have set up roadblocks on both the road to the North and to the South: *"This is dangerous; this is expensive as well. So we are really limited in our movements and this affects everyone. Our school staff, assistants, core members. Everyone is scared, and when gunfire erupts a few times a week, it feels as though they are right next door."*

This impossibility of safe travel is also having an important financial impact. Firstly the community hasn't managed to get into town to sell their workshop products, such as their famous peanut butter, but also the social turmoil has meant a dramatic increase in prices of goods, food and medicine.

For the past 3 weeks, the risks of road travel have prevented any of the external core members from attending L'Eveil, the L'Arche centre for psycho-social support and training. Priests too have also been unable to offer much-needed regular spiritual support. In addition, the community is now offering a temporary refuge for employees who have fled from their own homes due to the armed gangs in their area.



L'ARCHE

Tragically, the lack of essential medicines has led to the death of Samuel Torchon, a much-loved core member in L'Eveil. In spite of all their efforts, Samuel's parents were unable to replace the drugs that controlled his epilepsy. For the moment, under these very difficult conditions, L'Arche Carrefour is continuing to function as best it can.

The same interview included Emmanuella, a Carrefour core member: some of you will remember that she was one of the community's delegates at the International Federation Assembly last year. Emmanuella described how she is coping with the fear caused by the sound of gunfire:

"I am lucky because I am not as scared as others, so I try to stay strong and remove some stress from my friends' minds. We watch TV, we do some work in the garden close to the house, we tell each other jokes and we try to laugh as much as we can. I also really like to dance and sing to bring everyone up, and because I have more capacities than some other of my friends [with disabilities], I try to keep everyone moving, doing some work in the kitchen, or just walking around inside our compound. Even though the situation is very difficult, I feel I am growing in this moment and being more independent, helping others."



Eunice too wants to end our interview on a positive note:

"My message to our L'Arche Federation is one of hope. Though the situation is very difficult for us now, every day we wake up and know we must still take care of each other, support our core members and our assistants. This is what keeps us going, and the small moments of joy, laughter and peace we find with each other are enough to carry us through. Please, keep us in your prayers, and always be there for each other. In the hardest of situations, people with disabilities are too often the last ones to be remembered. But L'Arche is proving that we should really do the opposite. I came to L'Arche 20 years ago, and since the very first day, it is the core members who have kept me coming back. I feel privileged to give my strength to the community, and feel carried by the trust I receive."

On behalf of the whole Federation, I would like to thank Eunice, Emmanuella, and all the members of L'Arche in Haiti, for all the efforts they are making, day by day, to ensure the safety of everyone in the community, in such hard and anxious times. We will continue to monitor the situation, giving them all the practical and moral support that we can. At a time like this, the Federation is most like a family, holding our most vulnerable members in our thoughts and prayers.

If you and your community would like to support L'Arche in Haiti and other communities in crisis, we invite you to give through your country structure to the Emergency Fund of L'Arche International. These funds will help us respond quickly in Haiti, and in other places that face crisis and emergency. The community will also be glad to receive messages of support via social media.



Sylvain Brabant
Interim CEO

International Stewardship Board



The Participant Employment Strategy 2024 - 2026

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We have a refreshed Participant Employment Strategy 2024-2026 to help participants find and keep a job. You can read the Participant Employment Strategy or download a copy [on our website \(opens in new window\)](#).

The Strategy aims to:

- help participants to think about work and get a job
- help our local area coordinators and planning staff better support participants with employment goals
- make it easier for participants to use their NDIS plan so they can get a job and be supported at work
- work with providers to improve the way they deliver supports and share information with participants about how well different providers are performing
- ensure the NDIS works in harmony with other Government services that offer employment support to participants
- help employers to identify the talent pool of NDIS participants and connect with NDIS job seekers.

The Participant Employment Strategy presents 4 focus areas and 16 priority actions to make it easier for participants to use their NDIS supports to achieve their employment goals.

We will continue to report our progress through the NDIS Corporate Plan and regular progress reports.

If you have any questions or general feedback about the NDIS Participant Employment Strategy, please [email us \(opens in new window\)](#).



Making the NDIS stronger: home and living supports

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We continue to improve how we support participants to access housing supports in a timely and consistent way.

Many participants have told us that if they want to change their plan because they need home and living supports, the process can be difficult, confusing and time consuming.

Improving the consistency of independent living decisions, is one of our reform initiatives, being co-designed by the NDIS and the public.

Improving the information currently on our website, about accessing independent living supports, is the first step.

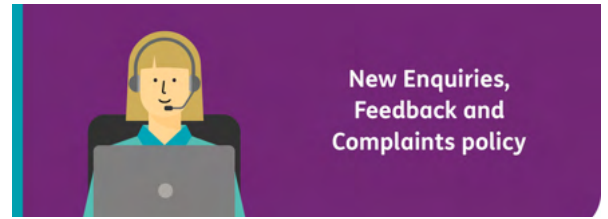
Our website now explains:

- how to request or change home and living supports
- what information we need and why
- what forms to complete
- how to submit the forms and information.

To find out more about home and living supports you can:

- visit the Home and Living page [on our website \(opens in new window\)](#)
- contact your local area coordinator, support coordinator or recovery coach
- or call us on 1800 880 110.

We will continue working closely with participants and the disability community about longer term improvements to home and living supports.



New Enquiries, Feedback and Complaints policy

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The new [Enquiries, Feedback and Complaints policy \(opens in new window\)](#) lets you know what to expect when you submit an enquiry, feedback or complaint. We want you to feel safe and supported to share your issues with us and know that they will be handled appropriately.

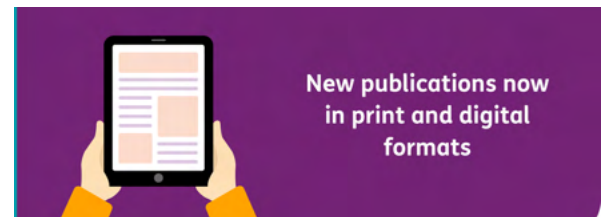
The new policy aims to:

- provide a feedback process that is easy to understand and follow
- help address issues that are raised with us sooner and better
- support people to feel safe to share their experiences with us
- improve the way we deliver the NDIS.

How to enquire, provide feedback or make a complaint about the NDIS:

- the online feedback form [on our website \(opens in new window\)](#)
- use the webchat function [on our website \(opens in new window\)](#)
- [email us \(opens in new window\)](#)
- call us on 1800 800 110
- in person by visiting a NDIS office, Local Area Coordinator (LAC) or Early childhood (EC) partner
- by mail: GPO Box 700, Canberra ACT 2601.

You can view the Enquiries, Feedback and Complaints policy in Easy Read [on our website \(opens in new window\)](#).



New publications now in print and digital formats

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We produce publications and products that you can order for free.

2 new publications are now available in print and digital formats:

- Recording My Providers factsheet
- The Participant Journey booklet

These resources can help you understand our new ways of working.

These publications are also available in Easy Read versions.

Find the digital factsheets on the Booklets and factsheets page on [our website \(opens in new window\)](#).

You can order the print versions by:

- calling us on 1800 800 110
- talking to us via the [webchat function on our website \(open in new window\)](#)
- sending us an [email \(opens in new window\)](#).



Australian Government Progress Update on the Disability Royal Commission

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The Australian Government has released a Progress Update on its consideration of the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability (Disability Royal Commission) final report.

The Progress Update provides an overview of what processes and consultations the government is undertaking before it formally responds to the Disability Royal Commission's final report by mid-2024.

You can view the Progress Update on the [Australian Government Department of Social Services website \(opens in new window\)](#).

A summary of the update is also available in Easy Read, Auslan, Braille and large print.

We value your feedback



At L'Arche NSW, your feedback is important as it helps us to know what we are doing well, and what we need to improve on. We especially welcome feedback from our members with disabilities and their families, the community and the general public. These guidelines explain how members with a disability their families, friends, staff, advocates and people in the community, can give us their feedback or lodge a complaint.

Members with a disability and their families, are welcome to ask a friend, family member, reference person, advocate or one of our employees for help. Members with a disability, or family members can also provide us with feedback through:

If you wish to be anonymous while making your complains, please contact CommunityLeader directly on 02 9787 8132.

L'Arche collects and uses personal information, including sensitive information, in relation to your feedback or query and we are committed to the proper handling of personal information in accordance with L'Arche Privacy policy.

If you would like to submit feedback, you can:

- Phone the office 029787 8132
- Email us at sydney@larche.org.au
- Please send us your feedback to -
L'Arche NSW Inc
51 Burlington Road Homebush, 2140
- A discussion with our Community Leader
- Krishnee Nair -02 9787 8132



If you would like to share a photo, story, events, news or send a greeting for someone's birthday, anniversary, seasonal greeting,

*Please send it to Essa Chahine
essa.chahine@larche.org.au*