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CREATE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AWARDED 2014 CHURCHILL FELLOWSHIP

August, 2014, CREATE Chief Executive, Ms Jacqui Reed, is honoured to receive the highly regarded 2014 Churchill Fellowship to pursue academic excellence through researching the improvement of life outcomes for young people transitioning from statutory care to independence – Netherlands, France, UK.

For care leavers, the journey to independence can be more challenging than for those without an out-of-home care experience. This project aims to discover the contributing factors in order to understand and mitigate the barriers that impact on successful post-care outcomes for young people. Interviews will occur with policy makers, workers and young people with a lived experience of the care system. A report utilising case studies with recommendations will be developed to inform Australian best practice and support young people transitioning from care.

CREATE Foundation congratulates Ms Reed on receiving this extraordinary fellowship and the Foundation express its gratitude to the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust for this remarkable opportunity.

About the Churchill Fellowship

The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust was established in 1965 after the death of former British Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill. Its main objective is to perpetuate and honour the memory of Sir Winston by awarding Memorial Fellowships, also known as 'Churchill Fellowships,' to ordinary Australians with extraordinary abilities and aspirations.

The Churchill Fellowship aims to provide these Australians with an opportunity to travel overseas and conduct research in their chosen area of study that is not readily available in Australia. It also aims to reward proven achievement of talented and deserving Australians with further opportunity in their pursuit of excellence, new ideas and innovation.

Globally, a Churchill Fellowship is highly regarded as it provides a pathway for Fellows to access industry leaders from across the world, enabling the exchange of knowledge, technology and experience for the enrichment of Australian society. [About The Trust](#)

CREATE Foundation is the peak body representing the voices of all children and young people in out-of-home care. CREATE Foundation relies on community support for its projects. Learn more at www.create.org.au

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