



What's Been Happening?



CONNECTION EVENTS

Watch out 2020 here we come!! Historically the 1920's were known as the Roaring 20's so CREATE is here to help you Roar!! We want to give young people with a care experience a voice that is loud, strong and clear for decision makers to hear. Whether the decision maker is your carer, caseworker, CEO of Territory Families or the ultimate decision maker.... The NT Minister for children in care!! Are you ready to stand up for yourself and others? Sorry we couldn't hear you, was that a YES?

Keep reading and find out all the great ways big and small you can be heard and make change happen this year. We have so many things for you to be part of such as our fun Connection Events to our empowerment programs. There is something for everyone from birth to 25yrs.

The CREATE in the NT Crew

For those who don't know or who have never attended CREATE's Connection Events - let us tell you - these events are pretty famous. Last year we held some of our biggest and best Connection Events such as the Christmas Party at King Pin with over 400 people attending! These events are free for all children and young people (0-25yrs) with a care experience, their care families, resi workers, case workers or if you have returned home or have access, your birth family can come along too. They're completely free and a great way to meet others that are in care who also know what you are going through, or you could catch up with siblings that aren't living with you.





YAGS! 100



Youth Advisory Groups (YAGs) are an easy way to talk with CREATE about everyday issues you are currently having because you are in care. By sitting down and having a conversation with the group you will be amazed that a lot of the time you are not the only one experiencing it. If it turns out other young people are having the same problems then we look at how as a group we can come up with a solution that CREATE can take to decision makers to make changes to the system so it doesn't happen to others in care too. Last year we had a big win. CREATE, with young people leading, got a POLICY CHANGED so now all carers can sign consent forms!! Great outcome for all!!

Every YAG starts with a 30min meeting/discussion that's followed by a fun activity such as bowling, movies, Big Buoy, laser tag, ice skating or another activity suggested by young people. YAG is free for 10-25 year olds.

SPEAK UP AND YOUNG CONSULTANTS

Speak Up gives young people the tools and skills needed to be heard and lead change for yourself and others. There are 3 levels-

Lev 1. Helps build confidence by knowing the facts about CREATE, the different parts of the care system, advocacy & communication

Lev 2. Teaches you about personal boundaries, sharing your story safely, your rights in care and how to use your voice effectively.

Lev 3. Learn about the media and advocacy campaigns, facilitate groups, lead discussions and how to best represent your peers at forums.



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Speak Up levels are held on separate days so you have the choice of doing each one separately. You can't do level 3 until you have completed the first two levels as it is more advanced but means when completed you can take on leadership roles and work as part of the CREATE team as a Young Consultant. Roles as a Young Consultant include training new caseworkers, participating on Government Round Tables, MC'ing CREATE launches and doing radio,



TV or newspaper interviews. Become empowered today to help fight injustices of the care system and make positive changes for yourself and others.

BON VOYAGE AISLINN!



After two years of having Aislinn at the helm of the wheel as the N.T. CREATE co-ordinator it has come the time to say a sad "Goodbye" as she flies off interstate. We have been very lucky to have someone so passionate and determined leading CREATE's advocacy in the NT, with some awesome wins for the children and the young people in care here. She has worked tirelessly with young people to create lasting changes such as new child friendly care plans, building relationships with Indigenous organisations and getting Territory Families to make a commitment to not only listening to young people but to inform them directly how their ideas will change policy. Aislinn you are amazing and we all wish you the best for the future!!!

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HAVE YOU MOVED HOUSE OR CHANGED YOUR PHONE NUMBER? LET US KNOW!

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We love to keep in touch with all our clubCREATE members and to do this we need to have the right contacts for you.

If you move house or change phone number or email let us know so we can keep you up to date with all things CREATE!

EVENTS CALENDAR COMING SOON!

<i>DATE</i>	<i>WHAT</i>	<i>WHERE</i>	<i>CONTACT</i>
Every month	YAG's	TBA	Darwin 8945 9993 Alice 8921 4208
February	Conn. Event	Casuarina Pool	Darwin 8945 9993 Alice 8921 4208

GET IN CONTACT

If you would like to register for any of our events, find out the missing details or get information about CREATE, head to our **CREATE NT** page on www.create.org.au or contact us at **1800 655 105** or **Darwin on 8945 9993** or **Alice Springs 8953 8358** or nt@create.org.au

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