



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING



We hope you've been well, enjoying the warm weather, and dodging those magpies protecting their nests.

We've been busy planning events and supporting young people to feed in discussions about accessing records, human rights services, mental health services, language used in care, as well as delivering training to new caseworkers and talking with our Minister.

We announced the winners of our Connection Through Art competition (<https://create.org.au/create-act-art-competition>) THANKS again to all the entrants and CONGRATULATIONS to:

0-6	Tyson	<i>Special commendation:</i>	
6-13	Millie	Happy Place	Scott
13-18	Trinitee	Family	Kira
18-25	Gabrielle	Connections	Khira



by Tyson aged 6 years



In the October school holidays we were finally able to go back to one of our favourite places - Inflatable World! This was one of our Connection Events focussing on bringing siblings together - thanks to the SNOW Foundation.

There was lots of jumping, making of balloon creatures (thanks to our friends from Rainbow Faces), a colouring competition, our old 'guess how many CREATE wristbands in the jar' competition - as well as pizzas and garlic bread for each family group. It was a really nice way for us to see some of you who we had not seen for a very long time - so a big THANK YOU to those of you who joined us and made the event extra fun.

We are planning some smaller and bigger Connection Events in the coming months - and we are always keen to hear of any thoughts for other events. We did get some great ideas from those of you who filled out our feedback forms at Inflatable World - so thank you to those of you who took the time to complete these - we are planning with these in mind :)

STAFF PROFILE

**BONJOUR, JE M'APPELLE
CLAUDE.**



I am the Youth and Community Development Officer at the Multicultural Hub Canberra. Multicultural Hub Canberra supports refugees, asylum seekers and migrants to access the resources they need to thrive in Canberra. Our services include youth, settlement, employment and women. As Youth and Community Development Officer, I do all the fun activities, such as after school programs, sports tournaments and music, just to name a few! I do whatever I can to put a smile on small and big faces, which in turn brightens my day. I feel best about my day when I go to an afterschool activity with young people, or when I can help a young person who calls me into school for a chat because they are having a bad day. Working with people from multicultural backgrounds is sometimes very tricky as you always need to learn and act in a culturally appropriate manner. But this just helps me have a wider knowledge of the world and the different cultures. Working here makes me feel special - especially when I am called into a school because a young person insists on talking to me.

YOUTH ADVISORY GROUPS

We have been out and about as part of our Youth Advisory Groups - having great conversations, food and fun!

In August we headed to Zone Bowling in



Belconnen which has had a makeover and is looking very fancy. First we had afternoon tea in one of the party rooms and talked about what the theme for Child Protection Week, 'Putting Children First' meant to people. Then we headed to the bowling alleys. I think Nicky won (again!) but some young people got very close to beating him - maybe next time....

In September we were hosted by the ACT Commissioner for Children and Young People, Jodie, and her team, for afternoon tea, Jenga and a conversation about what we wanted to keep in Canberra and what they wanted to change. We hold our YAGs monthly and have a conversation followed up by a fun activity which has been suggested to us by young people previously. Our YAGs are a good place for people to come along, have a say and make some positive connections. YAGs suit people who do not like a crowd as at these we usually have a maximum of 10 people.

★ ★ ★ ★ **YOU ROCK GABRIELLE!**

Gabrielle is a Wurundjeri woman who was the winner in our Connection Through Art Competition in the 18 to 25 year old category. Gabrielle is also a Young Consultant with CREATE in the ACT having completed her Speak UP training with us in July this year.

"My name is Gabrielle and my culture makes me feel like home.

I like painting because it makes me feel happy and calm.

I am doing my Cert 4 in drug and alcohol because I want to work with the youth and help any way I can."



Art
work by
Gabrielle



★ ★ ★ ★ **COVID CAFE CATCH-UPS AND CONNECTION CALLS**

As you may know we have had a little bit of funding to do extra calls and plan catch-ups with children and young people in different spaces and places across the ACT.

We are trying to work through contacting EVERYONE in clubCREATE - if you'd like a call or to sms/FB chat just let us know. Our numbers are Susan - 0439 764 163 or Nicky - 0401 331 776 or FB Susan Create or Nicky Youthguy :)

We've had a few extra activities like testing out the new electric scooters with the over 18's mob. We've caught up at various locations such as the Guild Cafe and McDonalds cafe to play board/card games.

We send out emails regularly about what's on, as well as post in in our secret facebook group. If you aren't receiving these let us know and we'll sort it out :)



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How can we put children first?

"Being asked and being listened to."

(Female, 15 years)

"Show that you care...look after me when I am hurt...listen to me."

"Having good schools....more skateparks."
(Male, 11 years)



Dream team meeting with the Minister for Children and Young People

EVENTS CALENDAR *COMING SOON!*

DATE	WHAT	WHERE	CONTACT
28/11/2020	Separated siblings event	Belco Bowl/ Questacon	Susan or Nicky
05/11/2020	Cafe afternoon Catch-Up 18+	Woden	Susan or Nicky
14/11/2020	Youth Advisory Group (YAG)- paddlehub & discussion	YMCA Yarralumla	Susan or Nicky
4/12 or 11/12	Christmas party/celebration	TBC	Susan or Nicky
21/12/2020	YAG - movie & discussion	Tuggeranong	Susan or Nicky
12&13/01/21	Speak UP Youth Leadership & Empowerment event (Level 1)	TBC	Susan or Nicky
13/01/21	YAG - CISAC pool and discussion	CISAC Bel	Susan or Nicky
19&20/01/21	Speak UP Youth Leadership & Empowerment event (Level 2)	TBC	Susan or Nicky
Mid Jan	Connection event - Dickson Pool	Dickson Pool	Susan or Nicky
28/01/21	Cafe afternoon Catch Up under 18 year olds	TBC	Susan or Nicky

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 ACT page at:

www.create.org.au or contact us on 1800 655 105 or 0439 764 163 or susan.pellegrino@create.org.au



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