



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?!

Happy 2021 everyone! We hope the start of the year has given you lots of opportunities to connect with people and places that bring a smile to your faces.

We are excited to be back working at the CREATE office once again and to be offering a mixture of online and face to face activities. This edition we have heaps of awesome events to get involved in our Easter celebration, SUP, CREATE Your Future, YAGs, a camp and a Winter celebration - details are on the last page. As we are still living in interesting times we will let you know if any of the event details change.

We also welcome a new team member Louise, who is super friendly and can't wait to meet you at one of our events. By now hopefully you have all heard the great news that in Victoria, any person in foster care, residential care or kinship care can be supported until they are 21. If you have any questions about Home Stretch or Better Futures or about support you can receive after 18 give the CREATE crew a call.



THE CREATE HOUR OF POWER (HOP) IS BACK IN 2021

HOP is BACK!!!!

CREATE is proud to present and support the Hour of Power (HOP) Youth Forums facilitated by young people. The HOP is a powerful platform and example of youth participation, empowerment and advocacy and in action.

CREATE Young Consultants and all young people with care experiences hold incredible insights due to their lived experiences.

These contributions have and can help inform the care sector to drive changes to improve the lives of children and young people in care.

Mark the last week in April in your calendar so you don't miss out.

For further details contact victoria@create.org.au



What did the electrician say to his mates....

People are usually shocked when they find out I'm not a good electrician.



CREATE YOUR FUTURE

We kick started 2021 with a high as we met in person for two CREATE Your Future Intensives!

We had so much fun meeting together in person after what has been a challenging time. We spent two days exploring various CYF modules such as You and Your Peeps, Call Your Shots and Selfhood, as well as completing the Great Race around Frankston!

We had perfect weather which meant we were able to make a trip down to the beach and we also got to play a game of mini golf, which was a highlight.

We are also going to be running a camp in either the April or June school holidays.

If you would like to find out more about CYF and the camps please get in touch with Bec at rebecca.cole@create.org.au or you can call us on 9918 0002 and chat about when our next CYF activity is.



"My favourite part of the CYF Intensives has been making new friends and connections" – Briana

LOUISE... WHY WERE YOU INTERESTED IN COMING TO WORK FOR CREATE?



What I love about CREATE is that they empower young people in vulnerable situations to make changes and have a voice in decision making, both in their own lives and in the form of shaping the future of policies and legislation.

What are you most passionate about working with children and young people in care?

I think many of the young people in CREATE programs already show so much strength and resilience and I hope to further empower young people in care. I also want to help generate further awareness of the importance of decision making a young person has in their own lives to caseworkers and other organisations who play a role in each child's life during a care experience.

What will you be doing at CREATE?

I will be a Community Facilitator working on events and Worker Training.

If you were stuck on a deserted island what three things would you take with you ?

A good friend, basic survival stuff and my phone with an inbuilt solar battery (that hasn't yet been invented as far as I know).

What are some of your hobbies?

Oh I love cooking and creating healthy food, travelling and eating new foods, exercising, attending wellness related events and being in nature!



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YOU ROCK!



Huge congrats to every young person who spoke out to get the leaving care age extended to 21 in Victoria!. You all made it happen!

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Big ups to Fatou, Marcelle, Kiara and Alex for joining the Ministerial Youth Advisory Group.

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Sam you rock for inspiring other young people when co-facilitating Speak Up.

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Madi Rose rocks hard for having a series of articles published in the Guardian Australia.

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Tobias and Tay for co facilitating our first CYF intensives for 2021.



2021 FACE TO FACE??

CREATE is super excited to once again be holding some face to face activities.

We're excited to announce we'll be holding a Winter Connection event in June in the South Eastern Suburbs of Melbourne for all young people in care or with a care experience.

We have a whole range of fun programs and activities for you to get involved in and we can't wait to see you at one of our exciting events soon.

If you have an idea or suggestion on where we should hold an event drop your suggestions in an email to Russell.Mulry@create.org.au



"YOU ARE THE CHANGE YOU SEE"

- Xiolia

EVENTS CALENDAR *COMING SOON!*

<i>DATE</i>	<i>WHAT</i>	<i>WHERE</i>	<i>CONTACT</i>
4 March	Hour of Power discussion	CREATE Office	rebecca.cole@create.org.au
4 March	Youth Advisory Group - Have your say on a national level!	Online	victoria@create.org.au
30 March	Youth Advisory Group	Online	jade.purtell@create.org.au
7 April	Easter Connection Event	TBA	victoria@create.org.au
13 April	SUP Level 1	North Melbourne	patrick.weiniger@create.org.au
24 April	SUP Level 2	North Melb	patrick.weiniger@create.org.au
11 May	CREATE Your Future Workshop	Online	rebecca.cole@create.org.au
27 May	Youth Advisory Group Hot Topics theme	North Melb	rebecca.cole@create.org.au
25 June	After School - Winter Connection Event	Eastern Suburbs	russell.mulry@create.org.au
29 June	Youth Advisory Groups	North Melb	russell.mulry@create.org.au
April or June School Holidays	CYF Under 18s camp Expression of Interest open	TBA	rebecca.cole@create.org.au



YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!!!



Have you had a look at the latest magazine competitions?
There are heaps of chances to win inside - don't miss out!
Send your entries to clubcreate@create.org.au

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 VIC page on www.create.org.au or contact us at 1800 655 105 or 03 9918 0002 or victoria@create.org.au

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