

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING Woweee what a year! 2020 was pretty hectic, hey?

We had our ups and downs but the final few months of the year were AMAZING here at CREATE! We were able to meet you all again face-to-face and put on some awesome events and activities. There were Youth Advisory Groups (YAGs), Connection Events and we saw a few of you at the NAIDOC Opening Ceremony - read more about that and our fantastic clubCREATE members later in this Round Up! Of course there were lots of Christmas events too! We had our own Christmas parties in Bunbury and Perth metro, our Christmas YAG in Rockingham and we saw some of you at the Department parties in Cannington and Fremantle. Oh! And we bumped into a few of you at the super cool TSS party! The start of 2021 has also been INCREDIBLE! We've already had our Girls Getaway camp which included Speak Up level 1 and 2 and an awesome surprise guest speaker - Sabreena Duffy! We also led **CREATE Your Future life skills workshops, The Great** Race and Roller Casholla, to help get 15-25 year olds better-equipped for when they leave care. Woh! There's many many more exciting things happening at CREATE this year so check out our calendar at the end of this Round Up and contact us to RSVP! Hopefully see you all soon! Bring on the rest of 2021!

<mark>Christmas</mark> Parties

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Our Christmas Connections at Bunbury Wildlife Park and Landsdale Farm were wonderful days for our clubCREATE members, siblings and carers.

A MASSIVE thanks to our volunteers, Elly and Lidia, and Young Consultants who gave us a hand! A BIG shoutout to Perth Rotary Club for donating and preparing our Christmas goodie bags and the Perth Lions Club for offering us a very yummy sausage sizzle! You were all a HUGE help! Thanks so much!

Our next Connection Events will be in Perth Metro in March and Geraldton in April. Check out the calendar for more details!



New Year, new introductions! Here's the WA team all dressedup fancy for Christmas! From left to right:

Sarah - the brilliant boss!

Sarah runs the show here at CREATE WA and does an awesome job of it! She loves rock music, Thai food and gardening – she even brings in beautiful plants to brighten up our office!

Bridget - the newbie!

Last Round Up you met Bridget, our new Community Facilitator. She's taking the lead with YAGs and Young Consultant opportunities. You might also catch her at an engagement event or two!

Leigh - the pro!

Leigh is the expert of all things CREATE. She's the queen of Connections, Working Group and you'll spot her at engagement events too! She's the one with the super cool earrings!

Kym - the creative!

Face-painting, crafting and funky Facebook posts - Kym can do them all! Kym's leading Speak Up and CREATE Your Future. She's also helping Leigh at Connections so make sure you say hi and ask her for some artistic tips!



October's Youth Advisory Group (YAG) was so close to the end of the month that we just had to give it a Halloween theme! After discussing budgeting and eating some spooky cupcakes, the group headed to **Fremantle Prison** for an extra scary tour – aaaaah!

Quite the opposite was November's YAG where we talked about the availability of mental health services and then enjoyed a relaxing **yoga** session with calming essential oils and a live sound healing performance.

Our final YAG of the year was a Christmas reflection and celebration day with pass-the-parcel questions and a day trip to **Penguin Island** to see the adorable fairy penguins and a stroll along the sand. Oh! And there were so many lizards that Bridget was petrified of!

YAGs are open to clubCREATE members aged 12-25. We have many planned for 2021 so check out the calendar at the end of this Round Up to see if there's one you'd like to come along to!





We had soooo many clubCREATE members to give a shout out to this quarter so instead, here's a little mention of all those who really shined at CREATE.

Two of our Young Consultants, Justin and Lilly, took part in a live panel discussion at Joondalup District Conference. They were so brave telling their stories in front of 130 people! At the end they got a standing ovation! Amazing!

CREATE's Working Group finished looking over the rights of a child in care and making them more young-person-friendly. These should be published in 2021 – well done everyone!

At NAIDOC's Opening Ceremony, an incredible group of our clubCREATE members performed a traditional Noongar dance for over 400 people in the audience. AND they'd had only three days to come up with and rehearse the whole performance – absolutely awesome!

Our Young Consultant Leanne has been super involved by volunteering and taking part in every CREATE activity she can! On top of that, she also dedicated her time to recording an interview for CREATE's Voices in Action podcast! Impressive!

Thank you to everyone for all your hard work and support. We can't wait to see what else we can all achieve this year!

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Like what you heard about our awesome Young Consultants? Think you'd like to do something similar?

If you'd like to take part in a panel, give a presentation, be a part of our podcast or help out at our events, you can become a Young Consultant by completing our Speak Up leadership training!

The next training dates are:

- Monday 12th April Level 1
- Tuesday 13th April Level 2
- Wednesday 14th April Level 3

RSVP by contacting Kym at the WA office. Can't wait to see you there!



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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

EVENTS CALENDAR COMING SOON!

DATE	WHAT	WHERE	AGE	CONTACT
6 March	Connection Event	Perth Metro	0-25	Leigh
12 March	YAG	Albany	12-25	Bridget
12 March	Create Your Future	Albany	15-25	Kym
30 March	Lads YAG *boys only! Have your say on a national level!	Perth Metro	12-25	Bridget
7 April	Connection Event	Geraldton	0-25	Leigh
12 - 14 April	Speak Up - Levels 1, 2 & 3!	Perth Metro	14-25	Kym



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