

club create

magazine

MEET YC MARUSHA!

**DREAM NEIGHBOURHOOD
ART ACTIVITY**

**PLUS A PUZZLE,
FIND-A-WORD AND JOKES!**

The Louder Together Edition

**6 CHANCES
TO WIN INSIDE!**



club create magazine



Hi clubCREATE-ers,

Welcome to the Louder Together edition of the clubCREATE mags. Sometimes when we have good ideas or want something to change, it may feel like it's too hard to make it happen by ourselves. But when we join other people and share our voices together, we're louder and it's easier to make change. Louder Together is all about working with others to make sure our voices are heard. This magazine is jam-packed full of people and ideas to make change in the care system. Best of all, this change is led by clubCREATE members like you!

In this edition of the magazines, we get to know Rachael, CREATE's new National Influencing Manager, chat with CREATE Mate Tayla, and talked to Young Consultant (YC) Marusha, who has been doing some amazing work on changing the care system with the United Nations! We also dive into CREATE's National Youth Advisory Group and look at the findings from our latest report. We also have some cool competitions and activities. We've got a dream neighbourhood drawing comp, jokes, a fun matching game, are more!

Happy reading,

Jacqui Reed

Head Honcho, CREATE Foundation

Get Social!



facebook.com/
CREATEfnd



@CREATEfnd



@CREATEfnd



We love your feedback!

Send us comments and suggestions
to clubcreate@create.org.au



Acknowledgement of Country

CREATE would like to acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as Australia's first people and Traditional Custodians. We value their cultures, identities, and continuing connection to country, waters, kin and community.

EDITION 3
SEPTEMBER 2021

In this issue:

- 4 In the Loop
- 5 Say hi to Rachael!
- 6 Meet CREATE Mate Tayla
- 7 Your Dream Neighbourhood
- 8 Spotlight on Marusha
- 9 Gus and Milly's Maze Activity
- 10 Cultural Icons
- 11 Find a word
- 12 All about YAGs
- 13 Safety Hand Activity
- 14 The Fun Zone
- 16 You Rock

clubCREATE's Editorial Policy Edition 3, 2021

clubCREATE Magazine is produced by CREATE Foundation for children and young people in care. This magazine contains information about CREATE programs that create a better life for kids in care and also has articles and artworks by clubCREATE members.

The views expressed by these young people are not

necessarily the views of CREATE Foundation.

It's really important to us that children and young people in care are safe and protected and we do our utmost to ensure their privacy. For safety reasons state laws don't allow the faces of kids in care to be published without proper permission, so please understand if

sometimes we can't show faces in our pictures.

All contributions to be considered for the magazine can be submitted by email: clubcreate@create.org.au or post: Reply Paid 87694, Spring Hill QLD 4004.

If you do not want to receive newsletter and program

information from CREATE Foundation please email clubcreate@create.org.au or phone CREATE on 02 9267 1999 or 1800 655 105 to have your address removed from our mailing list.

In the LOOP



CREATE's had a busy few months! We've been working hard getting ready for a new strategic plan, that's a plan that guides all our work over the next three years. We've also been working on our Voices in Action conference for 2022.

With more lockdowns and restrictions, some of our teams have been back at home. We've had our amazing New South Wales team doing check ins with young people and getting creative with Zoom events, doing

things like playing Bingo, dance games, Pictionary competitions, and storytelling games.

And for some big, exciting news, we've opened our new office in Cairns! The amazing Susie has had a busy few months running events and getting to know clubCREATE members like you. If you're from Cairns, be sure to check in and say hi.

SAY HI TO RACHEL!

Rachael is our National Influencing Manager, which basically means she helps CREATE make change to the care system. She's part of CREATE's Leadership Committee and she's always looking for ways to get young people's voices heard!

What's your favourite thing to do on your weekend?

Anything outdoors! Hiking, gardening, swimming in waterholes, climbing mountains or going to the beach.

What made you want to work for CREATE?

I was a Young Consultant at CREATE when it first started more than 20 years ago. I was fortunate enough to get a 2 year traineeship in Youth Work with CREATE at this time and got to do lots of really cool things like speak at conferences, meet Minister's and run camps with young people. After my traineeship finished I started my own family, did lots of study and got to do some really cool jobs including 5 years in India. In 2019 I saw the Queensland State Coordinator



position advertised and I knew that I would love to come back to CREATE to help lead the organisation that made such a huge impact on my life. It has been such an honour and privilege to work alongside young people in Queensland to make the system better. Recently I was offered the National Influencing Manager role and I am super excited to be able to work with young people across all states and territories to hear their voices and change the care system to make it better!

The next one is very important - favourite food?

Pizza!

CREATE MATE

TAYLA

CREATE Mates are people who work in the out-of-home care sector and want to help CREATE make it better for you. Meet our awesome CREATE Mate Tayla from Child Safety in the North West of Tasmania.

Tell us about yourself!

What's your role?

I'm Tayla, I'm 24 and I am from Burnie Tasmania. I have a dog named Molly and I play soccer. I work at Child Safety in the Case Management Team.

Why are you a CREATE Mate?

I became a CREATE Mate because every day I am in awe of the young people I get to work with. Their strength, resilience and ability to overcome adversity made me want to be involved in making sure that the child safety system saw them for the incredible young people they are and listened to them when they had something to say or things weren't working for them.

What's something you're passionate about in the care sector? What's something you're proud of?

There are so many areas of the care sector I am passionate about but mostly my passion is making sure we listen to you! I love coming along to YAGs and seeing the relationships young people have developed with one another and listening to all the ideas young people have on how we can make the care system better.

I am so proud of the kids I have worked with who have or are transitioning to independence. I am so excited they will get to create their own future.

Everyone's a bit wacky in their own way - what's a fun fact about you?

I am the most accident-prone person and I'm always covered in cuts and bruises. I've even broken the same arm, three times, falling off the same monkey bars!



Tayla

WIN

WIN

WIN

WIN

WIN

Your Dream Neighbourhood Art Activity!



Every child, in every community, needs a fair go. To treat all of Australia's children fairly, we need to make sure every family and community has what kids need to thrive and be healthy.

This is the theme of this year's National Child Protection Week. It means that it's not just up to mums, dads or carers to make sure you have what you need, but up to everybody. To make sure you have what you need, NAPCAN (the people running Child Protection Week) want to know what your dream neighbourhood looks like so we want you to draw a picture of it for us. Maybe it has places to do fun activities, or maybe it's full of important places you think every neighbourhood needs. Maybe it's full of things, people or animals you like. Draw us a picture, make a collage, or even just write down what your dream neighbourhood looks like and you could win a gift card!

National Child Protection Week runs from September 5th to the 11th. We have Connection Events for Child Protection Week happening across Australia. Check out your Round Up or the CREATE website for events near you!

WIN!!!

TO ENTER THIS COMPETITION:

1. Send your entry via email to clubCREATE@create.org.au
2. Send us a message on Instagram [@CREATEfnd](https://www.instagram.com/CREATEfnd) or Facebook [/CREATEfnd](https://www.facebook.com/CREATEfnd)
3. Enter on our website at www.create.org.au/competitions
4. Post it back to us free of charge! Send to Reply Paid 87694 SPRING HILL QLD 4004

ENTRIES CLOSE: 22ND OCTOBER 2021

Make sure you include your name and age, and if you know it your clubCREATE ID number. GOOD LUCK!

MEET MARUSHA!

We have amazing Young Consultants (YCs) at CREATE that we're really proud of. In each mag edition, we'll be shining the spotlight on one of our YCs so you can get to know some of the young people who make CREATE what it is.

Hi, my name is Marusha. I am a 24-year-old pre-school educator, administrator, and disability rights advocate.

Born in India, adopted at 5 months old, and later placed in foster care at 5 years old, I have faced many challenges in life. I have Cerebral Palsy, use a wheelchair, and can only functionally use one finger. I am vision, hearing, and speech impaired. This has not stopped me from doing and achieving many things in my life.

At 5 years old I joined CREATE and was given many opportunities and experiences from the fun parties, camps, conferences, forums and research studies. At 19 years old, I became a Young Consultant and participated in the video called Snap that Stigma, which offered me the opportunity to travel and tell my story.



In 2020 I applied, and was selected, to work with 15 young people from around the world and look at a way to improve the lives of young people and children in foster care. Our recommendations will be presented to the United Nations, Day of General discussion, in Geneva. It continues to be an amazing experience.

My words of HOPE: Be kind to yourself and others. Never give up on your dreams no matter how farfetched they may seem. Take every opportunity offered. Create your own opportunities, don't always expect others to hand them to you on a plate. Help others, be a friend and be the best person you can.

WIN

WIN

WIN

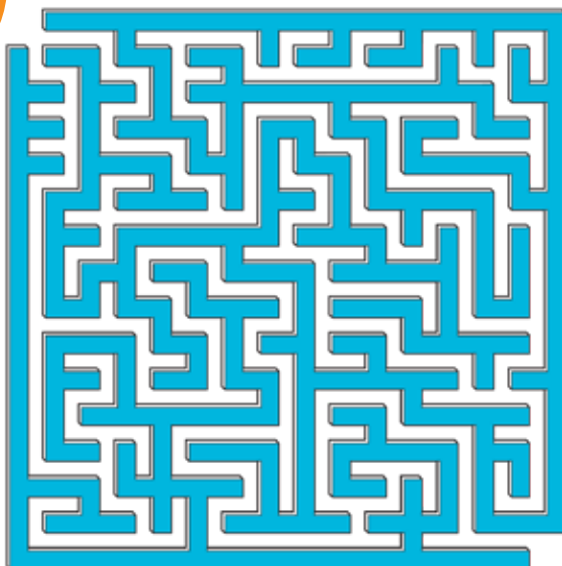
WIN

WIN

Help Gus get to CREATE's event!



Milly is waiting for Gus so they can go to CREATE's fun day out, but Gus got lost! Can you help Gus make it to the event?

**WIN!!!**

TO ENTER THIS COMPETITION:

1. Send your entry via email to clubCREATE@create.org.au
2. Send us a message on Instagram [@CREATEfnd](https://www.instagram.com/CREATEfnd) or Facebook [/CREATEfnd](https://www.facebook.com/CREATEfnd)
3. Enter on our website at www.create.org.au/competitions
4. Post it back to us free of charge! Send to Reply Paid 87694 SPRING HILL QLD 4004

ENTRIES CLOSE: 22ND OCTOBER 2021

Make sure you include your name and age, and if you know it your clubCREATE ID number. GOOD LUCK!

CULTURAL ICONS

You might see some icons like this on our posters or in our mags. But do you know that these icons have special meanings? These icons were designed by Torres Strait Islander artist Michelle Tyhuis and they pay respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Let's take a look at what they mean.



Ceremony

There are ceremonies that help young people get the skills and knowledge to reach adulthood. Ceremonies are very special events.



Catching Up

Catching Up with friends and family helps make respectful, honest communication and builds trust



Clapsticks

Used to maintain rhythm in Aboriginal voice chants, the clapsticks make a special sound when hit together. They symbolise maintaining a steady pace, and the power of working in harmony with others.



Yarning Circle

A harmonious, creative, collaborative way of communicating. A yarning circle creates accountability and provides a safe place to be heard and to respond.



Sea Turtle

The sea turtle has an inspiring story of bravery to face the world and meet its challenges. The turtle is about protection and safety, and living life to the fullest.



Warup (Drum)

From the Torres Strait, the Warup (Drum) brings the community together to take part in dance, song and sharing of cultural traditions and practices. Strength comes from being together.

WIN

WIN

WIN

WIN

FIND A WORD!

Can you find our words about working together and getting heard? Send us your completed find-a-word to win!

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| D | F | W | B | H | D | T | O | P | M | Q | C | C | H | J | Y | A | G |
| W | F | D | C | R | Y | E | I | J | G | N | H | E | I | N | D | B | E |
| L | O | U | D | E | R | Q | V | L | O | M | A | V | T | Y | H | O | X |
| Y | M | J | S | E | D | I | L | U | Z | F | N | Z | V | T | Y | E | W |
| U | C | N | B | Z | B | R | T | S | O | E | G | S | G | H | P | L | K |
| S | L | O | I | Y | F | B | N | F | E | L | E | O | I | Z | B | R | T |
| Y | V | I | S | U | E | G | H | N | U | Y | E | R | N | L | K | O | D |
| H | U | Y | P | Y | U | T | O | G | E | T | H | E | R | F | T | G | S |
| B | S | F | E | H | K | A | L | I | R | F | J | V | D | G | J | E | E |
| H | T | O | A | B | Z | E | W | Q | B | T | V | R | O | P | L | U | R |
| E | W | R | K | M | C | U | G | M | W | E | C | E | R | C | O | I | V |
| D | H | V | U | N | V | R | E | T | Y | I | P | S | T | E | R | W | O |
| A | J | C | P | D | F | J | D | H | T | W | C | H | N | A | G | I | I |
| H | A | V | R | R | H | G | R | E | N | F | N | M | T | Y | U | N | C |
| N | Y | Z | E | Y | M | U | S | B | E | H | E | A | R | D | T | S | E |
| G | U | E | Q | O | R | M | F | E | S | O | T | I | W | E | N | D | H |
| D | F | F | G | P | E | X | C | M | B | Y | M | U | V | S | W | N | R |
| R | S | T | R | O | N | G | H | J | U | D | F | L | O | Y | R | E | E |



Words to find:

Louder

Together

Speak Up

Be Heard

Voice

Strong

YAG

Change



TO ENTER THIS COMPETITION:

1. Send your entry via email to clubCREATE@create.org.au
2. Send us a message on Instagram [@CREATEfnd](https://www.instagram.com/CREATEfnd) or Facebook [/CREATEfnd](https://www.facebook.com/CREATEfnd)
3. Enter on our website at www.create.org.au/competitions
4. Post it back to us free of charge! Send to Reply Paid 87694 SPRING HILL QLD 4004

ENTRIES CLOSE: 22ND OCTOBER 2021

Make sure you include your name and age, and if you know it your clubCREATE ID number. GOOD LUCK!

WIN!!!

ALL ABOUT YAGS!!!

Are you 10 or over? Do you want to have your say about the things important to you? Do you want to come hang out with other clubCREATE members and do something fun? Then come to a YAG!

YAGs are "Youth Advisory Groups", which is just a fancy way of saying young people get together and chat about their issues with the care system. YAGs are an easy way to talk about everyday issues you're having because you're in care, and you get to talk about them with other young people who may be going through the same thing. YAGs are really important because they tell CREATE what issues you're facing so that we can do something about it. We can help make solutions for those issues and take them to the people who have the power to change the care system!

YAGs are for clubCREATE members aged 10 or older. Not only do you get to meet people like you and have your say, but you also get to do a free fun activity at a YAG. Past YAGs have done things like **bowling**,



watching movies, zoo trips, rock climbing and even **glow-in-the-dark mini golfing**! With COVID we started doing some of our YAGs over Zoom, so even if you're far away you can join!

The Safety Hand

Have you ever heard of a safety hand? Making a safety hand helps us find five people who we can go to if we need help.

To make a safety hand, first trace your hand onto a blank sheet of paper.

1.



2.



Then think of five adults who you trust and can go to if something is wrong.

Write down all the ways you can contact them if you need them.

3.



Cut out your safety hand, decorate it however you want and keep it somewhere you can find it easily.

If you feel you aren't safe or are worried about something, talk to the people on your safety hand. Don't be afraid to contact more than one if you still don't feel safe after contacting one of your safety hand members. Keep trying until you get the help you need. You have the right to feel safe!

Fun ZONE

HALLOWEEN EDITION

Did you know?

- > Trick-or-treating existed back in medieval times
- > People used to dress up for Halloween to confuse ghosts
- > Instead of carving pumpkins, people used to carve beetroots, swedes and potatoes

LOL Mania

**WHAT DO YOU CALL
TWO WITCHES WHO
LIVE TOGETHER?**

Broom-mates.

**WHY DID COVID
SPREAD AROUND
THE CEMETERY SO
QUICKLY?**

Because of all the coffin

**HOW DID THE
GHOUL KNOW THE
GHOST HAD LIED?**

Because he saw right
through him

WIN!!!

Have you got a joke or fun fact for us? Send us your joke or fun fact and you could win a gift card! To enter this competition you can:

1. Send your entry via email to clubCREATE@create.org.au
2. Send us a message on Instagram or Facebook @CREATEFnd or /CREATEFnd
3. Enter on our website at www.create.org.au/competitions
4. Post it back to us free of charge! Send to: Reply Paid 87694 (no stamp required) SPRING Hill QLD 4004.

Entries close October 22nd 2021. Make sure you include your name and age, and if you know it your clubCREATE ID number. GOOD LUCK!

Design a Pumpkin Mask!

We're getting into the spooky spirit with Halloween coming up soon! Colour in the mask below and cut it out for your very own Halloween pumpkin mask! Send us a photo of the mask, or another one you've made, and you could win a prize!



YOU ROCK SPOT!

EDITION 2, 2021 COMP WINNERS

OUR COMP WINNERS FROM LAST MAG ARE
(DRUMROLL PLEASE!):

CREATE survey:
KURTIS, 11

What do you want
to be: MELBY, 8

Match the emotions:
TAMA, 6

LOL Mania –
JOSEPH, 7

How CREATE
works: ROMAN, 12

CONGRATULATIONS! WE HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR PRIZES!

create
FOUNDATION

CREATE
Foundation Limited
National Office
12 Union Street
Parramatta NSW 2150
Tel 1800 655 105
ABN 69 088 075 058

If you do not wish to receive
newsletters and program information
from CREATE Foundation please
email clubcreate@create.org.au or
phone CREATE on (07) 3062 4860 to
have your address removed from the
mailing list.

HOW TO STAY CONNECTED WITH CREATE

If you want to attend awesome events with CREATE make sure
you are a clubCREATE member so you can automatically receive
invitations and information.

Other ways to contact CREATE:

1. Become a clubCREATE member and join up at
www.create.org.au
2. Call your local CREATE office on 1800 655 105 and talk
to one of the team about what's coming up.
3. If you are already a clubCREATE member – make sure your
clubCREATE membership details are up-to-date.
4. Visit www.create.org.au to find out more about how we
can support you.

This publication has been designed using resources from freepik.com and vecteezy.com.