



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?



Darwin's Youth Advisory Group (YAG) took to the sea! CREATE's Darwin team took a group of our young people on the ferry over to Mandorah for a quick day trip. We had lots of fun fishing and seeing all the ocean life, though we learned fish make your hands stink! Our discussion topic at this month's YAG was 'Carers having more trust in young people & helping them develop their own safety plan'.

Alice Springs also held a YAG in June where they had a Yarn with young people over Zoom about what being on country means to them. One of the young people shared that: "*Sitting by the river, eating food, going swimming, going walking, travelling long distances and going long way and coming back home*" (F, 25) is her favourite thing about living on country. We played a lot of fun games such as Go Get It, Crossword Quiz and we had a dance party.

YAGs are for young people aged 10 to 25. If you would like to attend our next YAG, contact us using the details on the back page of this Round Up!



SPEAK UP LEVEL 1, 2 & 3

The Darwin CREATE team recently held all 3 levels Speak Up, meaning we have more Young Consultants to advocate for changes to improve the care system!

We had an amazing group of young people who **SPOKE UP** about issues important to them and shared their awesome ideas for change.

Everyone had fun, made friends and joined in loads of activities, including bowling and games at Kingpin, going on the Ferris Wheel and celebrating their graduation with tacos at Hot Tamale!!

Speak Up is a youth empowerment program for young people with an out-of-home care experience, aged 14 to 25. Let us know if you want to be part of the next one.



LEGIT WELLBEING IN ALICE SPRINGS

We've had some awesome sessions over at the CREATE Hang Out Hub recently. And we've been blown away by some of the incredible art made by young people. Have a look at these paintings made during one of our CREATE UR Future Wellbeing sessions. And by the way, The Legit Wellbeing session was so fun! As well as making beautiful artwork, we also had a pamper set up where young people made DIY body scrubs, painted their nails and took home face masks. We also looked through Wellbeing Cards made by the CREATE crew in Darwin and spoke about Connection to Culture and the role identity plays in having a strong spirit. On top of all that, we even had some guest speakers from CAAFLU in to talk to us about young people's legal rights when it comes to being safe at home. Let us know if you want to come along to our next CREATE Ur Future where we will be focusing on You and Your Peeps (positive relationships).



HEAL COUNTRY

This year the NAIDOC week theme is Heal Country, to encourage us to protect our lands, our waters, our sacred sites and our cultural heritage from desecration, exploitation and destruction.

In line with this theme CREATE Alice Springs hosted a cultural connection event on Monday the 19th of July, where Arrente Elder and Traditional Owner Pat Ansell Dodds will take us on a tour of Jessie Gap, Emily Gap and Telegraph Station.

This was an empowering opportunity to embrace the importance of culture and to hear stories and learn about bush food. This connection event was for children and young people aged 0-25 years old and their carers, families and educators to come and learn on country together.



NATIONAL YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

Congratulations to amazing CREATE Young Consultant, Dawyte Clancy, for being a panel member at the National Youth Homelessness Virtual Conference held 15th to 16th of June.

Dawyte spoke on the topic of YOUNG PEOPLE LEAVING CARE - DOING THE RIGHT THING.

Evidence suggests that at least 30 percent of young people leaving care at 18 years of age experience homelessness in their first year of attempted independent living. Family supports are not available for most of these young people like a families without care experiences.

We are so proud of Dawyte, who is a well-respected, strong young leader in his community with many years of experience working within a variety of community service sectors, including: mental health, out of home care, intensive youth support and peer education.

Dawyte is a strong advocate for vulnerable children and young people everyday. Keep up the great work!



YOU ROCK!!!!



HELLO

Joelle has worked at the Minbani Bebe Program, Larrakia Nation, for 11/2yrs and does an amazing job. Her and the team help connect Indigenous kids back to their culture, community and family. She said the best part of her job was seeing how excited kids were once she told them they were about to see family, sometimes for the first time after being apart for years. They can even support family to become kinship carers. Joelle wants our CREATE members to know that if your caseworker is having trouble finding family they can contact her for help on kinship@larrakia.com or 8997 2111.



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EVENTS CALENDAR

COMING SOON!

DATE	WHAT	WHERE	WHERE
Every month	Youth Advisory Group (YAG)	Darwin & Alice Springs	8945 9993 nt@create.org.au
September	Speak up (SUP)	Darwin	8945 9993 nt@create.org.au
September	Connection Event	Darwin	8945 9993 nt@create.org.au
September	CREATE your future	Alice Springs	8921 4208 nt@create.org.au
October	Round Table Meeting	Darwin	8945 9993 nt@create.org.au
October	Connection Event	Alice Springs	8921 4208 nt@create.org.au
November	CREATE your future	Darwin	8945 9993

"My carer helps us keep family bonds. She is trying to connect with my brother's carer so we can see each other. I haven't seen them for 4 months. Female 14

QUOTE
OF THE MONTH

THE ALICE CREW



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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 8921 4208** or nt@create.org.au

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