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MAGAZINE**



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**IN THIS  
ISSUE:**

**Hi clubCREATE-ers!**

In this edition you will get to meet our amazing young people: Talia and Jasmine.

Our Advocacy and Influencing Team have been busy bees and you will be able to read about all the consultations they've done on education as well as an explanation of the Safe and Supported Framework.

Conference registrations are open so if you haven't already booked tickets, please get in quickly! We are so excited to bring you a live in-person conference in Adelaide next year!!

Don't forget to enter our competitions for the chance to win a prize. We love seeing your artwork and competition entries.

*Jacqui Reed*

Head Honcho

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**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.

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# IN THE LOOP

## Child Protection Week

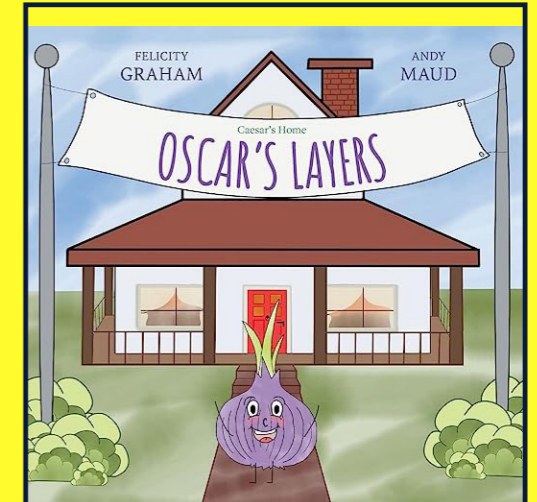


During Child Protection Week the South Australian Child Protection awards will take place. We have put forward one of our inspirational Young Consultants, Jasmine Taylor-Harding for the Outstanding Achievement of a Child or Young Person award. Jasmine is a passionate and determined First Nations woman who bravely opens up about her own care experience to help others who are going through a similar journey and to fiercely advocate for changes to happen to the current child protection system.

CREATE is also sponsoring the Positive Impacts Award at the Victorian Protecting Children Awards and will be attending events all over the country for Child Protection Week.

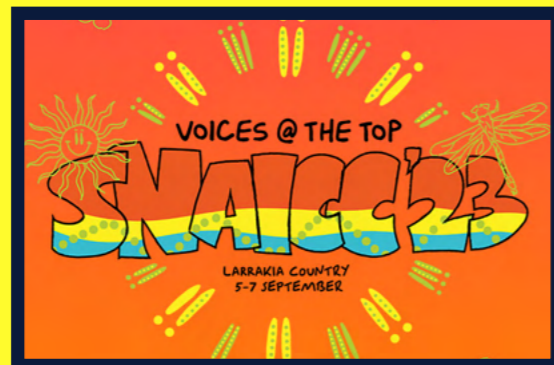
## Felicity Graham launches second book

One of our super star Young Consultants, Felicity Graham, following her recent success winning the Young Achiever of the Year award launched her second book, "Oscar's Layers" at an event at Parliament House in August. Felicity continues to blow us away with her dynamic and inspirational attitude as she aims to share her story in hopes that it may result in positive change on a systemic level in the child protection sector. Felicity's book is available to purchase now online through Amazon in addition to her first book, "Not Held Down". We are very proud of all of Felicity's achievements to date and look forward to her positive impact into the future!



## SNAICC Conference

CREATE's own Dr Elise Hilder and Young Consultant Brooke Oliver will be presenting together at the SNAICC Conference being held in Darwin in September. The SNAICC conference is all about learning, sharing and networking on topics relating to child protection issues that impact Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. Elise and Brooke will present "It's Gotta Go Back to Community": Young People's Stories of Removal and Placement in South Australia's Out-of-Home Care System.



# CONSULTATIONS

## What is a consultation?

A consultation is when CREATE interacts with children and young people with a care experience to get their views on matters that involve them, and then we share their voices with decision makers.

## WHAT YOUNG PEOPLE SAID ABOUT EDUCATION

Going to school or taking part in learning activities helps young people gain skills, make friends, feel confident, and work towards meaningful goals for the future (like getting a job, doing further studies or joining in community activities). Learning new skills increases life and work choices. Over the last couple of years, CREATE has talked to 105 young people with a care experience (including 59% who identified as First Nations) across Australia about their learning experiences and what supports would be helpful.

## WHAT DID WE FIND:

Most frequently, young people said their learning experiences were Good or Very good. Young people told us their positive experiences were due to having learning support and getting on well with teachers and friends.

*School has been good. I actually like learning at school. Favourite subject is PE and a little bit of maths. (Female, 17)*

*I'm getting a lot of support from teachers. They understand where I'm at. (Male, 17)*

*I think friends were the thing that mainly got me through at school. (Female, 16)*

Those who were less happy with their learning experiences said they had trouble with schoolwork, did not have enough support, were not excited to go to school, were unsettled by placement changes, and had concerns about bullying and mental health.

*I have trouble with the work. (Female, 15)*

*I struggle to attend school. I get social anxiety which makes it hard to go. I do aspire to go to school, but I struggle. I try to go and learn but I can't concentrate and focus so I'm struggling to see the point. (Female, 16)*

*I should have had more support from the Department, from my school, and from the organisation who was handling my care. I would have liked to have had a tutor who would have helped me a lot more than my carer had helped me. (Non-binary, 19)*

At home, young people found it helpful when carers encouraged them and provided help (like helping with homework and driving them to and from school). However, some young people said they did not have support at home.

*She goes into bat for me to get support at school. She speaks to teachers to make sure I'm getting help with my schoolwork. (Female, 15)*

*She encourages me to do my schoolwork; communicates with teachers. (Male, 15)*

*My foster mum tried to help me, but she has dyslexia so some of it was too hard for her. I mostly had to do it by myself. (Female, 17)*



## WHAT DID WE DO?

CREATE sent a report to each Government about what young people with a care experience in their state were saying about education. We urged Governments to make sure that young people with a care experience:

- have ongoing school and learning support,
- feel supported by teachers and carers,
- do not have a lot of placement and school changes, and
- are given extra support when there is a change.

Thanks to all the young people who shared their experiences of education and learning with CREATE.





#Snap that Stigma



CREATE Young Consultant, Talia, has used her voice to benefit not only her own education but the education of others with a care experience.

Talia's lived experience of disengagement from school due to placement changes and lack of support from school highlight the experience of many young people in care.

She demonstrated her tenacity and resilience by attending Student Support Group meetings and ensuring her voice and choices were heard and implemented by the school. Talia re-engaged with school, completed Year 12 and is currently studying to be a nurse. Talia recently used her lived experience to give an articulate and challenging presentation to the LOOKOUT team from the Department of Education, Victoria.

LOOKOUT Education Support Centres are tasked with improving educational outcomes for children and young people living in out-of-home care. By using her voice, Talia hopes that every student can thrive in school and transition to a post school pathway that sets them up for continued success in life.

#SnapthatStigma is a well loved campaign dating back to 2015. We love sharing your inspiring stories. We have given the branding a bit a refresh and we think it helps showcase our young people's awesomeness!

If you have a #SnapthatStigma story to share, please email [marketing@create.org.au](mailto:marketing@create.org.au)



"I have just finished my studies in Certificate III in Individualised Support and work in aged care. I would love to go into Youth Work and help children who have a similar background as me. An unknown quirky fact about me is that I can speak four languages."

- Talia

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# CONFERENCE coming soon

**Voices in Action**  
**21-23 MARCH 2024**  
**Adelaide Showgrounds**

**Registration now open!**

CREATE believes meaningful improvements for the 45,000 young Australians growing up in care can only be made in partnership with children and young people who have lived experience. Our Voices in Action conference brings together young people, carers and professionals to collaborate and provide an in-depth exploration of key issues identified by children and young people with a care experience so we can discuss solutions to improve the care sector.

This year's theme, 'Your Stories. Stronger Together' will showcase the importance of each individual young person's story and journey in out-of-home care and how by bringing these voices together and working collectively with all those involved in the care sector, we can effect positive change. The Voices in Action conference is a unique opportunity to elevate the voices of children and young people - and the insights shared by these young leaders will inspire solutions for an improved out-of-home care system.

## VOICES IN ACTION

**YOUR STORIES.  
STRONGER TOGETHER.**



# SAFE AND SUPPORTED: THE NATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR PROTECTING AUSTRALIA'S CHILDREN 2021–2031

Children and young people in Australia have the right to grow up safe, connected and supported in their family, community and culture. They have the right to grow up in an environment that enables them to reach their full potential.

## Safe and Supported Focus Areas

- › A national approach to early intervention and targeted support for children and families experiencing vulnerability or disadvantage.
- › Addressing the over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in child protection systems.
- › Improving information sharing, data development and analysis.
- › Strengthening the child and family sector and workforce capability.



## Priority groups

- › Children and families with multiple and complex needs.
- › Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people experiencing disadvantage or who are vulnerable.
- › Children and young people and/or parents/carers with disability experiencing disadvantage or who are vulnerable.
- › Children and young people who have experienced abuse and/or neglect, including children in out-of-home care and young people leaving out-of-home care and transitioning to adulthood.

## Guiding principles

Safe and Supported is also underpinned by a number of guiding principles, these are:



Access to quality universal and targeted services designed to improve outcomes for children, young people and families.



Having clear responsibilities and strong monitoring, evaluation and achievement of outcomes.



Listening and responding to the voices and views of children and young people, and the views of those who care for them.



Having excellence in practice and policy development, based on evidence, data and information sharing.



Being trauma-informed, culturally safe, and inclusive in terms of policies and actions.



Embedding the 5 elements of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle — Prevention, Partnership, Placement, Participation and Connection.

# MEET JASMINE

Meet one of our current Influencing Committee Young Person Representatives, Jasmine.

## **CREATE Young Consultant**

Jasmine is a proud First Nations woman who came into the care system at the age of 9. Jasmine is currently 22 years old and her biggest passion in life is to work with children and young people that went through similar situations to her and snapping the stigma of growing up in care.

Jasmine speaks about the importance of workers who genuinely care about the people in her life who really believed in her. She would like to be there for others in a similar way.

Jasmine has a powerful story and acknowledges that while being in the care system was beneficial in some ways, it also had a significant impact on the connection that she had with her family. Jasmine is currently studying a Certificate 3 in Community Services as well as being on numerous NGO boards and committees as an advisory voice for children and young people with a care experience.

Jasmine is an exceptional individual who has demonstrated remarkable dedication, compassion and diligence throughout her life. Some of the important accomplishments include: Sitting on the interview panel with Office of the Guardian for Children and Young People, Co-facilitating an enquiry in the removal of Aboriginal Children and Young People with the Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People SA, Participating in No Capes For Change, Youth Advisory Group and more.



# THE FUN ZONE **WIN!**

## FIND GUS

Can you find Gus hidden in this magazine? How many times did you find him? Tell us what pages you spied Gus on to go in the draw.



## SMILEY SURVEY

Fill in this survey to go in the draw for prizes



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  2. Send us a message on Instagram @CREATEfnd or Facebook /CREATEfnd
  3. Enter on our website at [www.create.org.au/competitions](http://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 13 October 2023. Make sure you include your name and age, and if you know it your clubCREATE ID number. GOOD LUCK!



## FIND-A-WORD **WIN!**

This find-a-word is a little different. The words you have to find are in this magazine. Can you find:

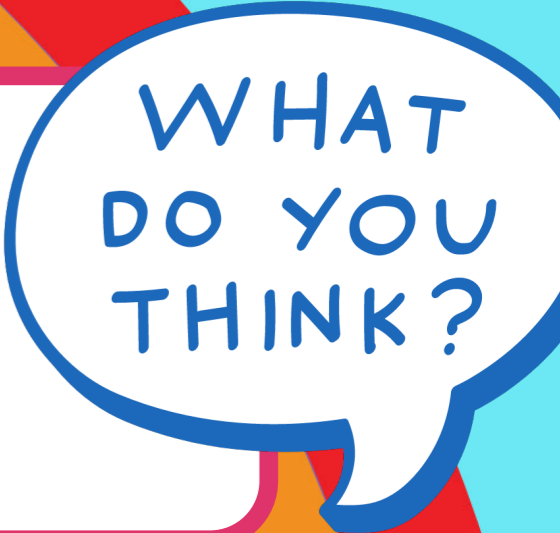
- Voices**
- Sector**
- National**
- Musician**
- Balloon**

Tell us what page you found these words on to go in the draw for a prize.

## CHALLENGE

I like CREATE because...

Tell us why you like CREATE and we'll feature it on social media and in our next magazine. You'll also go in the draw for a prize.



To enter this competition:

1. Send your entry via email to [clubCREATE@create.org.au](mailto:clubCREATE@create.org.au)
  2. Send us a message on Instagram @CREATEfnd or Facebook /CREATEfnd
  3. Enter on our website at [www.create.org.au/competitions](http://www.create.org.au/competitions)
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# ACT ROUND UP

What's been happening?

CREATE in the ACT danced their way into winter with a disco Connection Event. We had a professional DJ along to crank the tunes, some colourful face painting, and a heap of balloon sculptures (cue enthusiastic swordfights!) for a heap of fun and laughs. Our SNOW Foundation funded ice-skating Connection Event was also hugely enjoyable. Ice skaters of all abilities and ages took to the rink, with Dot joining the beginners in slipping and sliding their way around the outside barrier, while others with the experience or the balance skills inspired with their effortless gliding. Definitely an opportunity we hope to repeat sometime!



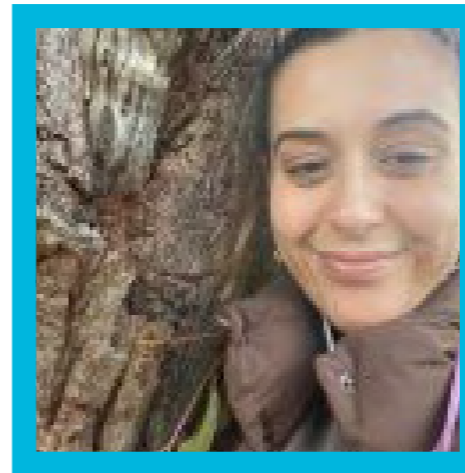
The ACT has welcomed Chris to the team. Chris has joined from the NT where he had been working with CREATE in Alice Springs. Chris is really excited to get to know the ACT CREATE members - by all reports, they're awesome!



# NSW ROUND UP

What's been happening?

It has been a busy and exciting time for CREATE in NSW. The NSW team have welcomed Chris and Monia to the crew. Chris joins the team from the NT team where he has been working with CREATE in Alice Springs for the last 18 months and Monia joins with experience in Residential Care in NSW. Both Chris and Monia are really excited to continue their journeys alongside the CREATE members of NSW.



NSW had a great time celebrating NAIDOC Week with two awesome NAIDOC Connection Events. It was great to see the strength and passion of our First Nations communities and we were privileged to be able to join in.

The NSW team have also sadly said goodbye to Jackie who has been such an advocate and strength for the team. We are really excited for Jackie's new adventure and wish her all the best!



# NT ROUND UP

What's been happening?

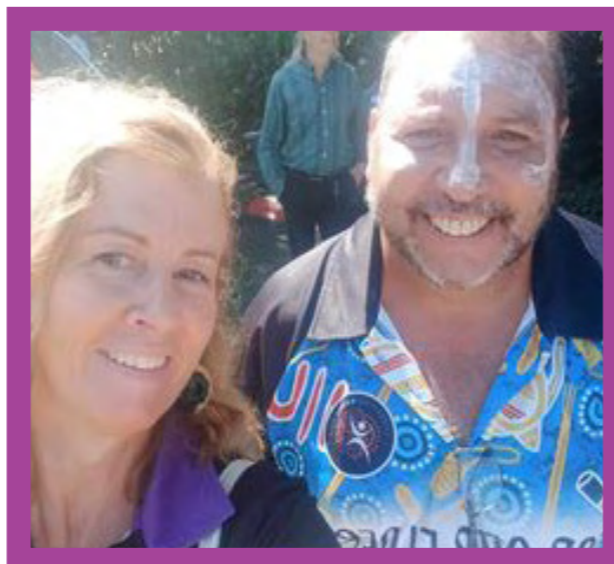
NAIDOC Week in Darwin: CREATE had an awesome week being invited by Larrakia Nation to be part of lots of NAIDOC Events. We had our Connection Event at Charles Darwin University which saw children, young people and families attend as well as a number of local Indigenous Organisations such as Danila Dilba, CAAPS Darrandirra Family Centre, The Office of the Children's Commissioner.



We also walked in the biggest Darwin NAIDOC March we have ever seen with over 8,500 people showing support and recognition. Young Consultant Dawyte was with us and enjoyed the concert by the legendary Arnhem musicians The Saltwater Band led by Manuel Dhurrkay. Later that night 10 young people attended a YAG where we talked about how "You can't be what you can't see" and as Indigenous youth what dreams and supports they had around them and what they would like to see more of. Afterwards we watched the beautiful and inspiring movie "Sweet As" which they all rated a 10 out of 10! Definitely a must see for our teen clubCREATE members.



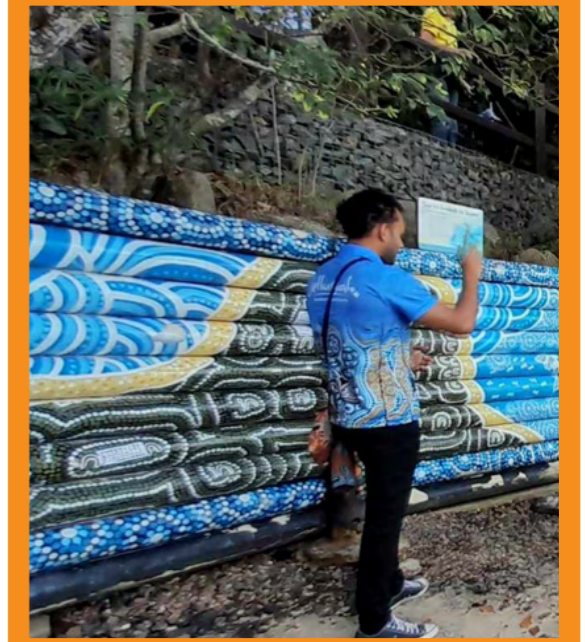
It didn't stop there as Sam and Kate were honoured to attend the NAIDOC Awards Night along with Young Consultant Alicia and two Elders, Les Huddleston and Loyla Leysley. So many people recognised and celebrated throughout the night that it really highlighted what an amazing community and place the NT is!



# QLD ROUND UP

What's been happening?

On the 21st July we ran our first ever Hybrid YAG. Some young people came to our Albion office for the YAG and we were also joined by young people online from all over the Brisbane, Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast regions. It was a great way for young people to connect with each other, some who hadn't seen each other for almost six months. The YAG offered an opportunity for young people to talk about the current housing crisis and how it has impacted them and their friends on a personal level. Their views will be submitted to "Everybody's Home: The inquiry into Australia's rental crisis". YAGs take place monthly either online or face to face (or both now), so keep an eye out on our Facebook page for details.



CREATE attended the Mulgrave Family Day for NAIDOC. This was an opportunity to have a great time with our young people and connect them with their local community.

CREATE has also been busily organising our Child Protection Dinner and are excited to announce the Fancy Dinner will be taking place at the Pacific Hotel Spring Hill on the 5th September. More information to come.



CREATE in Queensland would like to also give a warm welcome to its newest team members, Lisa Gibson (Senior Program Facilitator) and Polly Phillips (Program Facilitator) in our Cairns office and Vanessa Sheehy (State Programs and Engagement Coordinator) and Kate Zahnleiter (Program Facilitator) in our Brisbane Office. The team is busily and excitedly working on various projects and events and look forward to meeting some of our young people, so call us anytime and say a quick hello!

## QFCC ART SHOWCASE

August-November 2023 - enter the showcase and win vouchers. Check [www.create.org.au/qfcc-art-showcase](http://www.create.org.au/qfcc-art-showcase) or contact QLD Team for further details.

# SA ROUND UP

What's been happening?

**Our New State Program and Engagement Coordinator (SPEC) has joined the team, Laura:**

Laura hails from the Emerald Isle of Ireland, moving to Adelaide 17 years ago. Laura has worked in child protection for over 13 years in the NGO space and has a passion for working with vulnerable families and young people. Laura is excited to join the team and can't wait to meet you at our upcoming events!



**New Engagement and Administration Facilitator, Amy:**

Amy recently started at CREATE as an Engagement and Administration Facilitator (EAF). Amy has worked in child protection throughout her career and has worked as a Residential Care Worker and Support Worker with the Department for Child Protection amongst others. Amy is a self-professed crazy cat lady and has two black cats named Luca and Bug.

**NAIDOC Week:**

CREATE attended a wonderful Colour Run event by DCP in the parklands of Adelaide City. The cold and blustery weather was not going to dampen the spirits of the participants at this event.



**YOUNG CONSULTANTS**

Recently, Laura and one of our Young Consultants took part in a National Forum run by Life Without Barriers, focused on the theme of child participation. Our Young Consultant was able to draw on personal experience to answer some of the questions and the group were so appreciative of her transparency and vulnerability in sharing.

# WA ROUND UP

What's been happening?

**WA staff updates:**

CREATE in WA welcomes Jazmin as the new State Program and Engagement Coordinator! Jaz comes from an arts background, has worked with young people for over 10 years as a teacher, as well as delivering lots of arts programs and events as a musician! She is so excited to be working with the brilliant young people here in WA and can't wait to meet you at a CREATE event soon. We also sadly farewelled Casey as she left to go and do some regional work, but Jaz and Jakob are excited to welcome another facilitator to the team very soon.



**WA event updates:**

We have hit the ground running with our new program plan for 2023/24 and so far have loved delivering Speak Ups, a NAIDOC Week engagement activity, and our monthly YAG (a big shout out to the Young Consultants who have been helping us by co-facilitating these programs - you are amazing!). Keep an eye out for more event details coming soon, including a trip to an animal farm, mug painting, and rock climbing! This year, we will be delivering events all over Perth, as well as two trips to Dunsborough and to the Pilbara! We also have some collaborations with other local organisations in the works as part of Homelessness Week in August and Child Protection Week in September. Stay tuned!!



# VIC ROUND UP

What's been happening?

We ventured to the Collingwood Children's Farm - so close to the city but it seems so far removed. We wandered through the gorgeous gardens, played with guinea pigs, watched cows being milked and saw horses and the biggest pigs you can imagine! Children had the opportunity to pat the chickens and hear from farm staff about how to care for the animals and also how to grow your own food. The vegetable gardens were amazing and so great for everyone to see where our food comes from.

All agreed that we felt so far removed from the hustle and bustle of the city and felt calmer and more relaxed after a day of connection with each other and the beautiful natural surroundings. Not only were our hearts and souls fed, our bellies were full with the delicious food provided by the farm. Sandwiches, chocolate cakes and fruit platters - so much food it felt like a party!



We have CREATE Your Future workshops happening from now until the end of the year so please contact us to find out more details. If you're 14 or over with a care experience, please come along! There is food provided and vouchers for attendance.

# TAS ROUND UP

What's been happening?

CREATE in TAS were super busy over the recent school holidays with Speak Up, Create Your Future and YAG workshops being delivered around the State. Well-done to all of the young people completing Speak Up recently, we can't wait to see you put your newly developed leadership skills into action!

We recently held a CREATE Your Future workshop called 'Selfhood' that focused on identity and overcoming barriers for children and young people. Our recent YAG focused on themes for the upcoming child protection week and was complemented by several rounds of laser tag! Thanks to all of the young people who attended and took part in some great discussions around the concept that every child deserves a fair go. We really value your voices and will continue to share your ideas with key decision makers. Are you keen to have your voice heard and help us create positive change within the care system? Why not join in on one of our Youth Advisory Groups, we have online and face to face options and would love to see some new faces.

We have lots more workshops lined up this year and new members are always welcome! This includes SUP Level 1 in the South, more YAGs and CREATE Your Future in the North West early October.



CREATE would like to welcome Martha Hay to the role of State Program and Engagement Coordinator. Martha was previously a Program Facilitator with CREATE and has recently started her new role.

# YOU ROCK!

## EDITION 2 2023 WINNERS

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

**Colouring In:**  
Madeline, SA

**Design our front cover:**  
Winner - Ethan, SA

Highly commended - Aria, NSW  
Highly commended - Shiloh, QLD  
Highly commended - Lilee, QLD  
Highly commended - Caleb, SA

**CONGRATULATIONS! WE HOPE  
YOU ENJOY YOUR PRIZES!**



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3. coming up.
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