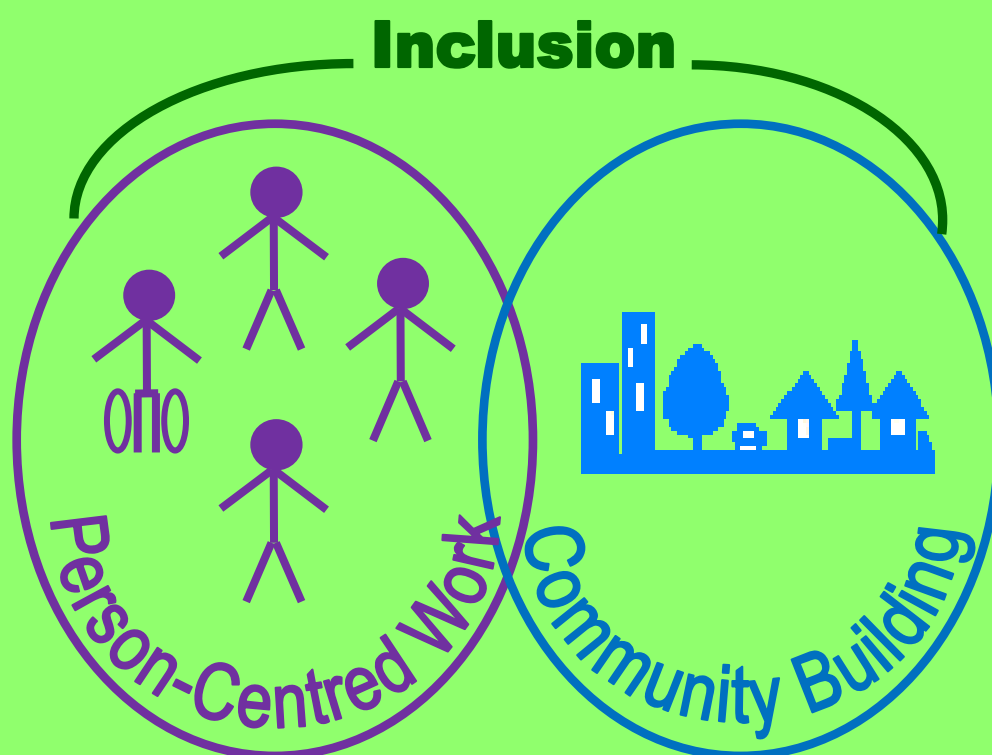


Connecting 'practice' to Outcomes

A person-centred conversation with John & Connie O'Brien, Jack Pearpoint & Lynda Kahn about person-centred practice, connections and community.



Don't miss this rare opportunity!!!

Tues 27th & Weds 28th of April 2010

at

Rydges Event Centre, Bell City, 215 Bell St, Preston

'Be inspired, challenged & empowered to create better lives for people with disability & their families.'



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a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to meet with the world leaders
in the field of Person Centred Practice.

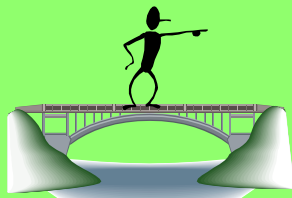
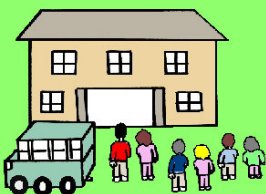
This will be their first and only visit together in Australia.

This workshop will be a fantastic opportunity to bring together the people and organisations who share a vision of communities where everyone is a contributing citizen.

This workshop:

- will look at the pathways to inclusion through good person-centred practice and building connections with people and with community.
- is an intensive two day practical workshop that will challenge each participant to reflect on what we already know and believe, re-affirm our values, think about what is possible in changing times and renew our commitment to support people to have good lives.
- produces deep conversations, intensive listening and creative strategies around Person Centred ways to build inclusive communities.
- will be **more like a conversation than a conference.**

Disability System



Community

Build a bridgeand walk over it!!!

VENUE:

Planning your attendance

Ballroom, Event Centre
Rydges Hotel Bell City
Melways Ref 30 H2

TIMES:

Tues 9.30 - 5pm
Weds 9 - 4.30pm

PARKING:

Parking free on-site
at front OR off Hotham St.

WHAT PEOPLE SAY ABOUT THIS FORM OF SEMINAR

"Camaraderie, openness and sharing. This openness was so different! Most conferences I go to are so structured... few opportunities for sharing with others on a deeper level."

Toronto Summer Institute on Inclusion, Community & Diversity 2009

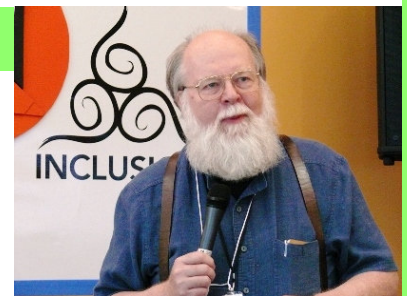
Four international speakers.....



Connie Lyle O'Brien is a native Georgian who has spent the last twenty-five years learning about what it takes for people with disabilities, their families, friends and allies to better support people with disabilities to live, work, learn, worship and have fun as full participants in community life. We always underestimate what people with disabilities can learn, do, and contribute given adequate support. Connie and her husband, John O'Brien, have had the privilege to work with individuals and groups who are pushing at the edges of what we know how to do.

Our work continues to be sharing what we are learning from others and contributing what we can by helping people dream, problem-solve, collaborate and work toward more desirable futures for people with disabilities and their communities. Connie is a part of the Responsive Systems Associates in collaboration with her partner, John O'Brien, and others. They have: developed methods for helping people learn about the principle of normalization through PASS, assisted people in implementing and evaluating citizen advocacy programs, developed person-centred methods for planning and implementing program change, created *Framework for Accomplishment*, an intensive learning experience for people concerned with improving service program quality.

John O'Brien learns about building more just and inclusive communities from people with disabilities, their families, and their allies. He uses what he learns to advise people with disabilities and their families, advocacy groups, service providers, and governments and to spread the news among people interested in change by writing and through workshops. He works in partnership with Connie Lyle O'Brien and a group of friends from 12 countries. He is affiliated with the Center on Human Policy (US). The National Development Team for Services to People with Learning Difficulties (UK), and the Marsha Forest Centre: Inclusion. Family. Community (Canada).



Jack Pearpoint is an independent Canadian Publisher (Inclusion Press) and catalyst for team work, diversity and change! Jointly with John O'Brien and Marsha Forest (deceased), Jack created person-centered approaches such as PATH, MAPS and Circles of Friends. Jack's forty years of organization experience include seven years in Africa implementing post-war reconstruction; sixteen years as President of Canada's oldest literacy organization, Frontier

College; and nearly two decades as a full-time publisher and presenter.

Jack is the founding director of the Marsha Forest Centre: Inclusion, Family and Community and remains its Executive Director. Jack with his wife and partner, Lynda Kahn, consult and learn with people with disabilities and their families, and organizations engaging in positive change, through planning events and workshops. Work in several countries has expanded their network beyond Canada and the United States to include people in Australia, England, India, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Scotland, and Uganda.

Lynda Kahn is a co-leader at Inclusion Press International, Toronto, working with individuals, families, organizations and governments interested in positive change. She served in the public sector in the United States, as Rhode Island's Director of the Division of Developmental Disabilities (1996-2005) and as President of the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS). Lynda is passionate about leadership, change and personal engagement to realize a more just world where everyone's voice and gifts are welcome. Her experience has taken her from institution to community settings, involving values-based person-centered practice as a means to facilitate individual and organizational change. Lynda, with her partner, Jack Pearpoint, design learning and planning processes and workshops to engage people in action for social change.



REGISTRATION FORM

Name(1): _____ Name (2): _____

Name(3): _____ Name (4): _____

Agency Name (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

_____ Post Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ Mobile: _____

E-mail: _____

Please outline any special requirements, eg. dietary, access

PAYMENT

Registration fees: \$575 full (inc GST) and \$90 (exc GST) concession

(Concession: people with disability, family members who hold pension or Health Care Cards)

_____ x participants at full \$575 = total \$ _____

_____ x participants at concession \$90 = total \$ _____ **TOTAL \$.....**

1. Please make cheques payable to VALID Inc. (Direct payment available)
2. Note a Tax Invoice will be forwarded upon receipt of payment (or prior if requested).
3. Refunds may be made at VALID's discretion. You may transfer your Registration.
4. As places are LIMITED they will be allocated on a first paid first in basis.
5. Return Form with payment to VALID **by 19th April 2010**; fax and email contacts below



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