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An up-close & personal opportunity to hear four international leaders  
speak on Person Centred Practice



# Conversations Connections • Communities

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22 & 23 April, 2010 • Stamford Grand North Ryde Epping Rd Macquarie Park NSW

## Join us for the Person Centred conversation of a lifetime!

### 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... opportunities for sharing with others on a deeper level."

"It's great learning about all different things happening in different countries and my own."

Toronto Summer Institute on Inclusion, Community & Diversity 2009

**Sunnyfield**  
independence

# More like a conversation than a Seminar...

Sunnyfield is proudly passionate about Person Centred Practice, it is with much excitement that we present a new format in Seminars. We invite you to attend a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to converse with the world leaders in the field of Person Centred Practice, working and planning during their first and only visit together in NSW.

*Conversations, Connections, Communities Seminar* will be a fantastic opportunity to bring together the people and organisations who share a vision of communities where everyone is a contributing citizen.

*Conversations, Connections, Communities Seminar* 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 and practical in complex times, renew our commitment to the daily hard work that produces powerful changes in peoples lives - ours and the people we care about.

There will be deep conversations, intensive listening and creative strategies around Person Centred ways to build inclusive communities.

*Conversations, Connections, Communities Seminar* will be a personal professional experience... a challenge to offer leadership from wherever we are within our organisations and communities. It will be an opportunity to expand our perspective to see "everyone" as a resource and thus create fully participating communities where everyone (without exception) is a contributing citizen.

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Thursday 22 April, 2010  
9-4pm

Lunch, morning tea and afternoon tea included.

Our four international leaders in Person Centred Practice will facilitate the intelligence that emerges when people are able to reflect on their own experience and values and listen deeply to others reflections. A variety of invitations to participants to take time and explore with

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one another, will be part of this seminar. John, Connie, Jack and Lynda will share some of what they have been privileged to learn from their work in other countries from the context of the questions and ideas that come up from this participative workshop.

### SUNNYFIELD IS PASSIONATE ABOUT BEING PERSON CENTRED

Sunnyfield has adopted a Person Centred approach to lifestyle planning for all the people it supports. Our approach enables people to increase their personal self-determination and maximise their own independence by placing the person at the 'centre' of planning for today and the future. Our Person Centred practices provides:

- A way of working with people to achieve the lives that they want for themselves on their terms.
- A way to help people plan for the lives and futures they want in a way that is structured, facilitated and creative.
- A process of continual listening and learning; focussing on what is important to someone now and for the future; and acting upon this in alliance with their family, friends and services.

"If I were to wish for anything I should not wish for wealth and power, but for the passionate sense of what can be, for the eyes, which, ever young and ardent, sees the possible. Pleasure disappoints possibility never. And what wine is so sparkling, what so fragrant, what so intoxicating as possibility."

S. Kierkegaard

# Meet our international leaders in Person Centred Practices...



**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 (USA), The National Development Team for Services to People with Learning Difficulties (UK), and the Marsha Forest Centre: Inclusion. Family. Community (Canada).



**Connie Lyle O'Brien** has spent the last 25 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. In collaboration with her partner, John O'Brien, and other members of the Responsive Systems Associates network, Connie has:

- 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
- Conducted formative evaluations of innovative residential, vocational, family support, and supported employment programs,
- Co-authored a variety of articles and manuscripts to assist people who are learning to develop effective service programs and build more competent communities.



**Jack Pearpoint** is an independent Canadian Publisher, of Inclusion Press International in Toronto, and a catalyst for teamwork, diversity and change. Jack's forty years of organisation experience include seven years in Africa implementing post-war reconstruction; sixteen years as President of Canada's oldest literacy organisation, Frontier College; and nearly two decades as a fulltime publisher and presenter.

With his wife and partner, Lynda Kahn, Jack conducts workshops and consults with organisations and collaborates with people with disabilities and their families, to engage in positive change that honours the gifts and contributions of all. In conjunction with John O'Brien and Marsha Forest (deceased), Jack created Person Centred approaches such as PATH, MAPS and Circles of Friends. Jack is the founding director of the Marsha Forest Centre: Inclusion, Family and Community and remains its Executive Director.



**Lynda Kahn**, wife and partner of Jack, is a co-leader at Inclusion Press working with individuals, families, organisations and governments interested in positive change.

Lynda has 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 realise a more just world where everyone's voice and gifts are welcome. Jack and Lynda work internationally and have expanded their network beyond Canada and the United States to include people in Australia, England, India, China, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Scotland, and Uganda.

## REGISTRATION FORM

To register, please complete the following form:

Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_ Position/s: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email : \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

ACCESS AND DIETRY REQUIREMENTS - Please indicate below

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### PAYMENT DETAILS:

COST: \$550 INC GST

REFUND POLICY: Attendees may transfer their registration to another person.  
There will be no refund for cancellations.

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I require \_\_\_\_\_ ticket/s @\$550 per ticket. Total cost: \_\_\_\_\_

I am unable to attend, but would like to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Join us for the Person Centred conversation of a lifetime!

To reserve your place, please email/fax/post registration to:  
Colette Palmisano Email: c.palmisano@sunnyfield.org.au or Fax: (02) 8977 2943  
Post: Sunnyfield: PO Box 886 Brookvale NSW 2100

**PLACES ARE LIMITED TO 130 AND WILL BE  
ALLOCATED ON A "FIRST PAID, FIRST IN" BASIS.**

