HAVE YOUR SAY - National Contributing Life Project

In our first Report Card we made a commitment to a regular and independent qualitative survey of people with mental health difficulties and their families and support people.

The survey will consider access to services, as well as perceptions and experiences. It will build on and complement existing efforts and ensure that people always have a voice and remain at the centre of decision-making about the services that impact on them.

Work on the National Contributing Life Project began early this year. To date:

- Craze Lateral Solutions has been engaged to research, consult on and develop the National Contributing Life methodology. To find out about what work is underway, the next steps and how you can get involved, read the Project Update (April 2013), available on our website.

- As part of the next stage of the project, they are now seeking your feedback and comment to inform the survey development and methodology. There are a number of ways you can provide feedback to the project leads, Leanne and Ross Craze.

- A Project Advisory Group (PAG) has been established to provide expert advice to inform the project’s direction. The PAG, co-chaired by Commissioners Janet Meagher and Jackie Crowe, met for the first time on 20 March, 2013.

HERE'S HOW

1) Complete the consultation survey
   - Online
   - Download a copy from our website email your response to leanne.craze@bigpond.com or mail your response to the National Contributing Life Project team’s office, Attention: Leanne Craze, 10 Gunyah Place, Glen Alpine NSW 2560

2) By speaking with the project leads, Leanne Craze or Ross Craze on (02) 4625 7777. You can provide your feedback on the questions or provide advice on similar surveys or qualitative research that could be useful to informing the National Contributing Life Project.

Find out more
Jobs at the Commission

We are very excited to announce two new positions in our small Sydney-based team at the Commission. The positions are the Manager, Report Card (EL1) and Project Officer, Report Card Development (APS 6). A recently vacant Policy and Project Adviser (APS 6) position will also be advertised soon.

To be a strong contender for these diverse and demanding roles you will enjoy working in a complex and challenging environment, be a team player who is flexible and delivers results, have the highest standards of personal integrity, and be committed to social justice. Applicants who have a lived experience of mental health difficulties, a disability and/or are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, or come from culturally or linguistically diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply and to indicate this in their application.

Applications for the two Report Card positions close on the 7 May, 2013. You can download the job descriptions from our website, APS Jobs or SEEK.

View the job descriptions on our website

Key Dates

9 - 10 May Canberra Commission Meeting
15 - 21 May National Families Week
21 May Council of Non-Government Organisations on Mental Health (CONGO), Canberra

Find out about upcoming events here