Host a kitchen table discussion with families in the Townsville area to support death education in schools

Health Consumers Queensland has an opportunity for two (2) consumers or carers in the Townsville region to consult with their local community to understand the current supports in place, community needs and opportunities for the education system/teachers/students/parents when a child or a relative’s experiences a serious illness, dying, death or grief.

Closing date:  *4pm, Thursday 10th February 2022*

About the project

Health Consumers Queensland has been contracted by Palliative Care Queensland through the Connecting End of Life Care in Townsville project to facilitate two (2) kitchen table discussions/yarning circles in February/March to understand the current supports in place, community needs and opportunities for the education system/teachers/students/parents when a child or a relative experiences a serious illness, dying, death or grief.

Palliative Care Queensland willshare the outcomes of the consultation at a roundtable with representatives from Townsville schools – teachers and P&F members etc., to gain their perspective, knowledge and feedback on the learnings from the Kitchen Table Discussions. The Connecting End of Life Care in Townsville project will then combine the learnings to develop a tool to support families experiencing serious illness, dying, death or grief.

About Kitchen Table Discussions

Kitchen Table Discussions are community engagement sessions led by local people for local people. They allow small groups to participate in discussions at a time of day, and in a place, that suits them. The discussions enable health consumers, carers and community members who do not ordinarily participate in healthcare consultation to have their say in a safe and supportive environment.

Each Kitchen Table Discussion will be led by a **Consumer or Carer Host** with a strong community network and who will invite up to **ten (10)** community members to have a talk or yarn in a location of their choosing. If hosting a session online via Zoom or Skype, the host will invite up to **six (6)** community members to participate.

The Host guides the discussion with a set of questions provided to them. After the session, the host provides their participants’ feedback to Health Consumers Queensland for incorporation into a report back to Palliative Care Queensland.

Who are we seeking as hosts?

Consumers or community members who have an understanding or interest in this important subject or consumers/carers who have had a family member experience a serious illness, dying, death or grief while they have had a school age child (primary or secondary).

Role of the Discussion Host

As the host, your role will be to plan, coordinate and host a once-only 90-minute discussion with local community members. This includes:

Inviting up to ten (10) participants who are consumers/carers who have had a family member experience a serious illness, dying, death or grief while they have had a school age child (primary or secondary)

Choosing a time, date and venue between **16th February and 3rd March** that works for your participants and host your session.

* Complete and provide the discussion feedback to Health Consumers Queensland **by 5th March.**

To support you with this, you will receive:

* **Training and a project briefing via a Zoom video conference call. Zoom is free to download.**
* A comprehensive Host Guide and toolkit with all printed documentation.
* Questions to ask participants during the discussion.
* Support from Health Consumers Queensland to ensure you have a successful session.

Remuneration and Support

**Hosts –** you will be remunerated at Health Consumers Queensland’s day meeting rate of $374 for hosting an in-person session at a venue of your choosing and $187 if hosting an online session via Zoom. You will also be reimbursed up to a maximum of $100 to cover catering and venue costs for your in-person session (on return of receipts).

**Participants –** Health Consumers Queensland will provide a $60 gift voucher for each participant for giving their time to share their feedback on this important subject.

How to apply

**Please complete this application form and return it to***consumer@hcq.org.au***by 4.00pm on10th February 2022.**

For assistance completing this application please contact Health Consumers Queensland via consumer@hcq.org.au or by phone on 07 3012 9090.

For queries relating to this opportunity*,* please email Anne Curtis, Engagement Consultant – Specific Projects, Health Consumers Queensland at anne.curtis@hcq.org.au

**Consumer Application Form**

Kitchen Table Discussion Host – Death Education in Schools Townsville Project

Full name:

Preferred phone number:

Email:

Postal address:

Postcode:

* By completing this application, I consent for my details to be added to the Health Consumers Queensland network database YES | NO
* I would like to receive email updates from Health Consumers Queensland YES | NO
* Would you like us to retain this application for future vacancies? *(Applications not retained are destroyed once the application process is complete.)* YES | NO

Please highlight any group you identify with

* Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander people
* Living with or caring for someone with a disability/chronic or life limiting condition
* LGBTIQ+
* Rural and remote/Island
* Culturally or linguistically diverse
* From a non-English speaking background

Do you identify as: Aboriginal | Torres Strait Islander | Both | Prefer not to state

Are you a: Consumer | Carer

Age range: 16-24 25-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60-69 70+

* **In 250 words or less, please describe your community connections and networks that you can draw on to bring together up to 10 people to host a successful and inclusive kitchen table discussion.**
* **In 250 words or less, please describe: Why you would like to host a kitchen table discussion with consumers/carers who have had a family member experience a serious illness, dying, death or grief while they have had a school age child (primary or secondary).**