

**Living Real Lives in the Community
What does it take and what gets in the way
for people who live with disability?
Maryborough Queensland**

Presented by Dr Michael J Kendrick

**Hosted by Community Resource Unit
Tuesday 10th November 2009
Monday 30th November 2009**

About the Workshops

Session 1 (Nov 10th): The question of what it takes to create a unique and ordinary life for and with each person who has a disability will be explored. Dr Kendrick will discuss topics such as appreciating and nurturing the person's gifts, the role of family and friends and the contribution and place of services and bureaucracies. Many people may not appreciate that it is possible to creatively build a lifestyle that is satisfying and more ideal for a given person with a disability. This session will explore this possibility.

Session 2 (Nov 30th): This session will examine the topic of recognizing what makes people vulnerable and the importance of intentionally developing and putting in place safeguards to offset these will be explored. The intention will be to explore the many ways that people can have good and interesting lives, yet also be supported to manage their vulnerabilities in adaptive and helpful ways so that vulnerability does not lead to overprotection and missed life opportunities.

Please Note: These sessions are stand alone. You are welcome to attend one or both events.

Who is the Workshop for?

This workshop event will be of particular interest to Individuals with a disability, family members, managers and coordinators and direct care staff.

About the Presenter

Michael Kendrick has been a steadfast friend and ally to many Queenslanders who struggle to create inclusive visions of community life for people with disability. Michael has been a regular visitor to Queensland for over 20 years and has been a long time supporter of the work of CRU and other organisations supportive of real lives in the community for people who have a disability and their families. As well as has knowledge of local and national issues, Michael is able to offer his international perspective on the need for strategic safeguards for people with disability in order to build good lives in the community. Michael is well known as an educator, advocate, consultant and author. Michael's new book 'Letting in the Light' has recently been published by CRU

Venue: Maryborough RSL 163 Lennox St, Maryborough

Time: 5.30pm until 8pm

Cost: \$20 donation (Light meal included)

RSVP by November 4th 2009 on (07) 3211 5700 or gemmascott@cru.org.au

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