The Brotherhood of St Laurence

The Brotherhood has been working for an Australia free of poverty since the 1930s. We continue to care for older Australians, families, children, job seekers, refugees and people with a disability, and to undertake research and policy development to promote social change for a fairer, more inclusive society.

The Social Inclusion Program upholds the Brotherhood’s vision to create:

- an inclusive society in which everyone is treated with dignity and respect
- a compassionate and just society that challenges inequity
- a society in which all create and share prosperity, and share responsibility for each other
- a sustainable society for our generation and future generations.

We believe that each person and situation is unique and that both the individual and their carer deserve to be treated with respect and dignity. Each person’s individual experiences, emotions, values and beliefs, and their social, intellectual, spiritual and cultural background must be acknowledged and valued.

Find out more about the Brotherhood’s program

Please contact us for more information about the Brotherhood’s Social inclusion Training Program, or to register your interest in participating in this program.

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The Brotherhood of St Laurence is concerned about the growing number of people who are being excluded from Australian society because of age, disability, illness or chronic disease. Social exclusion occurs when people become socially isolated and feel lonely.

Through its aged and community care services, the Brotherhood of St Laurence encounters many people who live alone and who have little or no contact with the outside world. Often a person’s only company is their television or their pets. Their spouse and close friends may have passed away, and the person may no longer be able to pursue hobbies or pastimes that they once enjoyed. Their disability may also keep them from leaving their home.

As a result of this concern, the Brotherhood of St Laurence has developed the Social Inclusion Training Program.

The Brotherhood’s of St Laurence Social Inclusion Training Program

This exciting two-day training program is aimed at care managers and professionals working in the field of aged care and disability services, and organisations keen to ensure that they are meeting new standards of care in the implementation of the active service model, using restorative and person-centred principles.

The training can be delivered at your premises, or at our Overton Road, Frankston office, and can be structured over a two-week period to cater to the workloads of your staff.

Workshop structure

Day 1 incorporates discussion and exercises unpacking the theories of social inclusion, exclusion, social support and ageing and the relevance of these to community development, recreation and lifestyle person-centred care.

Day 2 looks at ways to incorporate socially inclusive practice when working in the community with older people and people with disabilities.

The workshops employ the use of video, group discussion, individual worksheets and small group brainstorming as well as music to keep the group focused.

Facilitators

The facilitators of this program are two highly experienced Brotherhood of St Laurence Care Managers who share over 30 years’ experience in the field. Past attendees have appreciated having facilitators who can wholly understand the day-to-day realities of working with older people and people with disabilities.

Comments from past attendees

“I found the two days extremely useful. I am enthused and planning to incorporate many of the ideas suggested. Looking forward to being involved in rolling this out through our program – excited about the potential and seeing where we are in 12 months. Many thanks for sharing.”

“The presenters of the program were very professional and offered many tangible examples of various social initiatives they have taken based on their own experiences in working as community case managers.”

“If this program was presented to a team … they would walk away feeling positive towards potential changes.”

“I've realised the importance of providing opportunities for socialisation for client groups.”