

Spark of Life[®] Rehabilitative Program: Manager's 2-day Option

Live via Zoom
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This 2-day course is an excellent introduction for Managers to the *Spark of Life* Philosophy and its implementation as the Rehabilitative Group Program for people with dementia.

Of specific interest to Managers is:

- Learning from a leadership perspective how this program sets a health care service apart and how the positive results can enhance audits and accreditation.
- Knowing how to articulate this point of difference.
- Experiencing firsthand what this program offers the end user, and the health outcomes that can be achieved.
- Understanding the framework for success that is equally transferable to enrich other group experiences such as staff, family, and resident meetings.
- Being aware of how to support the program facilitator/s from a leadership level to achieve the best possible results.

Managers 2-day Option

This 2-day intensive and practical course is designed for Managers to attend alongside one or more of their colleagues who are participating in the full 4-day Certified Course on the *Spark of Life* Rehabilitative Program.

A Unique Learning Experience

With its small numbers of participants, this 2-day course offers an unmatched personal experience of learning firsthand from the two leaders of Dementia Care International.

The education is provided live via Zoom in Dementia Care International's world class learning environment that is at the same time inspiring, energising and captivating.





'The Rehabilitative Program was the first Spark of Life Programme we introduced at Adriel as it was practical and staff and residents could see results and improvements in resident's communication almost instantly. Due to the improvements noted from the Rehabilitative Programme, we received our first Continuous improvement from the New Zealand Ministry of Health external auditors. Continuous improvement is the highest attainable acknowledgment in a New Zealand audit.'

> Mischeal McCormick, Owner and Manager, Amberley, New Zealand





'The Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency auditors who have visited the home twice since the commencement of implementing the *Spark of Life* Rehabilitative Program informed us that they are very impressed with the positive outcomes for residents and other stakeholders.'

Jan Clark, Executive Care Manager, Perth, Western Australia



The *Spark of Life*Rehabilitative Program

The *Spark* of *Life* Rehabilitative Program is an interactive, therapeutic program that facilitates rehabilitation, builds confidence and enhances the emotional health of people with dementia.

This world class program has been thoroughly researched and extensively field tested in practice in diverse cultures around the world.



Whilst developed specifically for people with dementia, the *Spark of Life* Rehabilitative Program can also be successfully implemented with people who do not have dementia and people with a disability.

The *Spark of Life* Rehabilitative Program is adaptable to people with any level of dementia.

The program is underpinned by the *Spark of Life* Philosophy that is at the cutting edge of dementia care because it facilitates both positive mental and physical health and generates the possibility of rehabilitation and rementia.

Rehabilitation Outcomes for People with Dementia

Through participating in the therapeutic Rehabilitative Program people with dementia can experience:

- Rehabilitation of cognitive abilities including language, comprehension and memory
- · Boosted self-esteem, resilience and the will to live
- Companionship and close emotional connections, counteracting loneliness and depression
- Enhanced independence through the re-learning of skills
- Reduced falls





'The outcomes for each participant in the *Spark of Life*Rehabilitative Program are amazing. We have seen dynamic decreases in falls and disruptive and challenging behaviours. We have seen complete engagement and restoration of dormant language skills. We have seen Re-mentia in action!'

Karen Leimberer, Corporate Director of Life Enrichment Chicago, Illinois, USA





'The Spark of Life Rehabilitative
Program facilitates improved
communication skills. My
experience has been that
participants who may have been
withdrawn or socially isolated
have used more verbal and
nonverbal Language. Others
have begun to use sentences with
expressive words and feelings.'

Jeni Winslow, Occupational Therapist, Perth, Western Australia



Spark of Life Rehabilitative Course – Managers' Option Facts and Information



Times

Each day is 7.5 hours.

Certificate of Attendance

Full attendance for the two days is required for a certificate of attendance to be provided.

Number of Participants

The number of participants is **capped at 12 plus Managers**, which enables close engagement with
each individual. Please note that the course is for one
participant to attend for two days and cannot be shared.

Course Investment

AU\$ 1100

How to Apply

There is a formal application process to apply for the course. Please complete all parts of the Rehabilitative Program Course- Manager's Option application form.

Application Due Date

All applications must be received with full payment before **Friday 20th February**, **2026**.

A package containing your educational materials will be sent to you prior to the course commencing. To allow for any postal or customs delays, the early registration is essential.

Further Information

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What Each Participant Receives:

- 2 days education on the evidence based and field-tested Spark of Life Rehabilitative Program
- Education first hand from the two leaders of Dementia Care International
- A small group learning environment of maximum 12 participants plus Managers
- An introduction to the *Spark of Life* Philosophy and Model of Care
- The Comprehensive handbook and a handout on Spark of Life Philosophy and neuro rehabilitation in dementia



'This program is culturebuilding, and I am inspired to apply what I have learnt consistently to enhance residents' engagement, boost self-esteem, and improve the overall quality of care across all homes.'

> Mikaela Shannon, Clinical Director, Enliven New Zealand



Learning directly from the Founder of Dementia Care International

Jane Verity

Jane Verity is Founder and CEO of Dementia Care International and has served in this role since 1993. She is a thought leader and innovator who has developed the life-enriching and rehabilitative *Spark of Life* Philosophy that has strong roots in the Scandinavian health care system.

In Denmark and in Australia, Jane's professional career has spanned leadership roles in geriatric psychiatry and aged care with the particular focus on developing and providing rehabilitation for people who have dementia.

Jane gives advanced mentoring to global leaders in aged and dementia care to support them in achieving best practice. In this capacity, she has been an invited advisor to the Singapore Government on dementia, and the invited representative for Australasia at the 100 Experts Forum in Sweden.

Jane has educated thousands of health care professionals, staff and families in the *Spark of Life* Philosophy around the world. She has authored two internationally published books: The Art of Good Dementia Care and How to Ignite the *Spark of Life* in People with Dementia.

Dementia Care International

Founded in 1993 with the focus on humanising dementia care and facilitating rehabilitation, Dementia Care International is the independent organisation behind the *Spark of Life* Philosophy, Rehabilitative Program, and Model of Care. The Philosophy is now implemented and practiced in diverse cultures on 5 continents and has been warmly embraced by indigenous communities in Australia, New Zealand, and USA.

The vision of Dementia Care International is a world where people with dementia can lead meaningful and joyous lives and experience a different future of hope and optimism, where improvement is possible.

Spark of Life Education has at its core to improve the quality of the human connection, building competencies in the psychological and emotional aspects of care.

This focus facilitates a positive shift in attitudes and care practices, and prevents behaviours of concern, reducing the need for psychotropic medication.





Jane Verity

Originally from Denmark, Jane Verity is an Occupational Therapist, Advanced Systems and Family Therapist and Master Practitioner of Neuro Linguistic Programming (NLP).



'It is the absence of genuine attention, respect, and love, which at the end of the day is deeply damaging for the person.

The only solution that is within reach, is at the most basic, honest, humane level through kindness, understanding, and love.'

Jane Verity, Founder and CEO of Dementia Care International