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

Live via Zoom 2027

March 15th to 16th

May 10th to 11th

November 15th to 16th

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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:

- 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 staff 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 Founder of the *Spark of Life* Philosophy and Rehabilitative Program.

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.

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> '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.'
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> *Mischeal McCormick,*
> *Owner and Manager,*
> *Amberley, New Zealand*



> 'This program is culture-building, 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*



Gain the skills and knowledge to implement and run the *Spark of Life* Rehabilitative Program

What is the *Spark of Life* Rehabilitative Program?

The innovative, best practice *Spark of Life* Rehabilitative Program – now our signature program – benefits people with all levels of dementia.

The program delivers what the name promises, to facilitate improvement in cognition, communication, and social skills with unprecedented increase in overall well-being and performance.

The program can be successfully implemented in any care setting whether residential or community, and within any culture. It is often the first step for a new health care organisation to introduce the *Spark of Life* Philosophy into their service.





From non-communicative to full participation in just 2 sessions

What Makes this Program Best Practice?

With its over 30-year track record, the *Spark of Life* Rehabilitative Program is in every possible way an expression of best practice with its authentic, holistic, functional cognitive* approach. In addition, through experience, field testing and research, the program has proven to reliably lead to the desired result of facilitating improvement in cognition, communication, and social skills with remarkable increase in health outcomes and participation.

**Functional cognition is the dynamic, observable interconnectedness between an individual's cognitive abilities and their functional independence.*

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> '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!'
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> *Karen Leimberer, Corporate Director of Life Enrichment Chicago, Illinois, USA*



> '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.'
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> *Jan Clark, Executive Care Manager, Perth, Western Australia*



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

Dates and Application Due Dates

3 certified courses are provided in 2027.

March 15th to 16th – application due date 19th February

May 10th to 11th – application due date 16th April

November 15th – 16th – application due date 22nd October

All applications must be received with full payment before the due date as listed above.

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.

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

To apply, please fill in all parts of the *Spark of Life* Rehabilitative Program Course Application Form and remember to reply to the 4 questions that you can find at the end of the application form.

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 firsthand from the Founder of the *Spark of Life* Philosophy and Rehabilitative Program.
- A small group learning environment of maximum 12 participants plus Managers
- An introduction to the *Spark of Life* Philosophy and Model of Care
- A comprehensive handout, covering the key learning from the 2-day Manger's Option

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'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



Learning directly from the Founder of the *Spark of Life* Rehabilitative Program

Jane Verity

Jane Verity is Founder and CEO of Dementia CARE International and has developed the *Spark of Life* Philosophy and the life-enriching Rehabilitative Program.

Jane's background is in Occupational Therapy, Family Therapy specialising in Advanced Systems Theory, and Neuro Linguistic Programming (NLP). In addition, she has earned the highest international accreditation as professional speaker.

Her professional career has spanned leadership roles in geriatric psychiatry and aged care always with the particular focus on humanising care and facilitating rehabilitation for people who have dementia.

The Rehabilitative Program was developed in practice, in close partnership with the facilitators and the participants of the program – people with all levels of dementia.

Jane continues to work closely with *Spark of Life* Facilitators implementing this program around the world pursuing further developments to ensure the program stays relevant and culturally attuned to the needs of all involved.

Dementia CARE International

Dementia CARE International is the independent organisation behind the *Spark of Life* Philosophy, Rehabilitative Program, Education, and Model of Care and is a subsidiary of Spark of Life International.

At Dementia CARE International we have developed a profoundly empathetic and compassionate approach to dementia care that enriches the quality of the everyday care – hence our name Dementia **CARE** International.

Our history started in the early 1990 where people with advanced dementia were often the forgotten and overlooked. There was no expectation that those who were in the later stages of dementia could experience rehabilitation, and the assumption was that for people with advanced dementia, improvement was not possible.

Seeing the need for a different approach to dementia, in 1993, Dementia CARE International was founded with a clear and unconventional purpose to humanise dementia care and bring forth the highest level of quality care.

To achieve such a profound culture shift in the field of dementia care, the *Spark of Life* Rehabilitative Program – now our signature program – was developed for people with all levels of dementia.

Our programs also include a suite of innovative best practice education topics focused on the psychosocial aspects of care and a 3-mondule Master Leadership Program for services that wish to embrace our *Spark of Life* Philosophy and become self sufficient in its implementation.

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Jane Verity

'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, humanitarian level through kindness, understanding, and love.'

Jane Verity,
Founder and CEO
of Dementia Care International



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