



## Providing people with disabilities the social skills necessary to build and maintain personal relationships

**SOCIAL IMPACT** is a unique 12-month pilot dating service, teaching people with disability really useful relationship skills then providing opportunities to put stuff into practice at supportive social events. It will see them have a great time, develop relationships and friendships, build happier and fuller lives and perhaps meet a partner and gain love.

Tens of thousands of people with a disability live in Melbourne; many are lonely. Through **SOCIAL IMPACT**, people with disability who want a boyfriend or girlfriend, now have the opportunity to learn the relevant skills to achieve this.

### **SOCIAL IMPACT** provides:

- An ongoing dating service that can refine and develop as it goes
- Support and/or skills to make the primary objective, finding a partner, possible
- Happier people with:
  - Increased social and communication skills
  - Greater assertiveness and emotional independence
  - Awareness of the risks of unsafe sex and sexual abuse
  - Better understanding of relationships overall and how they work
  - The knowledge of how to feel good and look good
  - Respect for others

### **WHO CAN GET INVOLVED?**

**160-200 people aged 20-45years old, with an intellectual disability, and:**

- A willingness to become involved in **SOCIAL IMPACT**
- The capacity to contribute to financially to some of the event costs
- Availability 2010 for at least:
  - 8x 2-hour training sessions February–December
  - 6x 3-hour events, April-December

**SOCIAL IMPACT** is proudly supported by the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation





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**8-10 Practical Training Sessions** led by experts in their field, deliver supportive, appropriate, reliable information in a safe environment. Groups of 16-20 people with a disability can share, discuss and role play to gain new relationship skills and knowledge, such as:

- Let's Begin with Me
- Meeting New People
- Conversation and Communication
- Look Good Feel Good
- Chatting up
- Relationships
- Sex
- The New Me into the Future

**We will practice these new skills via targeted events such as:**

- Karaoke / Dinners / Bowling and Supper / Picnics / Progressive dance
- Culminating in a Formal Graduation at Melbourne Town Hall, 3 December 2010

**Interested?** Please print, complete and return the application, by **Friday 26 March 2010 to:**

**SOCIAL IMPACT APPLICATIONS** 59 Warrigal Road OAKLEIGH VIC 3166 or FAX: 9568 6044

### Agencies involved:

**IMPACT Support Services** working in partnership with people living with a disability to provide them with opportunities to participate in community life, to assist them make informed choices and have the best quality of life they can. [www.impact.vic.edu.au](http://www.impact.vic.edu.au)

**EACH, Eastern Access Community Health**, aiming to improve the physical, mental and social well-being of individuals, families and communities. [www.each.com.au](http://www.each.com.au)

**UCCO United Care Community Options** UCCO works in partnership with people who need support to maximise their health, wellbeing and ability to live at home and participate in community life. [www.ucco.org.au](http://www.ucco.org.au)



## Application Form

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| Applicant Name              |   |
| Address                     |   |
| Phone / s                   |   |
| Email                       |   |
| Gender <i>(please tick)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female |
| Date of Birth               |   |

Preferred communication: Home phone  Mobile  Email  Post

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| Primary language spoken at home                                     |  |
| Is an Interpreter required?   | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do you have a current <i>Personal Assistance Strategy</i> in place? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

### Emergency Contact Information *Please tell us if this information changes*

This information is strictly confidential and used in the case of emergency only.

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| Contact Name |  |
| Relationship |  |
| Address      |  |
| Phone / s    |  |
| Email        |  |

Is this person a carer                      Yes  No  Paid?  Unpaid?



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### Information and things you need to consider before applying

1. You must be able to get to the training sessions and home again, by yourself  
OR with your Support Worker to assist you. Can you do this? Yes  No
2. Training will take place in either Oakleigh or Ringwood. Which one is the best for you?  
Oakleigh  Ringwood
3. While the training is free, you will need to pay for the costs of the events, which will always  
be kept to a minimum. Can you do this? Yes  No
4. All training sessions will be 2 hours long. Do you have a preferred time or day?  
Please tick all of the days and times that you can come:

| TIME        | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|-------------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|
| 1:00-3:00pm |        |         |           |          |        |
| 3:00-5:00pm |        |         |           |          |        |
| 5:00-7:00pm |        |         |           |          |        |

5. To join *Social Impact* you must come to an interview so we can meet.  
Are you willing to do this? Yes  No
6. At the *Social Impact* Interview, we may take a photo of you for office use only.  
Are you willing to do this? Yes  No
7. Before being accepted into *Social Impact* you may be required to provide 2 reliable references.  
Are you willing to do this? Yes  No
8. Before being accepted into *Social Impact* we may request a Police Check.  
Are you willing to do this? Yes  No



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9. If accepted into *Social Impact* you will need to provide 'Medical alert information'. This information is strictly confidential and shall only be used in the case of a medical emergency to inform healthcare professionals. It is important that this information is up to date. **You do not need to fill this out now.** This is the Information we will ask for:

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| Current Medication/s                                      |
| Allergies   |
| Nature of Disability                                      |
| Doctor's Name   |
| Address   |
| Phone/s   |
| Other relevant health information for doctor or ambulance |
| Primary Carer or Support Worker:                          |

Are you willing to provide this information? Yes  No

**We would like to know a little bit more about you; please take some time to answer the following questions?**

1. Tell us about yourself?

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2. How do you currently spend your leisure time?

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3. What social experience have you enjoyed in the past?

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4. How do you want to improve your quality of life?

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5. Is there anything that would stop you joining in some of the activities?

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6. Is there anything we should know that can help us to help you enjoy this?

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7. Is there anything else you would like to tell us?

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| Participant's signature: | Date: |
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OR  
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For enquiries please call either:

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