

Julie White-Smith

LIVED EXPERIENCE: Disability, Neurology, Pain Management, Cancer, Respiratory, Gynaecology



Julie has had a long and varied career in the world of adult learning, teaching in the areas of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse learners, Adult Literacy and Women's Studies. Julie has always believed in helping people develop the skills they need to benefit from the opportunities life has to offer and to live the life they want. Diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease in 2015, Julie has discovered the challenges faced by those living with chronic illness and disabilities including navigating and accessing best practice health care supports and services. Juli is very pro-active in seeking out and trialling emerging therapies, complementary medicine and non-pharmaceutical approaches as well as the latest therapeutic devices and technologies.

Having lived in rural and regional areas as well as major cities, Juli is aware that there is a serious lack of fundamental access to health care for those living outside major centres. Juli wants to share her lived experience with stakeholders including governments, NGOs and private providers to bring about positive change and better access for all consumers of health services.

Juli is a warrior. She has great determination and strength and is not afraid to use her voice in public domains to ensure that wrongs are righted, that people's prejudices and lack of understanding are addressed, and a more inclusive and diverse appreciation is fostered amongst the wider community.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND EXPERIENCE:

- Teacher of English as a Second Language (ESL) working for TAFE.
- Designed Curricula & lessons for ESL learners across a range of language levels
- Manager of ESL Centre
- Manager & Compliance Office of two Federal Government-funded Language Programs for ESL and Adult Literacy learners
- Interviewer & Assessor of adult ESL students' English language proficiency levels
- Placement of ESL learners in appropriate courses - on campus or in the community -to meet their needs
- A presenter of Professional Development at State Conferences for colleagues
- Research, Evaluate and Source books, resources and diverse learning materials for ESL teachers and learners
- Delivered Teacher Aide training
- Delivered Women's Study Program to women re-entering the workforce
- Scoped relevant funding sources for workplace delivery of ESL and workplace culture training
- Negotiated with private enterprises to establish appropriate training programs and scheduling.
- Wrote successful applications for above funding
- Delivered above Workplace Training in organisations on site.

KEY INFORMATION

Place of Birth: Wewak, PNG
 Current location: Brisbane, QLD, Australia
 Age: 65 (1956)
 Language/s: English
 LGBTQIA+: No
 NDIS Participant: Yes
 Diagnoses: Parkinson's Disease, Fibromyalgia, Chronic Adrenal Fatigue Syndrome, COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease), IBS (Irritable Bowel Syndrome), Inter-uterine cancer, Hashimoto's Disease, Anxiety, Fertility Treatments & IVF, Lectin Factor V (genetic clotting disorder)
 Healthcare Access: Primary Health Care, Telehealth, Allied Health, Mental Health, Specialists, Surgery, Community Services, Secondary and Tertiary care