



# Invitation

## Annual General Meeting

Western Australia's Individualised Services

is pleased to invite you to join us for our Annual General Meeting

**When:** Wednesday 25 October 2017

**Time:** 10:00am – 12:00pm (light lunch provided)


**Location:** Tompkins on Swan,  
632 Canning Hwy, Alfred Cove

**Special Guests:** **Shelley Nessman and Sheldon Scwitek**  
**'The Culture of Gentleness' (see overpage)**

**RSVP:** 18 October 2017

RSVP via Eventbrite: <http://bit.ly/2ypk1ps>

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**From Canada and the US, WAIIS welcomes Shelley Nessman and Sheldon Schwitek, as guest speakers to the WAIIS Annual General Meeting.**

### **That's the Plan - Now How Do We Get There?**

We spend lots of time planning with and for people as a way to support them with their lives. The bigger question is "How do we support people to get **connected** in meaningful ways in order to support their hopes, dreams and visions?"

The key to quality supports in a [Culture of Gentleness](#) recognises that respectful and ongoing relationships and connections are central to a good life. Come hear stories of Shelley and Sheldon's experiences in planning with this focus at the heart.

Shelley Nessman's passion is supporting people to discover, nurture and share their gifts, skills, and abilities. Her experience as a facilitator and planner has helped her to understand that when a person and their network combine their dreams with a plan for action – anything is possible!

Throughout her career, Shelley's had the best of teachers, including people who experience disability with whom she has shared her home.

Shelley has studied Dialogue and Civic Engagement at Simon Fraser University, and worked as a Self Advocate advisor for Community Living British Columbia, and more recently for Spectrum Consulting.

Sheldon Schwitek has been supporting individuals with complex needs in the United States and in Canada for almost three decades. He worked closely with Judith Snow, a pioneer in developing circles of supports and helping to identify ways that people could discover their gifts and make contributions to their communities. During the last decade, Sheldon's work has been associated with [The Center for Positive Living Supports](#) in Michigan. The focus of The Center's work on the importance of relationships was a perfect fit for how Sheldon approached the issues surrounding those who are most at risk of being excluded. Sheldon's wish is to bring his broad experience to bear in helping organisations and teams provide the best individualised supports to those with the most complex support needs. He believes that with intentional support, anyone can thrive in a community.

You can read more about Shelley and Sheldon's current work together at [In the Company of Others](#).