Catch the BUZZ

Seeking registered nurses (2) for volunteer role, 10 day Israel trip for young adults with special needs (developmental/ cognitive)

Taglit-Birthright Israel seeks to increase the number of young Jews experiencing Israel, by providing the gift of an educational trip to Israel. Over 500,000 young Jewish adults from around the world have enjoyed the magic of these 10 day experiences since the program's inception in 2000.

Taglit Birthright Israel trips are free – including flights, accommodation and board and all touring.

The Zionist Federation of Australia together with our Principal Supporter, Gandel Philanthropy and our organisational partners, Access Inc, Flying Fox and Friendship Circle are excited to announce the first Australian Taglit-Birthright Israel trip for young adults with special needs (cognitive).

Our group will be called "BUZZ" – in Hebrew, "בַּז" means "falcon" – connoting flight, strength and freedom.

The group, which will comprise 15 participants, 15 buddies and staff, will spend 10 wonderful days in Israel from late November 2017. There will be 5 staff from Australia – 2 group leaders, 2 nurses and one psychologist, in addition to Israeli staff comprising a tour guide/ leader and a security guard/ medic.

Like every Taglit-Birthright Israel program, the group will tour key sites in Israel, enjoy immersive experiences and participate, first hand, in Israel's vibrant culture.

The program will be tailored for the group in terms of pace and intensity, incorporating as many of the Birthright core elements as possible.

NURSES (2 required - one based in Melbourne, one based in Sydney)

Nursing staff will be responsible for providing care meeting the needs of the participants whilst on the Birthright trip as well as during the travel to and from Israel.

Specific tasks will include:

Pre-trip:

- Review health forms provided as part of the applications and identify issues/concerns
- Liaise with medical practitioners as needed
- Create and document medical risk profile and individual management plan
- Collaborate with committee to create appropriate risk assessment
- Create and implement incident reporting procedure

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On-trip:

 Assess any medical incidents arising and make critical decisions about needed actions

- Adhere to a reporting escalation pathway
- Store and administer medications following the AHPRA policies and procedures
- Wound care
- Supporting all health related needs including but not limited to incontinence and illness
- Maintain accurate and detailed reports and records
- Mentoring and advising the buddies regarding participants" personal care and hygiene
- Instruct the group on health education and disease prevention

Qualifications and experience required:

- Registered Nurse currently or recently working in the field
- Ideally 12 month's experience working with people with disabilities (intellectual)
- Willingness to be available at any hour of the day whilst on trip.
- Experience responding to emergencies (epileptic seizures etc)
- Effective communication skills, both written and verbal
- Excellent organisation and time management skills
- Adaptable and enjoys working in a team environment

Application Process:

Applications including a current cv and cover letter should be addressed to "Buzz Steering Committee" and send to gsearle@zfa.com.au by 23 April 2017. Please cc chanakavka@gmail.com. Applications will be assessed by the Buzz Steering Committee and all applicants will be advised of the outcome. For more information call Ginette Searle of the Zionist Federation of Australia on (03) 9272 5517.
