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Cerebral Palsy League Toowoomba free workshop

Children who learn to be inclusive in their school years will go on to be more socially inclusive as adults, and help create a more inclusive society, according to industry expert Associate Professor Bob Jackson.

Associate Professor Jackson, who is an authority on social inclusion, said a recent study showed there was a positive difference between the attitudes of a group of children who had had a child with a disability in their pre-school for just one year, versus a group of other children who had not.

The Perth-based psychologist will be in Toowoomba from Saturday 7 May to present a dynamic workshop - *Engaging in Life: Building belonging in schools and communities by holding fast to your family vision.*

The workshop, hosted by the Cerebral Palsy League, is free to the public and will explore how families from across the Toowoomba Region can build a full life for their child, as well as what the local community can do to support inclusion.

Engaging in Life will be held at the Toowoomba City Golf Club, 254 South Street on Saturday 7 May from 9:30am to 3pm, with morning / afternoon teas and lunch provided.

For more information or to register, contact Pam Seymour on 4688 9400 or email pseymour@cplqlld.org.au

Over following days, other workshops will be presented by disability organisations including the Endeavour Foundation, Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centre, Blue Care, Parent to Parent, Toowoomba Regional Council, Department of Communities and MyTime.

Associate Professor Jackson will also be guest speaker at the Endeavour Foundation's workshop titled *Building Community: Building Belonging*, aimed at direct support workers, coordinators and managers from the disability sector on Monday 9 May.