Employment

Business Connection Model

Down Syndrome Australia

Employment Connections for People with Down syndrome

There are 4 main components of this project

1. **Work Readiness Program**
2. **National Awareness Campaign**
3. **Employment connection service**
4. **Employment Ambassadors**

What can the Employment Connections Do for you?

- Connecting jobseekers to inclusive employers
- Support at every stage
- Engaging Employment Ambassadors
- Building networks

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Employment Ambassadors

- Employment Ambassadors (people with Down syndrome) were employed to work with the project staff on the other project components, providing expertise and advice to the project.

- I would love to welcome Lachie and Ellen who would love to share with you their journey to employment.

I want to introduce myself

- My Name Is Lachlan I am 24 years old and live in New South Wales.
- I am a kind Person
- I love to have a coffee and a Beer with my Dad.
- I like Basketball and going to the gym.

I want to introduce myself

- I am here today to talk to you about getting a job.
- I am here today to tell you that you can do it!

My Work

- I have two Jobs
- I work at A Café here in Sydney.
- I love to serve coffee,
- Meet new people
- Getting Cash is GREAT!

My Work

- I also work at Down syndrome Australia
- I am a Project Officer and a Digital Champion
- This means I Work on Cool Projects and get to help the world know more about Down syndrome.

My DREAM JOBS

- My Dream Jobs are:
  - Being a Bartender
  - Practice Games for Nintendo.

Advice for Everyone

- My advice if you want to find a job is to dream big.
- Give things a go
- Go and ASK for it!

- My advice for a Boss.
  - Just give someone With Down syndrome a job
  - Its just an extra chromosome its no big deal!

Introduction

- My name Is Ellen
- I have a wonderful family
- I have a dog named Zenna who is really cute.

Let's Talk About Work

- I love my job! But there is a lot more to me than just working.
- I love the gym, dance
- I act with Bus Stop films.
- I love to be social.

My School Life

- I went to Danebook School in Hurstville
- My favorite Subjects were Drama and Music but I also liked Science and English.
- Leaving school was sad as I missed my friends.

My Journey....

- I completed Travel Training and now I travel to work by public transport myself.
- In the beginning work was tricky
- I was so nervous
- I found it hard not knowing people's names and their faces.

My Journey....

- My boss' name is Yvette
- She helps me everyday
- She helps me to print out peoples names and the faces of people so I can learn their names.

What I do at Work

- I clean the Coffee Machines
- I clean the tables
- I sort the Mail
- I use the photocopier
- I clean all the boardrooms
- I can receipts and I help with payroll.
- I work 5 Days a week.

What I love About Working

- If I didn’t have job I would be bored at home.
- Having a job gives me money
- I meet new people and make new friends.

Being an Employment Ambassador

- I love being an Employment Ambassador.
- I get to talk to people about what employment means to me.
- It is important for people to understand that everyone can have a job, which is special to them where they feel valued everyday.

Being an Employment Ambassador

- My Favorite workplace to visit to talk about employment was the RSPCA.

- I even got to speak at Parliament house and meet the Governor.

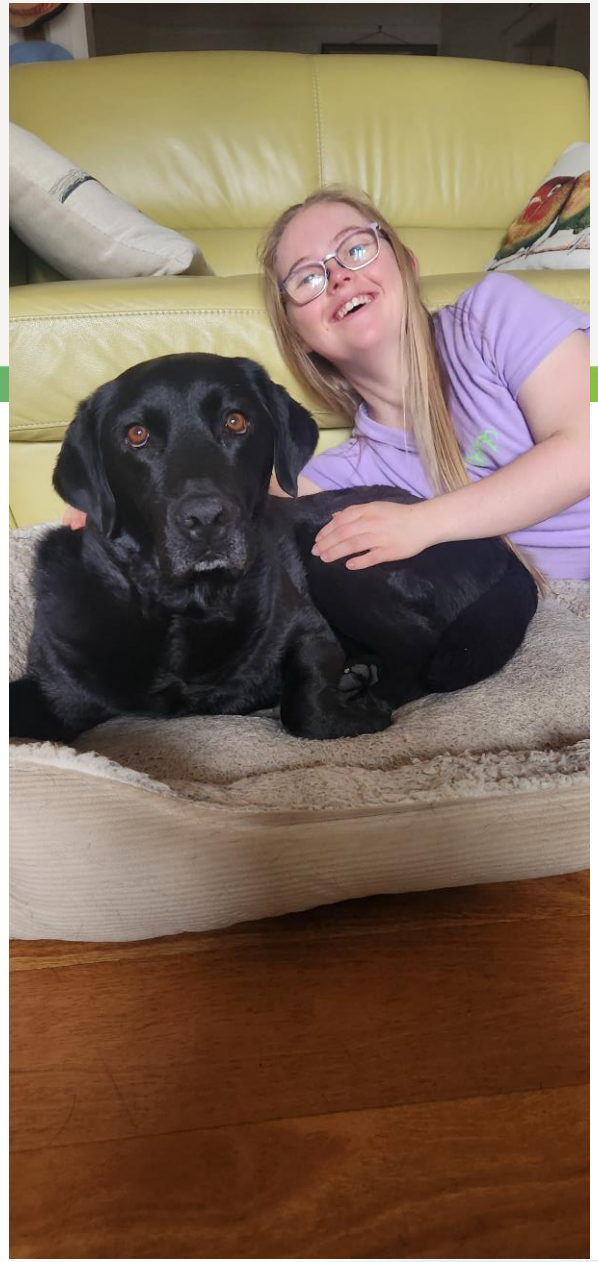
Being an Employment Ambassador

- I get to meet famous people like Melissa Doyle and Fuzz Ali from My Kitchen Rules.

- My Dream is to travel to South Korea to represent Down syndrome NSW and be a role model to other people with Down syndrome.

Thank you

- I hope my story can inspire you to achieve your dreams.



Wrap Up...

You cant be what you cant see

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