DARLENE MCLENNAN: Hi everybody it's Darlene McLennan the Manager of the Australian Disability Clearinghouse on Education and Training. In November 2022, ADCET is celebrating its 20th birthday. What an amazing milestone for an organisation that has developed into Australia's leading resource on disability in tertiary education. We're incredibly proud of what we have achieved in supporting student success by promoting inclusiveness and accessibility across the sector. To celebrate our impact and to thank everybody that's been a part of our journey, we've asked colleagues and friends why ADCET has been important to them.

TREVOR ALLAN: My name is Trevor Allan I've been involved in working in disability since 1993, and in disability in Higher Education since 1997. ADCET has always been my go-to resource, and the resource that I recommend to all of my staff. And I've also recommended it to colleagues overseas. It's an invaluable resource for people working in disability in Higher Education.

SAM: Hi my name's Sam. I had the opportunity to film a video about my journey from finishing a Bachelor of Pharmacy to my eventual employment as a Pharmacist. But about the the hurdles that I faced as a person with a disability and trying to find appropriate employment. And that video did actually lead to me finding appropriate employment. I literally wouldn't be where I am today without that help.

DEB TOMAN: Hi I'm Deb Toman. I've worked in this field since 1999, across three different Unis, both direct services to students and as an NDCO. Where would we be without ADCET, the AUSTED e-list, Jane, Darlene and the whole ADCET team? I've watched our community of practitioners grow from strength to strength as we share with each other on the e-list, complete benchmarking across Aus, participate in online training, the multitude of resources on ADCET for academics, students and practitioners, and of course Pathways. Here's to another 20 years of ADCET and a special thanks to Jane and Darlene.

MIRELA SUCIU: Hi my name is Mirela Suciu and I'm the Manager of Student Accessibility and Wellbeing at the University of New England in Armada, New South Wales. Firstly, I would like to congratulate ADCET on 20 years of growth and success. Since I started in this role in 2013, ADCET has been an absolute lifeline for myself and my team in developing our knowledge.

DEBBIE: Hi I'm Debbie, and I'm the National Disability Coordination Officer for Southern Queensland. ADCET’s allowed me to grow professionally, whether I'm jumping onto one of the many webinars, searching or browsing the resources that I know are maintained on a regular basis. It has been really pivotal in allowing me to do my job.

LEILA: My name's Leila, I'm studying a Bachelor of Business majoring in People Management at Deakin University, and I'm also a part of the Students and Staff with Assistive Technology team at Deakin. This has been really helpful for me as it has helped me connect with other students and staff who use screen readers, and this has helped me feel like I'm not alone.

STEVE MORGAN: I'm Steve Morgan, from the Disability Resource Center at Deakin University. Congratulations ADCET on 20 wonderful years. It's been so important for our work to reaffirm our practice and also learn new ways of doing things to support our students. The webinars in particular we find are invaluable to build a community of practice within the sector and for that it's an absolutely invaluable resource. Thanks again.

JESSICA BUHNE: Hi everyone my name is Jessica Buhne and I work as a Disability Practitioner. ADCET has been an important resource and support not just for me individually, but for the tertiary sector, for the past two decades. ADCET listens to the needs of Disability Practitioners and students, and then responds by taking a proactive approach to bring knowledge, information and resources, as well as good practice to address the challenges experienced, or the challenges within the sector, and ultimately then to support the needs of students with disability.

STEPHEN MANSON: Hi I'm Stephen Manson. I'm the Manager of Student Services at Tafe SA. I've been working in the sector for about 20 years, almost the same period of time that ADCET’s been running. And ADCET’s just been the go-to place for myself and my colleagues to get any resources and information we need for supporting our students with lived experience of disability. Thank you ADCET and happy birthday!