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Australian Disability Clearinghouse on Education and Training
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2025 Accessibility in Action Awards

Celebrating

Global Accessibility Awareness Day

#GAAD

Acknowledgement to country

https://aiatsis.gov.au/explore/map-indigenous-australia

About the AIA Awards

ADCET is proud to celebrate our Accessibility in Action awards in line with Global Accessibility Awareness Day (annually in May).

These awards provide an opportunity to highlight and showcase the amazing work by individuals and teams in advancing accessibility and inclusive practice across the tertiary education sector in Australia.

Thank you, Thank you

- To everyone who nominated an individual or a team/project this year.
- To our fabulous panel of judges that assisted us this year in evaluating the nominations.
- To everyone who missed out this year, and to the numerous staff and students across the sector that continue to make education more inclusive and accessible.

Winners……

Judges scored each nomination according to our criteria on a scale from 1 to 10. All scores were then collated and ADCET determined winners based on those who scored 7 and above.

7-8 for entries that comprehensively addressed accessibility barriers, related to accessibility issues for students/staff/community, and demonstrated a strong commitment to accessibility.

9-10 for entries that innovatively and comprehensively addressed accessibility barriers, related to broad institutional and community needs, and demonstrated an exceptional, institution-wide commitment to accessibility that goes above and beyond.

Highly Commended

Deakin University

Equity-capable Careers Service

Lauren Hansen, David Eckstein, Lisa White, Teryn Attwell, Jess Avery

Highly Commended

Deakin University

OneDeakin Assessment Task Template

Sam Purvis, David O'Brien, Lea Piskeiwicz, Linda Corrin, Fabrice Bernard, Susie Macfarlane, Sachin Ranaweera, Penny Manwaring, Sara Dingle, Robyn Yucel, Tiff Gunning, Robyn Barallon, Kirra Minton, Tara Draper

Individual Awards

Champions of Accessibility

7 winners

Individual Award - Champion of Accessibility

Trina Bianchini

TAFE SA Inclusive Education Roadmap

TAFE SA

Individual Award - Champion of Accessibility

Jacinta Jones O'Meara

Accessibility Leadership and Advocacy

RMIT

Individual Award - Champion of Accessibility

Carmel Whitty

SureStart

(Transition support program for 1st year University students with Autism)

Macquarie University

Individual Award - Champion of Accessibility

Associate Professor Laura Gray

Medical Deans (MDANZ)
Disability Inclusion Self-Assessment tool

Deakin University

Individual Award - Champion of Accessibility

Tiana Blazevic

The Neurodiversity Project: Neurodivergent Study Skill Workshops

University of Adelaide

Individual Award - Champion of Accessibility

Brooke Szucs

UQ Disability Inclusion Advocacy Network (DIAN)
and Associated Initiatives

University of Queensland

Individual Award - Champion of Accessibility

Joe-Anne Kek-Pamenter

Sustained Advocacy and Commitment to Accessibility

Griffith University

Trevor Allan Award

Excellence in Disability Inclusion and Accessibility

This award is a prestigious honour that is bestowed annually upon an individual who has demonstrated a sustained and unwavering commitment to promoting accessibility and inclusion for students with disability in tertiary education across Australia.

Named after Trevor Allan, a renowned champion and leader in the disability and tertiary sector, this award recognises and celebrates those who have made significant and sustained contributions to creating an equitable and inclusive learning environment for all students.

Trevor Allan Award - Excellence in Disability Inclusion and Accessibility

Jodie Hoger

Team / Project Awards

11 winners

Team/Project Winner

RMIT

Inclusive Assessment Strategies for Educators

Alyce Greenwood, Teresa Dowding, Anna Branford, Jacinta Jones-O'Meara, Ronny Andrade Parra, Hilary Wheaton, Jamal Abilmona, Colette Beauregard Seehaber, Rachael Hains-Wesson, Ann Standish, Helen McLean, Chilwin Soh

Team/Project Winner

Charles Darwin University

Creating Accessible, Inclusive and Student-Centred Support Practices

Julia Ash, Chloe Hay, Marnie Bruce

Team/Project Winner

University of Newcastle

Auslan Language and Culture Beginners 1 and 2

Tom Doe, Sarah Dearlove, Mali Webb, Patrick Nichols

Team/Project Winner

University of the Sunshine Coast

UniSC Graduation Ceremonies

Emma Rahui, Stefanie Tropiano, Kylie Williams, Naomi Charlie

Team/Project Winner

University of Technology Sydney

Professional Captioning Dashboard

Angel Lee, Ashley Willcox, Conrad Frankland, Elizabeth Smith, Jasmeet Bedi, Jean Lei, Jomark Sto Domigo, Katie Duncan, Michael Chan, Sandra Guthrie, Shirin Bayat

Team/Project Winner

Curtin University

Curtin Specialist Mentoring Program (CSMP)

Sandhya Subarmanian, Debbie Teh, Paul Crestani, Kevin Winder

Team/Project Winner

Deakin University

Biomedicine Technical Services Team

Maria Amodio, Cuong Huynh, Nick Esbert , Liam Nolan, Shea Randall, Khanh Tran

Team/Project Winner

Edith Cowan University

Inclusive Employability Project

Emma Lovegrove, Denise Bertilone, Prof. Justin Brown

Team/Project Winner

TAFE New South Wales

Implementing a Hive Formation for Accessibility and Inclusion Knowledge Sharing

Naomi McGrath, John Fardoulis, Kathy Simic, Stephen Belbin, Carla McMillan, Sue Wakefield, Mia Lahey Rudd, Teresita Eslava, Gail Mercado

Team/Project Winner

TAFE New South Wales / TAFE South Australia

UDL-LevelUp: Implementing Inclusive Practices in Teaching and Learning

Naomi McGrath, John Fardoulis (TAFE NSW)
Trina Bianchini, Tanya Allan (TAFE SA)

Team/Project Winner

Deakin University

Neurodiverse Student Programs

Meg Mahar, Lisa Kavenagh, Emma Clyne, Tracey Nelson, Kylie Fitzpatrick, Claire Edwards, Andrew Synnot, Craig McGree, Lizeth Rodriguez, Simon Goh, Nikki Bleja, John Laidlaw, Michelle Jepsen, Tracy Ellis

Congratulations

Coming up!

Look out for some of our amazing winners in future webinars, podcasts and articles!

For more information on AIA visit:
www.adcet.edu.au/our-work/accessibility-in-action-award

Congratulations & Thank You