

Belonging Matters Community Employment Partnership

Information for Participants

Why is the Community Employment Partnership important?

Belonging Matters has received funding to run a 12-month pilot project. The project is called the Community Employment Partnership.

The idea of the project is to partner with service clubs and business groups to find meaningful employment for people with intellectual disabilities and Autism.

To start with, we are working with Rotary Club Melbourne Central to develop the project. Rotarians, the members of Rotary, are often business owners or know lots of business people.

The project will work with up to 30 people with intellectual disability and Autism, who are between the age of 18 and 30 years and would like to be part of the pilot project. The project aims to match the person's interests and skills with possible jobs. The jobs will be developed around each person while also meeting the needs of the business, and might include casual, part time or full-time work.

The project is like the Rotary Employment Partnership in Alberta. To find out more about how it works, you can watch this video:



**WATCH
VIDEO**

**Inclusion Alberta's
Rotary Employment
Partnership**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ndrlm-F_l8I

Next Steps

If you would like to hear more about the Belonging Matters Employment Partnership, please contact us by emailing or calling.



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We will talk to you about your employment goals and suitability for the project. Participation in this project may depend on:

- ▶ Your interest in finding paid work (award wages)
- ▶ Your availability to work
- ▶ Capacity to travel to work or willingness to explore transport options

If your goals align with the project, our Community Employment Mentors will work alongside you to develop a work profile. This will include interviews with you, your family and others who know you well, as well as spending time with you in other environments.

We will assist you to develop a resume to give to potential employers. You can keep all of this information to use for further employment exploration.

You will then go on the matching list for a job. Finding the right match may take a while and we cannot guarantee a job.

How Belonging Matters will help you find a job

Once Belonging Matters has developed your work profile, we will connect with Rotary and individual workplaces and look for potential jobs.

Belonging Matters will:

- ▶ Recommend you to employers based on your individual skills and interests
- ▶ Introduce you to the workplace and make sure you learn the skills and knowledge needed for the job
- ▶ Act as connection between your workplace and your family/support network
- ▶ Help you find the right ongoing support if you need it
- ▶ Be available to you and the business to discuss any ideas or issues

Does it cost anything to be part of the project?

As this pilot-project is funded through the government for 12 months, there is no cost. During the project, Belonging Matters will investigate ways to keep the project going and how the NDIS might fund individual support.

Does everyone get a job?

We will work with all participants to increase their chances of finding open employment, however we cannot promise that everyone will find a job through the project. It is important to keep other employment avenues open to maximise your chances of finding work.



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