**Welcome to the Spring edition of the Ticket to Work news**

In this issue we share two exciting new roles that will focus on systemic change; working with communities and mainstream education and employment services to better support transition to decent work for young people with disability.

We celebrated Ticket to Work’s 10-year milestone and hear from some of the original Ticket to Work participants and their journey from school.

Come to Raising Expectation virtual conference to hear us present about employment first principals in a panel discussion.

We also share research on NDIS Tier 2 and our experience of the Jobs and Skills Summit.

Please share our newsletters with a colleague or organisation that might be interested in hearing about our work and get them to [**subscribe.**](https://tickettowork.createsend1.com/t/r-l-tyhdtujt-btynokrk-y/)

**Current Job Opportunities**

We currently have 2 new exciting opportunities to join our team to support us to implement IPE. We are looking for an Inclusive Pathways to Employment [**Enabling Hub Lead**](https://tickettowork.createsend1.com/t/r-l-tyhdtujt-btynokrk-j/)and[**Coordinator.**](https://tickettowork.createsend1.com/t/r-l-tyhdtujt-btynokrk-h/)

Feel free to share the roles amongst your networks.

**In the News**

**10-year Anniversary**

We celebrate Ticket to Work’s 10-year anniversary, coming from humble beginnings (the first 2 years with no funding), sustained by a community's grassroots grit and determination to do better when supporting young people with disability.

Our aim always to show how to create better pathways to employment for young people with disability, and within that aim supported over 1,600 young people into their first job.

See our story written by Fiona Waugh one of the original members of the Ticket to Work crew.[**S**](https://tickettowork.createsend1.com/t/r-l-tyhdtujt-btynokrk-k/)[**ee here**](https://tickettowork.createsend1.com/t/r-l-tyhdtujt-btynokrk-u/)

**Where are they now?**

We caught up with some of the students in the original pilot of the Ticket to Work model to see what they are doing now.

Jack, Phil and Nomaan are former students of Berendale School a specialist school for students with disability. Berendale school was the original school that implemented the Ticket to Work model. Jack, Phil and Nomaan took part in a range of work experiences and career development opportunities while at school including a school-based traineeship (SbAT).  Watch video of their journey[**here**](https://tickettowork.createsend1.com/t/r-l-tyhdtujt-btynokrk-b/)

Virtual Disability Conference 2022: Rasing Expectations

Catch the Raising Expectation conference: Wednesday 21 September 2022

Michelle Wakeford will be on a panel looking at employment first principals and how they have the potential to lead to improved open employment opportunities for young people with disability.

Also in the panel is Jenny Crosbie, a PhD candidate from the Centre for Social Impact at Swinburne University, whose PhD focuses on addressing the barriers to economic participation that young people with disability face and Bella White a previous participant of the Ticket to Work After School Job project and strong advocate for employment opportunities for young people with disability. [**See here**](https://tickettowork.createsend1.com/t/r-l-tyhdtujt-btynokrk-p/)

**Skills & Jobs Summit**

The Skills and Jobs Summit was held this month with a focus on expanding employment opportunities for all Australians including the most disadvantaged.

We had two young people and our Executive Director Travers McLeod be part of a panel session. It was fabulous to hear the focus on improving employment opportunities for people with disability.  Read more [**here**](https://tickettowork.createsend1.com/t/r-l-tyhdtujt-btynokrk-c/)

**The Tier 2 Tipping Point**

In partnership with Baptcare and the Melbourne Disability Institute, our colleagues in the BSL Social Policy and Research Centre (Spark) have put out report on NDIS Tier 2. Tier 2 was part of the original design for the NDIS; it was to support at a ‘systemic level to help all people with disability connect with universal or ‘mainstream’ services and activities in their communities whilst making communities more welcoming and inclusive.’ At Ticket to Work we feel there are huge opportunities through Tier 2 to have a place-based collaborative response to school to work transition, that we have already been utilising through our Ticket to Work networks. See the [**report here**](https://tickettowork.createsend1.com/t/r-l-tyhdtujt-btynokrk-q/)

**Contact the Ticket to Work team**

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