**Welcome to the December news edition**

As we approach the end of this huge and exciting year, we want to acknowledge the ongoing efforts of our partners around Australia to improve life and career outcomes for young people with disability.

We’re honoured to have Michelle Wakeford recognised by the Australian Centre for Career Education (ACCE) for her work to improve career development for young people with disability. Congratulations Michelle!

2022 will see our team grow bigger, we launch the Inclusive Pathways to Employment (IPE) and the ‘Innovation in School to Work’ network to connect the good work happening in Australia for young people with disability.  We continue to support communities, organisation and individuals that are committed to improving school to work transition through the Ticket to Work approach.

We look forward to continuing to collaborate with you in 2023 and wish everyone a safe and happy festive period and a Happy New Year.

Please share our newsletter with a colleague or organisation who might be interested in hearing about our work and ask them to[subscribe](https://tickettowork.cmail20.com/t/r-l-tjidldyd-btynokrk-y/), to receive regular updates.

**Inclusive Pathways to Employment (IPE)**

At BSL we believe that we can create better systems that improve transition to decent work for young people with disability. Though funding from Paul Ramsay Foundation we are taking a system lens to improving transition to decent work.

We will share more information as we progress. Find out more [here](https://tickettowork.cmail20.com/t/r-l-tjidldyd-btynokrk-j/)

**Disabled Australian Apprentice Wage Support (DAAWS) webinar**

We are excited to host **Amii Demanuele**, National Disability Coordination Officer presenting on her work to ‘**Review DAAWS to Strengthen Australian Apprenticeships for people with disability’** on Thursday 15 December 2pm AEDT.

Please register for the presentation [here](https://tickettowork.cmail20.com/t/r-l-tjidldyd-btynokrk-t/)

**New Staff**

We welcome Jenny Crosbie

We are very excited to have Jenny join the team. Jenny has a long history in working to improve employment outcomes for people with disability. She has just completed her PhD on economic participation for young people with intellectual disability. Jenny’s role with BSL will continue her strong focus on supporting the development of evidence-informed practice and creating systems that work for people with disabilities and their families to enable their inclusion in all aspects of community life.

More on Jenny and the team see [here](https://tickettowork.cmail20.com/t/r-l-tjidldyd-btynokrk-d/)

**The Founders Award**

Last week just is time for the International Day of People with Disability, we are thrilled to share that our Manager Michelle Wakeford was honoured with the Founders Award by the Australian Centre for Career Education, for her work in ongoing support of career development of students with disability and recognition of the support to the career education sector over long period of time.

See article [here](https://tickettowork.cmail20.com/t/r-l-tjidldyd-btynokrk-h/)

**Presentations**

**Presentation on Employment First Principals**

See the recording from the **Virtual disability conference 2022: Raising expectations.**

Michelle and Bella, a young person were involved in a panel about how ‘Employment First’ principles have the potential to improve open employment opportunities for young people with disability. Employment First means that ‘employment in the general workforce should be the first and preferred option for all individuals with disability’. Employment First principles focus their attention on establishing policy and practice to support this.  Watch video [here](https://tickettowork.cmail20.com/t/r-l-tjidldyd-btynokrk-u/)

**ChatAbility episode two: Accessible and Inclusive Employment**

Michelle took part in a panel discussion that explored the topic of Accessible and Inclusive Employment in front of a live audience. Watch video [here](https://tickettowork.cmail20.com/t/r-l-tjidldyd-btynokrk-n/)

**Presentation on Creating pathways from school to work through the Ticket to Work approach**

Michelle Wakeford presented at the Australasian Society for Intellectual Disability (ASID) conference about creating pathways from school to work for young people with intellectual disability through the Ticket to Work approach. Watch video [here](https://tickettowork.cmail20.com/t/r-l-tjidldyd-btynokrk-p/)

**Resources**

**Raising work aspirations Posters**

We have created six fun posters of young people in jobs. These posters are a great resource that you can download, print and put on display.

[Download our posters](https://tickettowork.cmail20.com/t/r-l-tjidldyd-btynokrk-m/)

**Contact the Ticket to Work team**

Please contact us if you'd like to get involved, or if you'd like more information.

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