

2018 Pathway to Employability Forum

PROGRAM

9:30am–9:45am CB08.02.005	Registration
9:45am–10:00am CB08.02.005	Welcome to Country Housekeeping
10:00am–10:30am CB08.02.005	Born to be an advocate Donna Purcell <i>Commonwealth Bank</i>
10:30am–11:00am CB08.02.005	Alex Thrift <i>Sane Ambassador</i>
11:00am–11:30am CB08.03	Morning tea break
11:30am–12:30pm	Workshops Option 1 CB08.02.005 Vicky Little <i>Specialisterne</i> NSW Government Recruitment Program Nickolaos Nousis <i>Public Service Commission</i> Option 2 CB08.04.009 UTS Careers Alice Anderson Option 3 CB08.04.10 EHealth
12:30pm–1:10pm CB08.03-03.004	Lunch break
1:10pm–1:20pm CB08.02.005	Disability Programs Philip Zamora <i>Australian Network on Disability</i>
1:20pm–2:00pm CB08.02.005	Panel Discussion Vicky Little <i>Specialisterne</i> Matthew Ryan <i>Stepping Into Intern</i> <i>PwC</i> Nicole Vongdara <i>Senior Manager of Diversity and Inclusion at PwC</i> Ploy Sirayanyong <i>Telstra</i> Krystal Lim <i>Stepping Into Intern</i>
2:00pm–3:00pm CB08.02.005 Foyer	Careers Fair and Networking
CB08.02.004	Chill out room

SESSIONS

Born to be an advocate, Donna Purcell

Donna Purcell is passionate about creating opportunities for people with a disability to be part of an all-inclusive society with equity of access to education and employment. Donna believes it is everyone's responsibility to think about access and if applied universally, it will benefit everyone.

Alex Thrift, Sane Ambassador

Alex Thrift is a SANE Peer Ambassador who works with SANE Australia to raise awareness, reduce stigma and provide hope to Australians affected by complex mental illness.

Workshop Option 1

Vicky Little, Specialisterne

Many employers are now seeking the skills of the neurodiverse workforce. This presentation will reflect on the challenges faced with Autism job seekers within traditional recruitment method and look at the innovative recruitment methods some employers are using to tap into autistic talent.

NSW Government Recruitment Program,

Nickolaos Nousis, Public Service Commission

The NSW Government Graduate program is an award winning Program which offers 18 months' experience across different NSW government agencies. In this session you can find out how the program works, the variety of exciting and important projects involved, and how you can build a strong foundation of skills for your career.

Workshop Option 2

UTS Careers–Careers Skills Workshop

Learn about topics that will help you pursue your future career and get some feedback from a recruiter. This includes, the difference between inherent requirements and reasonable adjustments; how to handle the topic of disclosure; and resumes and cover letters.

Workshop Option 3

eHealth

This session will cover why inclusion matters at eHealth, what is on offer with regards to career development, practical tips about applying for jobs and an opportunity to ask questions of current employees with conditions affecting them in their day to day life.

Disability Programs, Philip Zamora, Australian Network on Disability

Philip Zamora is the Program Coordinator of the Australian Network on Disability Stepping Into and Pace Mentoring programs.

Pathway to Employability Panel

The Pathway to Employability Panel will include Vicky Little, Specialisterne, Matthew Ryan, Stepping Into Intern, PwC, Nicole Vongdara, Senior Manager of Diversity and Inclusion, PwC, Ploy Sirayanyong, Telstra and Krystal Lim, Stepping Into Intern.

The panel will provide students with strategies to increase success with the transition into graduate employment. It will be an opportunity to ask your questions around employment, disclosure, reasonable adjustments in the workplace and more.

Careers Fair

Students have the opportunity to network and connect with employers. Organisation's who will be at the fair include:

- The Commonwealth Bank of Australia
- Life Without Barriers
- Job Access
- EHealth
- Health Share
- Dressed for Success
- Batyr
- PwC
- AND

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SPEAKERS

Donna Purcell, Born to be an advocate, 10am

Donna Purcell works at Commonwealth Bank within the Group Customer Advocacy Team. In her role as Senior Manager Accessibility and Capability Advice, Donna leads CBA's approach to developing an equitable, inclusive and accessible environment for customers, employees and the community.

As a person who is blind, Donna is passionate about creating opportunities for people with a disability to be part of an all-inclusive society with equity of access to education and employment. Donna believes it is everyone's responsibility to think about access and if applied universally, it will benefit everyone.

Donna is a Director on two Not-For-Profit Boards in the disability sector: Australian Network on Disability and the Northcott Society. She has a certification as an Access Consultant and is an advocate for a more accessible community for people with disability.

Alex Thrift, Sane Ambassador, 10:30am

Alex Thrift is a Sydney based senior policy adviser working for an industry body in the finance sector. Alex first experienced depression in his late teens and was later diagnosed in 2012 with bipolar. Alex balances the demands of a senior policy role whilst living with mental health challenges and hurdles. Alex is passionate about sharing his story as a way to create awareness and reduce stigma about how those with complex mental health concerns can contribute both professionally and in the wider world.

Alice Anderson, Workshop Option 2, 11:30am

Alice Anderson is a person with disabilities (learning) and currently works in both the recruitment industry and disability respite industry. Alice has had experience in the group advocacy through her time at university through involvement with the Disability Action Plan Committee, Equal Access Committee and Disability Action Group for Students.

Alice is a vocal employee who is always striving for better accessibility in the workplace with the importance of good job design that benefits all people. Alice is a recruiter that wants to see major changes on how people are selected for jobs and especially in the community care industry. She hopes that her new project "Care Jobs" which will be launched later this year will help tackle issues around discrimination.

Helena Asher-Chiang, Workshop Option 2, 11:30am

Helena Asher-Chiang is an experienced Careers Consultant who has been working with UTS:Careers for half a decade. In her past life she worked as a Teacher, a Recruiter and Human Resources Professional. She delights in helping students to discover their own potential and loves speaking with strangers about their dreams, aspirations and working lives.

Krystal Lim, Panel Discussion, 1:20pm

Krystal is a third year student at UNSW studying Commerce with a major in HR and a minor in finance. She's currently navigating her way through the workplace and using technology to enable her to work efficiently. At the moment she works for UNSW and has interned at Westpac under the Stepping Into Program. Aside from forwarding her career, she loves photography, music and dogs.

Philip Zamora, Disability Programs, 1:10pm

Philip joined the Australian Network on Disability as the Program Coordinator for Pace Mentoring and Stepping Into in March 2017. Philip has extensive experience working for Disability Employment Services and Job Services Australia as a Case Manager; assisting job seekers from disadvantaged backgrounds to find sustainable employment. Philip's experience in these roles also involved assisting clients with job skill training and finding suitable work experience.

Philip has completed a Bachelor of Business with a major in Accounting at Macquarie University as well as a Diploma in Community Services.

Ploy Sirayanyong, Panel Discussion, 1:20pm

Ploy is a UTS Graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Business and Commerce: Marketing and Human Resources. Since graduating in 2015 she has worked for Telstra as a Market Development Specialist, Alliance Specialist, Junior Account Executive and Product Marketing Specialist.

Nicole Vongdara, Panel Discussion, 1:20pm

Nicole is a Senior Manager in PwC's National Diversity and Inclusion team with Program Management responsibility for the Disability Inclusion and Employment Strategy. Nicole has 17 years experience as an Occupational Therapist both in Australia and the UK, working across both government and private sectors.

Areas of focus across Nicole's career have been mental health, community allied health, service management and strategy and program development. In her current role at PwC she is the firm's subject matter expert for disability inclusion and employment, with responsibility for the development and implementation of PwC's Access and Inclusion strategy.

Matthew Ryan, Panel Discussion, 1:20pm

Matthew Ryan is an Assurance Associate at PwC in Sydney. He completed a Bachelor of Commerce in Finance at Curtin University in Western Australia.

During his university studies he undertook an internship with Macquarie Group in London and with PwC in Sydney.

Nickolaos Nousis, Workshop Option 1, 12pm

Nickolaos Nousis – Senior Advisor at the Public Service Commission. Nickolaos manages whole of government recruitment programs, including the NSW Government Graduate program.

Bronwyn Scott, Workshop Option 3, 11:30am

Bronwyn has a Bachelor of Applied Science in Occupational Therapy and a Master's Degree in Public Health. She has worked in disability for more than 30 years as a clinician, policy maker and service manager.

Bronwyn is currently the Access and Inclusion Lead for HealthShare NSW and eHealth NSW. She is responsible for developing policy, training managers and staff, supporting staff and job applicants with disability, and promoting an inclusive and accessible workplace. Bronwyn has lived experience of mental illness and was an advocate for her sister who had intellectual disability.

Vicky Little, Workshop Option 1, 11:30am

Vicky Little is the Employment Services Manager at Specialisterne based in Sydney and is a passionate disability trainer and consultant with over 12 years' experience in the field of autism employment in Australia and the UK. Vicky's experience includes developing and delivering autism specific work readiness programs, training employers and higher education institutes and establishing NSW's first autism specific employment service.

Vicky is passionate about working with employers to raise awareness of the strengths and capabilities of autistic individuals in the workplace. Vicky strives to empower employers to tap into these skills and enable inclusive workplaces that embrace neurodiversity.

