



Innovation Fund: Tranche 2, 2023-25

A Western Australia for Everyone: State Disability Strategy 2020-2030

Nine (9) organisations secured Innovation Fund Tranche 1 grants totalling \$2,500,000 to support the creative application of new knowledge, technologies and processes improve inclusion and participation for people with disability across Western Australia (WA).

1. Citizen Journalism – Digital Strategy Project

DADAA

The Citizen Journalism project mentored and showcased artists and storytellers of all abilities building their digital skills and confidence. Participants created and shared disability-led stories across multiple platforms.

Through projects like [Unfiltered](#), [Library of Forgotten Lives](#) and [In Frame](#), a new group of digital creators shared real-life stories and helped connect audiences with contemporary lived experience stories and disability culture. The project produced strong creative outcomes - 11 film makers created eight short films, 12 podcasters produced 50 podcast episodes, and more than 50 digital stories were developed as part of the Library of Forgotten Lives at Bunbury Regional Art Gallery.

The Citizen Journalism project led to a new online radio - [Radio DADAA](#).

Total Funding: \$500,000 Term of Funding: July 2023 - December 2025 Regions: State-wide

2. Small Stories Project

My Place WA

My Place WA worked with the Centre for Stories to create accessible and inclusive storytelling opportunities for people with intellectual disability and communication needs.

The Small Stories project paired experienced story trainers with new storytellers to develop their skills and confidence. Together, they created personal stories in ways that suited each person, including speech, sound, digital media, movement, writing or a mix of methods. The project produced a [website](#) with a story bank to see, hear and read the stories, a storytelling framework and support resources.

Small Stories helped participants feel more confident in conversations and strengthened connections through shared storytelling experiences.

Total Funding: \$350,000 Term of Funding: July 2023 - October 2025 Regions: State-wide

3. Outreach Neuro-Clinics Project

Huntington's Australia

Huntington's Australia used a community empowerment model to raise awareness of Huntington's disease, provide symptom management education and deliver outreach neuro-clinics in the Kimberley.

The multi-disciplinary mobile clinics demonstrated that on-Country, community-driven care can improve equity to services, build community trust and deliver tangible health, social and systemic benefits.

The project also worked with community and Elders to co-design a [Huntington's educational video](#) that is easy to understand and use.

Total Funding: \$148,920 Term of Funding: July 2023 - December 2025 Regions: Kimberley

4. Accessibility Challenge Project

Curtin University

Curtin University piloted a challenge-based learning model to demonstrate how co-design can drive innovation and reshape perceptions of disability.

The Accessibility Challenge brought together 40 Curtin University students who completed disability confidence training before collaborating in teams to tackle five challenge areas.

The project delivered tangible outcomes, including accessibility adaptations at the John Curtin Gallery, development of a new undergraduate certificate in disability studies, a Lights, Camera, Ability campaign, and development of an Inclusive Co-Design Research Checklist to support meaningful engagement with people with intellectual disability.

Total Funding: \$265,000 Term of Funding: July 2023 - June 2025 Regions: State-wide

5. Open Doors Project

Inclusion WA

Inclusion WA delivered an accessibility and disability awareness program for businesses across Western Australia. The program delivered training and worked directly with businesses in five communities: Wanneroo, Victoria Park, Albany, Onslow and Tom Price.

More than 80 small and medium businesses participated in the Open Doors training. Of these, 16 businesses committed to 47 accessibility actions, including digital accessibility audits, social stories, physical access improvements and use of inclusive language and image descriptions in promotional materials and on social media.

Inclusion Solutions produced [Open Doors resources, including a check list and action planner](#) for business to create an inclusive customer experience.

Total Funding: \$213,000 Term of Funding: 1 July 2023 - 30 June 2025 Regions: Perth metropolitan

6. Access and Inclusion Project

Ruah Community Services (Ruah)

Ruah's Access and Inclusion Project worked with people with intellectual disability and/or complex communication needs to design better ways to support them when using specialist services. The focus was on people experiencing homelessness and/or family and domestic violence.

The project created practical tools and training to help staff communicate more effectively and make services easier to use. Service adaptations included communication boards and wayfinding. New resources included decision-making story cards, visual schedules and personalised communication cards.

The project team shared what they learned, along with the resources they developed, with other service providers to support broader improvements across the sector.

Total Funding: \$320,000 Term of Funding: October 2023 – April 2025 Regions: Perth metropolitan

7. Online sexuality education and expression program for people with Complex Communication Needs

Microboards

The online sexuality education and expression program supports people with complex communication needs (CNN) to have open, respectful conversations about relationships, sex and sexual wellbeing.

Microboards worked with a core group of adults with CNN to develop 102 easy-to-use readers covering six topic areas: My Body, Feelings, Sensuality, Relationships Spirituality, Sex and Sexual Practice. The resources, along with communication boards and videos, help people talk about important issues such as consent, safety, intimacy and sexual expression.

The full program is available online through the [Talking and Learning about Sexuality](#) website.

Total Funding: \$331,200, Term of Funding: July 2023 – August 2025 Regions: State-wide

8. What's On Guide Project

Kiind (formerly trading as Kalparrin)

Kiind created the weekly ['What's On' Guide](#) to help families find inclusive community activities for children with cognitive and/or intellectual disability. The guide is shared by email each week and is also available online.

As part of the project, Kiind worked with 204 organisations to promote their activities, events and programs. Around 80% of these organisations reported higher attendance in activities due to featuring in the guide. Over two years, the What's On Guide reached around 6,230 people and the online version, attracted 10,329 views.

Families who used the guide said it helped them stay connected to their community and gave them more confidence to take part in local activities.

Total Funding: \$73,126 Term of Funding: July 2023 - June 2025 Regions: State-wide

9. Creative Social Connections Project

Developmental Disability Council of Western Australia (DDWA)

The Creative Social Connections project helped students in Years 11 and 12 with intellectual disability and/or complex communication needs build social connections for life after high school.

The project was delivered to 14 Education Support Centres and Schools through a mix of workshops and one-on-one coaching. DDWA also developed a [Staying Connected After School Toolkit](#) which includes resources and presentations from the project, along with a Workshop Facilitator Guide.

These Staying Connected After School resources help teachers to better support students as they prepare for life after school and enable teachers to deliver workshops themselves in the future.

Total Funding: \$298,754 Term of Funding: July 2023 - June 2025 Regions: State-wide