

# Future Leaders 2019

Could your organisation provide an opportunity for a Future Leader?



Sylvia  
Rodger  
Academy



autism  
spectrum  
AUSTRALIA

# Be part of a success story.



## Are you interested in helping to empower emerging autistic leaders to build and develop skills to improve their communities?

The Future Leaders Program is Australia's first program aimed at empowering adults on the autism spectrum to explore their unique leadership skills.

Designed by and for autistic people, the program supports participants to learn from, empower and encourage one another to pursue their goals and positively impact their communities.

The Future Leaders Program is seeking innovative organisations who want to explore

the benefits of a neurodiverse workforce and help us to build a network of inclusion by providing our Future Leaders with a 50 hour placement.

Importantly - this is not an employment program. We are aiming to provide our Future Leaders with a practical opportunity to further explore and develop their leadership skills and potential as they meet, share with and learn from their peers and through a well suited volunteer placement.

Participating organisations will be provided with appropriate training and support during the placement period.

*Empowered, influential and neurodiverse thinkers motivated to make a difference.*

Phase  
**01**

Training and development

Phase  
**02**

A volunteer placement with a participating organisation to consolidate the learnings from the previous phase.



Comprehensive program, with two phases: training and development, and a volunteer placement with a corporate partner



Backed by research, and co-designed and delivered by autistic adults

Our 2018 graduates undertook volunteer placements in fields such as communications, human resources, administration, training and resource development - lending their diverse skills and insights to a range of organisations including art galleries, a construction company, government departments and disability service providers.



## CASE STUDY

Dylan undertook his volunteer placement with WTM Constructions, working as an administration assistant and learning all of the ins and outs of what goes into constructing a nine-story apartment complex.

"When I first began, I was excited but nervous because it was a completely new industry and a different work environment to anything I've experienced before," Dylan said.

"I got so much out of my placement though. I learnt management skills and admin skills, and I was able to use my analysis skills to help the organisation. I also worked on my communication and developed more confidence with voicing my opinion."

Fred Silz, WTM Constructions' Chartered Builder, said the placement was an excellent experience for their organisation as well.

"Dylan is an absolutely delightful person, very friendly, and he quickly formed very positive relationships with all of the people involved with the project," Fred said.

"Dylan quickly became a valuable member of the team on site and we were sorry to see him leave when his placement ended."



**Could 2019 be  
the year your  
organisation  
broadens its  
thinking around  
leadership?**

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