

Future Leaders 2018

Evaluation Report



Aim

- Empower young adults on the autism spectrum with leadership potential to build and develop their skills
- Support organisations to discover and leverage the strengths of neurodiversity and foster inclusive environments.

How we did the research

A series of surveys with participants, and a survey and interviews with organisations.

Who took part?

- 14** autistic adults aged between 25 and 40 from across Australia
- 11** people from organisations that provided volunteer placements

What did we find?

All participants completing the first survey indicated the workshop was 'good' (18%) or 'excellent' (82%). All Future Leaders participants that completed the second program survey rated the program as 'excellent' and all would recommend it to others.

At one year follow up, the majority of participants completing the survey indicated the areas that they have been involved in for the first time, or increased involvement in, as:

public speaking or delivering training		71%
being part of a board, committee or reference group		54%
working with or giving advice to government or community organisations		54%
writing blogs or media articles.		54%

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What did we find?

The majority of volunteer placement host organisations completing the survey indicated the placement benefited:

- their organisation
- themselves personally

All would host a placement in the future. Organisations also made recommendations to strengthen the volunteer placement component.

Who did the research?

Dr Olivia Gatfield and Ms Tori Haar.

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Project team, program participants and organisations who provided volunteer placements

Find out more

Download the evaluation report and executive summary on the Autism CRC website:

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