

# 2022 Victorian Disability Awards

## Guide



Easy English



## Hard words

This book has some hard words.

The first time we write a hard word

- the word is in **blue**
- we write what the hard word means.

## You can get help with this book



You can get someone to help you

- read this book
- know what this book is about



- find more information.

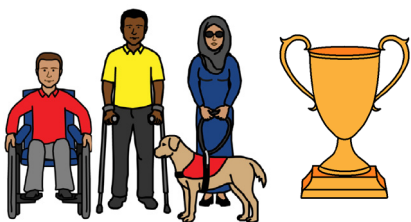
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## About this book



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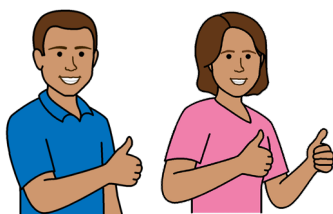
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## Victorian Disability Awards

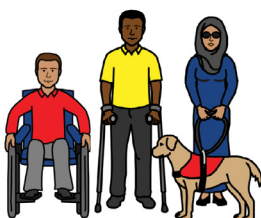


The **Victorian Disability Awards** are **awards** that are given to people.

An award is a prize for good work.

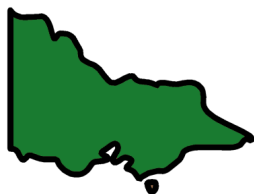


When a person gets an award they know that other people like what they have done.



The Victorian Disability Awards are prizes for people who

- have a disability
- make life better for people with disability
- live in Victoria.



We run the awards.



The awards can be given to

- 1 person
- a small group of people
- a large group of people.



You can **nominate** a person or group of people to win an award.

Nominate means you tell us who should win the award.



You can help us find a winner for 8 awards.

## Important dates



### Nominations

- start on Tuesday 29 March 2022

and



- finish on Tuesday 3 May 2022.



We will tell people who might win an award in June 2022.



People who might win an award need to fill in a **police check consent form**.



A police check consent form means that you say **yes** to us doing a **police check**.

A police check means the police check that someone is **not** a criminal.



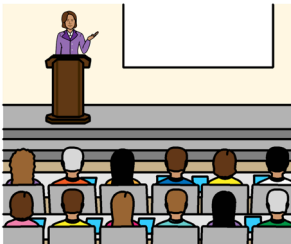
The finished police check consent form must be sent to us in 1 week.

## Award winners



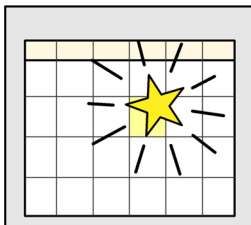
A **finalist** is someone who might win an award.

We will **announce** the finalists in June 2022.



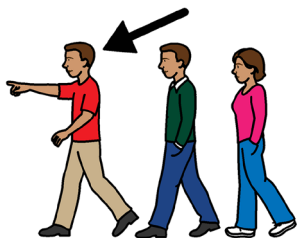
Announce means that we will tell everyone.

We will announce the award winners in  
August 2022 at a **ceremony**.



A ceremony is a special event.

## Award for an emerging leader



An **emerging leader** is a person who is starting to

- show other people how to do things

and



- help other people to do things.



The award is for 1 person.



You can nominate a person who

- is starting to tell others what people with disability need or want



- is starting a new program to make life better for people with disability.

## Award for excellence in creating inclusive communities



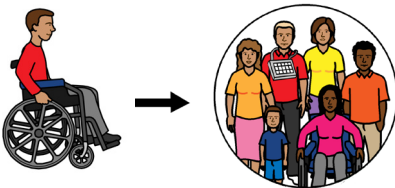
**Excellence** means to be great.



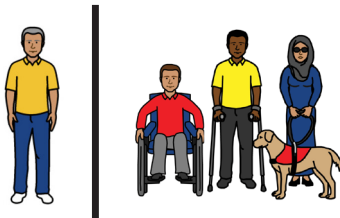
Your **community** is the people and places around you.



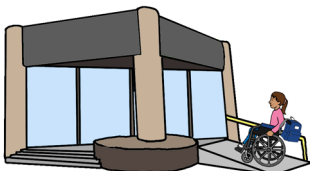
An **inclusive community** means everyone is a part of the community.



To feel included in a community you need to feel that you belong and are important.



This award is for a person or group of people.



You can nominate a person or group of people who have made your community more inclusive.

For example, they might

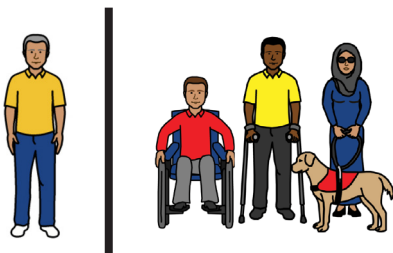
- make buildings or places better for people with disability
- help more people understand disability.



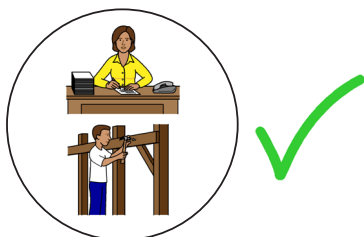
## Award for excellence in employment outcomes



**Employment** is when you work in a job.



This award is for a person or group of people.



You can nominate a person or group of people that have helped people with disability to

- start work

or

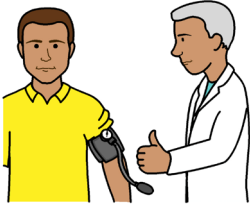


- keep their paid job.



You can also nominate a person or group of people who have made work places better for people with disability.

## Award for excellence in promoting health or housing or wellbeing



Your health means you

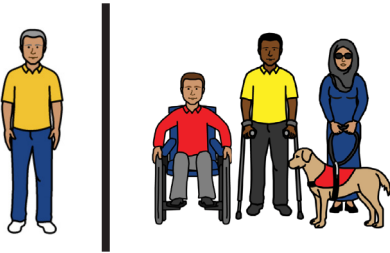
- feel well
- do **not** feel sick.



Housing is where you live.



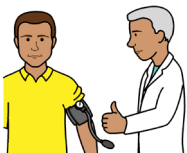
Wellbeing is how happy you are with your life.



This award is for a person or group of people.

You can nominate a person or group of people who help people with disability to

- be healthy
- be happy
- get a good home.

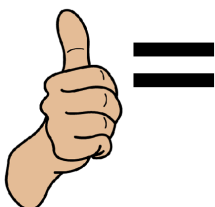


## Award for excellence in promoting rights or fairness or safety



Rights are things that everyone should be able to

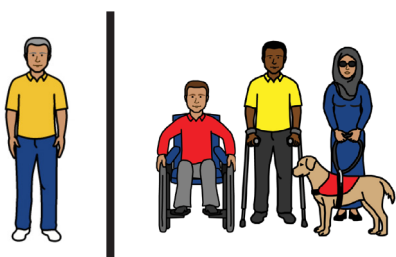
- get
- have
- do.



When something is fair it is the same for everyone.

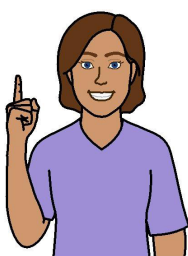


When you are safe you should **not** get hurt by people or things around you.



This award is for a person or group of people.

You can nominate a person or group of people who help people with disability to



- know their rights
- get their rights
- be safe.

## Volunteer award



A **volunteer**

- works to help people

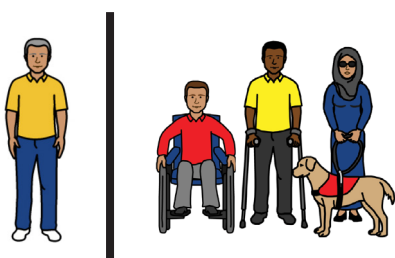
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- is **not** paid money.



There are many volunteers who help make Victoria a better place for people with disability.

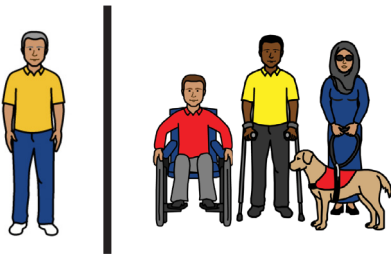


This award is for a volunteer or group of volunteers who help people with disability.

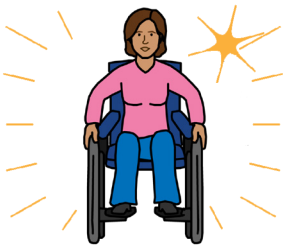
## Excellence in promoting disability pride



**Disability pride** means you are a person with disability who is proud of who you are.



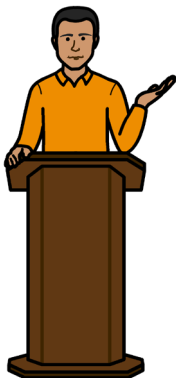
This award is for a person or group of people.



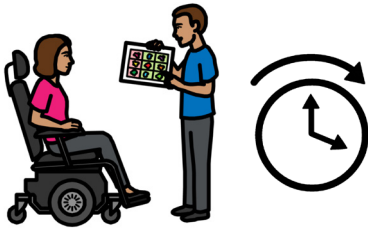
You can nominate a person or group who make people with disability feel good about themselves.

You might nominate someone who

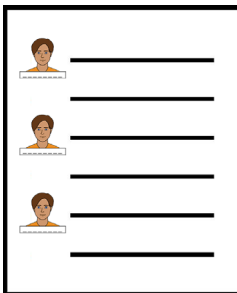
- speaks in public about life with a disability
- fights for disability rights
- changes how people think about disability.



## Lifetime achievement honour roll



This award is for a person who has helped people with disability for a long time.



An **honour roll** is a list of names.

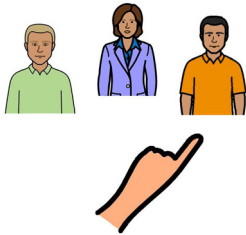
The new winner of the award is added to the honour roll every year.

## How we choose the winners



The judges

- talk about the nominations

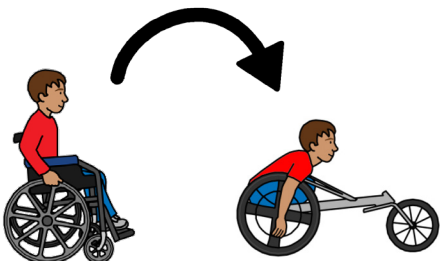


- choose who will win each award.

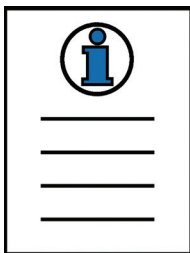


When the judges choose the winners they think about

- **achievement**
  - what has been done to help people with a disability

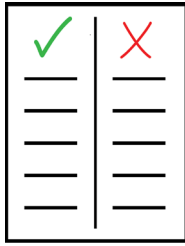


- **impact**
  - how the achievement helps people with disability



- other information that will help them choose the winners.

## How to nominate for the awards



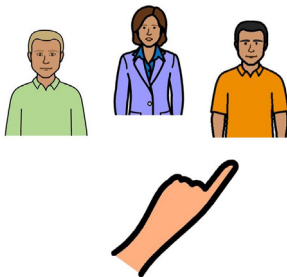
There are rules for the awards.

You might need help to understand the rules.



### 1. Read this information

### 2. Choose who you want to nominate



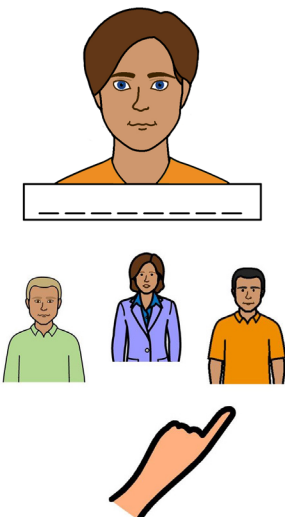
If you want to nominate someone who works for a large group you need to tell their boss.

Their boss has to tell you it is ok to nominate the person or group of people.

### 3. Tell us your details

You need to tell us

- who you are
- who you want to nominate.



#### 4. Write about your nomination



Tell us why the person or group of people you nominate should win.

Write in our online form

[dffh.vic.gov.au/victorian-disability-awards](https://dffh.vic.gov.au/victorian-disability-awards)



You might need help to write about your nomination.



Tell us if you **cannot** use the internet.

We can help you.



Call            8850 6164



Email           awards@dffh.vic.gov.au



When you write about your nomination you tell the judges about the person or group.

You should **not** write more than 900 words.



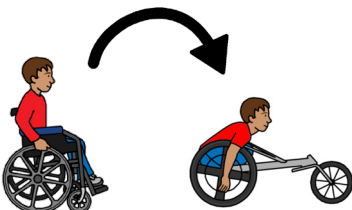
Your computer will tell you how many words you have written.

There are guides for how many words you should write in each part of your nomination.



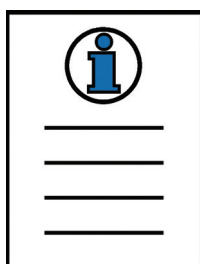
### **Achievement**

100 words or less.



### **Impact**

650 words or less.



### **Other information**

150 words or less.

## More information



For more information contact the  
Department of Families, Fairness and Housing.

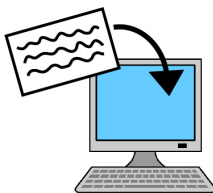


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