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| 2024 Victorian Disability Awards |
| Information toolkit |
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# Key messages

**General**

* The Victorian Disability Awards celebrate the efforts of people, groups, and organisations that support the rights and inclusion of people with disability.
* Do you know someone or a group that:
  + Promotes the rights, voice and representation of people with disability
  + Champions a positive image of people with disability and strongly advocates for modern-day models of disability with a focus on inclusion and access for all
  + Demonstrates leadership to ensure people with disability are equal partners in design of systems, services or policies that impact their lives
  + Or has championed the rights of people with disability and created change through advocacy, activism or engagement?
* We want to celebrate people who help make Victoria fairer and more inclusive by recognising their achievements over the past year.
* Take the time to nominate an individual or a group who is making a real difference.
* Co-design, advocacy and innovative ideas and programs can have a big impact including:
  + Making everyday activities easier and more accessible for everyone
  + Standing up for the rights of people with disability
  + Building more inclusive workplaces and communities
  + Promoting disability pride and celebrating diversity
* Nominations are open to individuals and groups, including people with disability, family members, volunteers, and those working in the sector.
* To find out more or nominate, visit <https://www.dffh.vic.gov.au/victorian-disability-awards>

**Award categories**

* There are four award categories:
  + **Disability Pride Champion:** Recognises individuals who promote disability pride, honour diversity, and strengthen the voice of people with disability.
  + **Advocacy for People (including Self Advocacy):** Celebrates people with disability or others who support them to speak up for their rights and make our community more inclusive.
  + **Leadership in Co-design:** Recognises a person with disability who has championed co-design and promoted the use of co-design, or those who have worked in partnership with people with disability to enhance the lives of people with disability.
  + **Lifetime Achievement Award:** Honours a Victorian person with disability who has worked for many years to support disability rights and inclusion.
* Finalists are chosen by a judging panel from Victoria’s disability community and other community sectors.

**Nominations**

* Nominations are now open for the 2024 Victorian Disability Awards.
* Nominations open 24 June 2024 and close on 26 July 2024.
* You can go online to complete your nomination and find out more at <https://www.dffh.vic.gov.au/victorian-disability-awards>
* Before you begin, it’s a good idea to read the nomination guide and allow up to two weeks to collect the information you will need.
* If you have any questions about completing a nomination, you can contact the awards secretariat on 03 9285 3873 or [awards@dffh.vic.gov.au](mailto:awards@dffh.vic.gov.au)

# Social media

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| **Stakeholder social media posts – Facebook/Instagram/LinkedIn** | ⭐ Do you know someone who’s all about accessibility?  ⭐ A group or organisation who champions the rights of people with disability?  ⭐ Do you know a disability-inclusive workplace or business?  ⭐ Do you know someone who promotes disability pride?  Nominate them in the 2024 Victorian Disability Awards!  👏The Awards celebrate people, groups and organisations who champion the rights and inclusion of people with disability. 👏  Anyone can nominate. Get yours in by 26 July or find out more information at:  <https://www.dffh.vic.gov.au/victorian-disability-awards> |  |
| **X (formerly Twitter)** | Do you know someone who promotes positive attitude and champions inclusion of people with disability?  The #2024VictorianDisabilityAwards celebrates people, groups, and organisations that champion the rights and inclusion of people with disability.  Nominate by 26 July:  <https://www.dffh.vic.gov.au/victorian-disability-awards> |  |

# Newsletter article

**2024 Victorian Disability Award nominations now open**

Nominations for the 2024 Victorian Disability Awards are now open. Victorians are encouraged to nominate a person, group or organisation that champions disability rights and inclusion, promotes the use of co-design, advocates for improvements to policies, programs and services and role models disability pride.

They will be closing on 26 July 2024.

The Victorian Disability Awards have a strong focus on recognising the achievements and contributions of individuals, groups and organisations that have made a real contribution to the lives of people with disability in a broad range of areas, including community services, social justice, law, health, science, environment, arts, sports, media and education.

Whether it is someone you know who always stands up for the rights of people with disability, someone or a group who is doing great things in their community, or an organisation that goes above and beyond to ensure their environment is accessible for everyone – all nominations and efforts are welcome for recognition.

Nominations can be submitted online at the [awards website.](https://www.dffh.vic.gov.au/victorian-disability-awards)

If you are having trouble completing your nomination online, please contact the Awards Secretariat on 03 9285 3873 or [awards@dffh.vic.gov.au](mailto:awards@dffh.vic.gov.au)

# Share the word

You can download a printable 2024 Victorian Disability Awards poster from the [awards website.](https://www.dffh.vic.gov.au/victorian-disability-awards)

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