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Inspirational workers with disabilities

It's little wonder Guide Dogs staff are passionate about helping people with vision and hearing loss.

They have been inspired by their co-workers and clients who have achieved amazing things in their workplace, whilst having a disability.

HR Manager Sharon Somerville says that it's all about finding the most qualified and suitable person for the job and then finding ways of accommodating any special needs.

“With **International Day of People With a Disability on December 3**, I would like to honour the achievements and contribution of our employees with disabilities.”

Events Manager Christina Angus has been legally blind all her life, yet has the skills to brief graphic designers and to set up “visual feasts” at events, which ultimately raise money to provide services for people just like herself.

Christina says she grew up with a “can-do” attitude and is constantly challenging herself to learn new skills.

“I can't say it's easy being legally blind in a sighted world, although I've never known any different. I am actually a client of Guide Dogs and know what a difference having the right help can make.

“My motivation is to give people the same opportunities as I've had. I want them to achieve their goals, no matter how audacious they are.”

Christina works alongside Grace Macri and Simon Wong, who both have disabilities.

Grace is deaf, while Simon is blind, and they both work tirelessly in their roles with Sensory Directions, a Guide Dogs case management program to assist people with complex issues relating to their disability.

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