My name is Jaquie

I’m 32 years old, and I have Down Syndrome.

I’m a university student at Torrens University

I participate in an employment course called the Impact21 Pilot.

It encourages you to learn about:

* The workplace environment
* Health
* Wellbeing and fitness
* Career goals
* How to cope with emotions and feelings
* And more…

My identity is…

* A celebrity in the entertainment industry, in sports, movies, writing, and music
* I’m a daughter, a big sister, sister-in-law, a niece, and an auntie-to-be
* I’m an employee
* And I’m a student at Torrens University
* Sometimes I can be a social butterfly

I strive to get meaningful employment to be a movie star in the future

My long-term goal is to get an internship in film

My big life goals are:

* To get employment
* To get engaged
* To move out of home
* To live with my life partner and family
* To take responsibility for myself

I have faced obstacles on the road to success

It’s very challenging, and I struggle

But I’m getting encouragement.

I have the right to be treated with respect and some attention, just like all of you.

Can you imagine that?

I will prove it to you.

We have 1 year to make a difference

And prove that people who have Down Syndrom are valuable to employers.

Speak to Alyssa or Lou about the role that YOU can play in supporting and encouraging us.

Once again, my name is Jacqui.

Thank you for listening.