Hello everybody

My name is Shea

I am 32 years old, and someday I would like to get married.

I am also a big sister, and I love to party with my friends.

I’m going to tell you about the Impact21 Pilot.

The Impact21 Pilot is a program for young people with Down Syndrome

To attend a university-style course

In a fully inclusive environment

We focus on customized employment

That is, we find ways to make jobs to fit people

Rather than finding people to fit jobs

We have five employment partners:

* Sodexo
* Dulux
* Deakin University
* JB Hi Fi
* And PWC

These employment partners have guaranteed meaningful employment from 2020 onwards.

We attend Impact21 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

At Impact21 we learn about:

* Communication
* Interactions
* Health
* Literacy and Numeracy
* Information and social media
* Safety
* And money

All of this learning is focused around the workplace.

I want a job out of this, and I want to push myself as far as I can go.

Right now, less that 5% of people with Down Syndrome are in meaningful employment.

Let’s change that.

Thank you