



Access and Inclusion Advisory Panel Members 2026

Elizabeth (Lizzie) Flaherty, Individual Member (Chair)

Elizabeth Flaherty is a South Australian social worker with experience supporting people experiencing complex health and social challenges, particularly within homelessness and community wellbeing services. She currently works with Sonder, where she leads a pilot program embedding social work services within public library spaces in partnership with the City of Salisbury. This initiative is the first of its kind in South Australia and focuses on improving access to support by connecting people with services in trusted community environments.

Elizabeth holds a Master of Social Work and a double degree in Psychological Science and Social Science. She is also completing the final unit of a Postgraduate Diploma of Counselling. Her practice is grounded in trauma-informed and strengths-based approaches, with a strong focus on accessibility, dignity, and community participation.

Alongside her professional work, Elizabeth serves as Chair of the City of Adelaide's Access and Inclusion Advisory Panel. In this role, she contributes to initiatives that support accessibility, inclusion, and meaningful participation for people with disability across the city. Elizabeth brings both professional expertise and lived insight to her work and is committed to improving systems so that people facing barriers can access support and opportunity.

Andrea Bodey, Individual Member

Andrea is a dedicated clinical nurse at the Royal Adelaide Hospital's Cancer Day Centre, where she plays a key role across various programs, including Chemotherapy at Home and Infection Control for cancer outpatients. She is the primary carer and advocate for her 18-year-old adult son, who lives with an intellectual disability and autism. Since 2010, Andrea has been an active member of the Brighton Jetty Sculpture Committee, serving as Volunteer Coordinator for a team of over 150 volunteers. Her experience in committee service and disability advocacy enhances her role on the Panel.

Esther Portelli, Individual Member

Esther is a self-employed Disability Support Worker, committed to enhancing the wellbeing of her clients. Her experience in this field is complemented by her personal experience of living with disability throughout her life, fuelling her passion for improving accessibility for others. Esther also serves on the Advisory Group for SA Water's Wider World initiative, which employs Universal Design principles to enhance water services for customers with disability. In this role, she has contributed to site visits at various Reservoir Reserves, finding ways to make these beautiful recreational areas more accessible. Additionally, Esther brings over 28 years of experience as a medical receptionist and has served as a Kids Coach with Uniting Communities, where she supported children with diverse needs.

Evan Johnson, Individual Member

Evan Johnson (he/they) is a proudly queer and Autistic wheelchair user living and working on Kaurna Country.

In 2026, Evan was named Young Citizen of the Year by the City of Adelaide and served as the inaugural Chair with a disability for the City of Adelaide Access and Inclusion Advisory Panel in 2025, bringing lived experience leadership to disability inclusion in local government. Evan has also contributed lived experience insight to state government and community initiatives, including participation in the Department of Human Service's Disability Engagement Group, helping inform disability policy and inclusion efforts across South Australia.

Evan is a passionate advocate for disability justice, LGBTQIA+ inclusion, and equitable access to healthcare, education, and community life. As an occupational therapist and community advocate, he works to ensure services are shaped by lived experience and designed alongside the communities they support. Through his advocacy, professional work, and leadership, Evan is committed to challenging structural barriers and ensuring lived experience drives meaningful change toward a more inclusive society.

Jung Yoon, Individual Member

Jung is a mother of a child with severe autism and an intellectual disability. She is also the founder of Co-art Studio, which offers supported art programs for people with cognitive disabilities, and a Research Fellow at the Centre for Social Impact (CSI) at Flinders University. She helps develop cross-cultural research projects between Australia and South Korea by creating project ideas and connecting with relevant organisations in South Korea. Currently, she is working on research projects related to inclusive employment in both countries.

Jung focuses on creating accessible, inclusive, and innovative work environments to promote socio-economic participation for individuals with cognitive disabilities such as Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and intellectual disabilities. Her research interests include disability employment, social enterprise management, inclusive corporate culture, and social and disability-related policies in different countries.

Margaret Jaegar, Proxy Member

Margaret (Marg) has extensive experience in the disability and aged care sectors, having worked as a physiotherapy assistant, disability support worker, nurse, ambulance worker, and dedicated volunteer. In every role, she has been a passionate advocate for enhancing the wellbeing of those who cannot speak for themselves. As a recent amputee, Margaret has inspired many through her public talks and aims to represent Australia at the LA Paralympics in 2028. Her contributions to the Panel draw on her experiences and extensive knowledge to assist the City of Adelaide in addressing the needs of amputees.

Megan Barnes, Proxy Member

Megan uses the pronouns she/they. Megan is an Acting Program Officer and Disability Inclusion Agent within the Australian Government and employed through a Neuroinclusion Program.

Since 2022, she has served on the inaugural LGBTIQA+ Minister's Advisory Council, advising on LGBTIQA+ inclusion in South Australia. Spanning over a decade, Megan also voluntarily facilitates an inclusive community dance event in Adelaide.

Megan's combined professional and lived experience equips her to offer valuable insights into addressing the intersecting forms of systemic discrimination faced by people with disability who identify as LGBTIQA+ in the City of Adelaide.

Access 2 Arts

Access 2 Arts is a disability-led arts development agency and the peak body for arts and disability in South Australia. They support d/Deaf and disabled artists and companies to make and present some of the most unique, experimental and exciting art in Australia. They do that through developing knowledge, skills and pathways; providing services; and delivering projects that respond to community needs.

As an access expert and advocate, they support arts organisations to increase access, inclusion and representation of d/Deaf and disabled people. They do that through modelling and encouraging disability-leadership, excellence and best practice; providing training and capacity building for individuals and organisations; disrupting and challenging assumptions; and changing minds, attitudes and actions.

Rebecca Morton, Representative Member, Autism SA.

Autism SA is committed to providing innovative, evidence-based supports designed to improve life outcomes for people on the autism spectrum.

All of their activities are designed to generate positive, person-centred outcomes for individuals, families, carers and others supporting our community. Autism SA is accredited and registered as a provider of autism support through a number of different national and state-based agencies and is a proud partner of the Australian Autism Alliance.

Rebecca Morton is the Executive Manager of Clinical, Care and Community and joins the panel to represent Autism SA, the states autism peak body, the oldest of its kind in Australia. Bringing extensive leadership experience in the disability sector, and a career grounded in person-centred practice and evidence-informed service design, Rebecca is committed to creating environments where people of all abilities can participate fully, safely and with dignity.

Rebecca oversees multidisciplinary teams delivering clinical governance, care quality, community wellbeing programs and consumer engagement. Her work is driven by a strong belief that inclusion is not only a service value but a strategic imperative, one that leads to better outcomes for individuals, families and communities.

She has led initiatives focused on improving accessibility, strengthening advocacy pathways, embedding co-design, and ensuring that lived experience informs organisational decision-making. Rebecca is passionate about reducing barriers, promoting equity and amplifying the voices of people who experience disadvantage or exclusion.

As a member of the Access and Inclusion Advisory Panel, Rebecca brings a collaborative approach, strategic insight and a deep commitment to shaping environments that are safe, inclusive and responsive to diverse needs.

Kylie Fontanot, Representative Member, Kudos Services

Kudos is a bold, brave and ambitious organisation for children, young adults and adults living with a disability and their families. We are a not-for-profit, employee-controlled disability services agency working in Adelaide and regional South Australia.

As a community of the most highly skilled and experienced therapists and support staff, together we exist to support and celebrate all people living with a disability.

Kylie has a background as an Occupational Therapist and has been supporting children with developmental delay and disability and their families and communities in South Australia for over 25 years.

Kylie has had the privilege of supporting children and their families for many years, with insights into the challenges and opportunities for communities to create inclusive environments for those with developmental concerns and disability.

In her current role as the Head of Clinical Development at Kudos Services, Kylie has a focus on ensuring the Kudos team is delivering high quality services that have the greatest impact for their clients and communities they support.

Sisaleo Philavong, Representative Member,
Multicultural Communities Council of South Australia

Multicultural Communities Council of South Australia (MCCSA) is the peak organisation serving, empowering and advocating for culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities in South Australia.

For over 50 years, they've supported CALD individuals and communities to become active contributors to South Australian society.

Sisaleo is a disability advocate and Developmental Educator who works to strengthen inclusion for people with disabilities from culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

He currently works as Co-Coordinator of a Social Participation Program at the Multicultural Communities Council of South Australia (MCCSA), where he supports initiatives that help people with disabilities and mental health challenges connect with their communities and participate in everyday life.

Sisaleo holds a Diploma in Disability and a Bachelor of Disability and Developmental Education from Flinders University. Alongside his professional training, he brings lived experience as a person with hemiplegic cerebral palsy, providing practical insight into the barriers people with disabilities often face across employment, housing, transport, and education.

He serves as a Member of the Department of Human Services (DHS) Disability Engagement Group. Through his roles, he contributes to policy discussions shaping disability inclusion at both the state and national levels. He is also involved in sector learning through the Volunteering SA/NT Community of Practice.

Sisaleo's work focuses on improving how systems engage with multicultural communities, helping organisations build stronger cultural understanding and more accessible pathways into services and community life.

His contribution to the community was recognised when he was named Young Citizen of the Year for both South Australia and the City of Salisbury.

Outside of his professional work, Sisaleo enjoys staying active and is currently learning Parastanding Tennis, reflecting his belief that sport and community participation should be accessible to everyone.

Michael Hutchison, Representative Member,
[See Differently with the Royal Society for the Blind](#)

Since 1884, **See Differently and the Royal Society for the Blind** has been the primary provider of rehabilitation and support in ensuring that South Australians who are blind or vision impaired are able to participate in economic, social and community activities and be an inclusive member of the community.

Michael is the Chair of See Differently's Client Advisory Committee, having first joined the Committee in 2017.

With more than 40 years' experience as a housing and town planning specialist across both the public and private sectors, Michael brings deep professional expertise to his role.

He lost his sight in 2015 and credits the unwavering support of his partner and See Differently as pivotal in rebuilding his life.

In 2017, Michael was elected to the Board of Directors of a leading disability provider, and the following year joined its Finance and Audit Committee. He is also a member of their Client Engagement Committee, positions he continues to hold.

Drawing on his own lived experience and the profound impact vision loss had on him and his partner; Michael is a passionate advocate for peer support and social inclusion initiatives.