



Co-designing for Access and Inclusion: Bringing together People and Technology through Creative Methods

Disability and Inclusion Symposium

Wednesday 26 July 2023

9.30am – 3.30pm

OJW Room, Level 12, S Block

QUT Gardens Point

This symposium intends to raise a conversation bringing together QUT researchers across the Centre for Justice and Centre for Robotics, with people and organisations, to support Australia's Disability Strategy (2021-2031). Bringing together industry, community partners, researchers and government voices, this symposium will discuss what the barriers and opportunities are for supporting inclusion across diverse sectors. Our QUT researchers and international keynote speaker will share perspectives on their participatory approaches, inclusive technologies, and research that they have co-designed with people with disability.

9.30am-9.45am

Welcome to Country, Opening of Symposium, Welcome and Housekeeping
Professor Melissa Bull, Director, QUT Centre for Justice

Part 1: Co-designing Inclusion

9.45am-10.30am

International Keynote

Associate Professor and Canada Research Chair, Dr Kathleen Sitter, University of Calgary, Canada

We are very excited to welcome [A/Professor Kathleen Sitter](#) to QUT. A/Professor Sitter is visiting QUT from University of Calgary where she is the Canadian Research Chair for Multisensory Research and Knowledge Translation. Kathleen has worked with a variety of adults and youth in the areas of disability, mental health, human rights, and health care. She currently leads the [Multisensory Studio](#), a lab that focuses on creating blended sensory and arts-based methods in research design and knowledge translation.

Title: Multisensory storytelling, disability, and celebrating difference

Drawing on crip theory, this presentation explores how sensory methods in research designs can mitigate ableism. Citing several examples, this presentation will consider how connection and community can inform the engagement of sensory modalities in understanding first-person narratives.

10.30am-11.00am

Morning Tea

11.00am-11.30am

Local Keynote

Associate Professor & Australian Research Council DECRA Fellow Dr Janice Rieger

Title: Dialoguing while Wandering and Embodied Mappings (EM)

11.30am-12.00pm

Local Keynote

Associate Professor & Australian Research Council Future Fellow Dr Laurianne Sitbon

Title: Prototyping Technology for Self-Expression through Co-design

Part 2: HDR Lightning Talks

12.00pm-12.45pm

Lightning Talks

Lightning Talks are a series of short presentations from different speakers around a single topic, with each introducing a topic or idea very quickly. Lightning Talks are a way to share information about diverse topics from several different perspectives. Lightning talks are ideal for research and are also great for stimulating collaboration.

PhD, MPhil students and Post Docs across QUT Centre for Justice and QUT Centre for Robotics will present short lightning talks about their current research in inclusion, disability studies and co-design.

12.45pm-1.15pm

Lunch

Part 3: Inclusion, Technologies and Work

1.15pm-2.00pm

Panel Discussion

This panel will bring together researchers from the Centre for Justice and Centre for Robotics at QUT across all five Faculties (CIESJ, Health, Science, Engineering and Business and Law) to showcase the inclusive work we are doing and how we are bridging HASS and STEMM disciplines to co-create inclusion across diverse sectors.

Moderator: Deanna Grant-Smith (A/Prof Business and Law and Executive Committee Centre for Justice)

Part 4: Gathering Industry, Community and Government Voices for Future Research

2.00pm-3.15pm

Workshop

This workshop will bring together industry, community partners, researchers, and government to discuss what the barriers and opportunities are for supporting inclusion at a local, state and national level, and across different industries to begin to deliver on Australia's Disability Strategy (2021-2031).

3.15pm-3.30pm

Close

Concluding Remarks