



Access to Enterprise Participant Information

**Access to
Enterprise** 
Supporting Women in Business

 **PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY
AUSTRALIA**

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About PWDA

People with Disability Australia (PWDA) is a national disability rights and advocacy organisation made up of, and led by, people with disability.

We have a vision of a socially just, accessible and inclusive community in which the contribution, potential and diversity of people with disability are not only recognised and respected but also celebrated.

PWDA was established in 1981, during the International Year of Disabled Persons.

We are a peak, non-profit, non-government organisation that represents the interests of people with all kinds of disability.

We also represent people with disability at the United Nations, particularly in relation to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

Our work is grounded in a human rights framework that recognises the CRPD and related mechanisms as fundamental tools for advancing the rights of people with disability.

PWDA is a member of Disabled People's Organisations Australia (DPO Australia), along with the First People's Disability Network, National Ethnic Disability Alliance and Women with Disabilities Australia.

DPOs collectively form a disability rights movement that places people with disability at the centre of decision-making in all aspects of our lives.

'Nothing About Us, Without Us' is the motto of Disabled Peoples' International.

About the program

A Mentoring Program for Women with Disability Entrepreneurs

The Access to Enterprise, mentoring program for women and feminine identifying individuals with disability provides education and skills building to support sustainable self-employment for small or micro business owners.

The program consists of three blocks of learning:

- Block 1: Business Foundations
- Block 2: Future Planning
- Block 3: Visibility and Networking.

Program Cost

Participants in the Access to Enterprise mentoring program will not need to pay a fee to participate.

The Access to Enterprise is proudly supported by the NSW Government in association with the Supporting Women in Business program.

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Block 1: Business Foundations

In Block 1 participants will be supported to build or refine intentional business foundations that empower and support them to establish sustainable self-employment as entrepreneurs. The resources and tools within aim to serve the learner at each stage of their growth.

There will be three topics to focus on within Block 1:

1. Designing around you
2. Foundations to support you
3. Making tech work for you.

There will be four activities to participate in within Block 1:

1. 40 minutes of self-paced e-learning
2. A 1-hour online workshop
3. A 1-hour online group mentoring session
4. One-to-one mentoring.

Block 2: Future Planning

In Block 2 participants will be supported to look at forward planning, they will build, tweak and pivot their business model in a strengths-based, flexible manner. It introduces the concept of business influence in preparation for Block 3. The resources and tools within aim to serve the learner at each stage of their growth.

There will be three topics to focus on within Block 2:

1. Aligning a business model to your strengths
2. Flexible forward planning
3. Influencing clients, peers and your wider network.

There will be four activities to participate in within Block 2:

1. 40 minutes of self-paced e-learning
2. A 1-hour online workshop
3. A 1-hour online group mentoring session
4. One-to-one mentoring

Block 3: Visibility and Networking

Block 3 topics aim to help participants reimagine the way they network in line with their accessibility needs. It's based on the idea of forming genuine relationships and the reciprocal nature of value creation and sharing, while giving them tips and tools to gain access to important and influential networks. The resources and tools within aim to serve the learner at each stage of their growth.

There will be three topics to focus on within Block 3:

1. Networking as relationship building
2. Creating strategic tools for value sharing
3. Accessing influential networks.

There will be four activities to participate in within Block 3:

1. 40 minutes of self-paced e-learning
2. A 1-hour online workshop
3. A 1-hour online group mentoring session
4. One-to-one mentoring.

April 2026 – January 2027 Program Information

The Access to Enterprise mentoring program will commence from April 2026.

The mentoring program will release each learning block separately:

- Block 1 April or May 2026
- Block 2 July 2026
- Block 3 October 2026.

There will be three e-learning activities in the program, and each participant will be able to access the learning through an online platform called Articulate. Each e-learning module will include 40-minutes of activities that you can do at your own pace. The activities can be completed across a two-month period with the support of their mentor and the online educators.

During each block the participants will attend a 1-hour online workshop with an educator, these will be structured sessions where the participant will be provided with knowledge and education to support the growth of their business.

During each block the participants will attend a 1-hour structured online group mentoring session with a facilitator and the other mentees. The group mentoring session will provide an opportunity to discuss their businesses with each other; problem solve together and complete activities.

In early 2027 mentees will have the opportunity to attend an online networking event to meet other entrepreneurs and women in business, to expand on their learning from the mentoring program and widen their networks.