



## PERSONAL

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## EDUCATION

Bachelor of Economics/ Arts,  
University of New South Wales (2018)  
Member, Australian Evaluation Society



Alexandra supports evaluations and reviews in areas of complex social policy, most commonly in the mental health and disability sectors. She is passionate about building social inclusion through initiatives that support or build the capacity of people with lived experience, their families and carers. She is particularly skilled at stakeholder management, engagement and consultation, and seeks to involve people with lived experience throughout her projects to ensure their views are captured effectively and the findings interpreted accurately.



*I hope to see a greater commitment to bringing a diverse range of voices into evaluation. By involving people at key points, we can ensure processes are accessible and inclusive, and that we unearth insights in interpreting data that we wouldn't have otherwise.*

## ALEXANDRA LORIGAN CONSULTANT



### PARTICIPATORY APPROACHES TO EVALUATION

- » **Younger Onset Dementia Advisor Program and Hub** (Dementia Australia, 2018–19): Alexandra engaged people with younger onset dementia to design data collection, and interpret the findings based on their lived experience to inform ongoing development of these NDIS Information, Linkages and Capacity Building projects.
- » **Talkin' Together (TnT)** (Department of Fair Trading, 2018): Alexandra worked with consumer researchers to design interview guides and workshop materials for people with disability and interpret findings.

### STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION

- » **Ability Links NSW school-based inclusion programs** (Social Futures, 2019): Alexandra liaised with community providers throughout the evaluation to gather data, feedback and organise school site visits. She also conducted interviews with teachers and principals and focus groups with students to inform case studies and evaluation reporting.
- » **Sector Development Fund (Department of Social Services)** (Department of Social Services, 2018): Alexandra coordinated and provided support for two workshops, and arranged interviews with members of leading disability organisations, DSS staff and Commonwealth government agency representatives. She also summarised stakeholder input to be presented to DSS and sector stakeholders.

### SUPPORTING AND REVIEWING CAPACITY BUILDING

- » **Group Development Program** (Dementia Australia, 2019): Alexandra scanned the literature on support groups for people with dementia and other chronic illnesses and conducted interviews with group facilitators to make recommendations for the future of the leadership training program.
- » **Workplace Online and Toolbox Talks Training** (beyondblue, 2018–19): Alexandra conducted exploratory interviews, programmed a user survey and coordinated user testing of the website to make recommendations for a user-friendly and comprehensive suite of workplace mental health resources.
- » **Ability Links community development toolkit** (Ability Links NSW, 2018): Alexandra produced a range of case studies to highlight successful inclusion projects in a range of communities and organisations.
- » **Peer support toolkit** (Amaze, 2018): Alexandra supported toolkit drafting and produced case studies featuring peer support programs catering to autistic people, their families and carers.