# Transcript - NDIS Staff Profile: Maryanne Diamond

I’m Maryanne Diamond and I'm the General Manager – Media, Communications and Engagement.

I do a lot of going out and talking to people with disabilities, organisations of people with disabilities, carers, families, the community, so a lot of the stakeholder engagement, and I even do some media.

I wanted to come and work here at NDIA because I wanted to be part of this amazing social policy change that created a life for people with disabilities in Australia to have choice and control over their own decision-making and lives.

The NDIS means to me that for the first time in my life, and those of my brothers and sisters who are people with disabilities, the shift of someone telling us what we need, what is best for us, what we should do and shouldn't do is changing.

And that will shift us to being the people who best know what we need and how we need to do things and will change the way others see us as people with disabilities.

The weirdest thing on my desk would probably be to many people my Braille typing machine.

So it's a small machine that allows me to create documents and store them and retrieve them using Braille and I can connect to my computer if I want to transfer files from one to the other.

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