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Jessie believes in having a career where she can make a difference to people's lives.

'When I applied for the Graduate Program it was my personal goal to support people in a meaningful way. The NDIS is doing just that.'

Working as a graduate has given me excellent exposure to learn new things across a range of NDIA business areas’, said Jessie.

In the NDIA Graduate Program, graduates attend 10-day learning sprints. These sprints consist of various seminars, forums and discussion groups focused on diverse topics.

One of the sprints was about 'agents of change', highlighting different models of change at both organisational and individual levels.

'At the agents of change sprint, I presented on the topic of neurodiversity and inclusion through change,' she said.

Jessie is a person with autism and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). She shared a combination of theory and lived experience about what neurodiversity means.

Jessie is also a big advocate of accessibility. Her current focus at work is accessibility testing in PACE, an important system used in the Agency.

'I test new features during the build phase before they go live,' she said.

'As a dark mode and screen reader user myself, I can help ensure our platforms are accessible to all users.'

The Graduate Program is helping me choose a career path and find new passions,' Jessie said.

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