

Disability in general is a very sensitive and often unheard of discussion in many Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander communities across Australia. Autism in particular is often unrecognised and misunderstood. Working with communities to start these tricky and sensitive conversations requires careful consideration and extensive planning. Working in partnership and learning from and with key Aboriginal organisations as champions and mentors is a critical component to success. Positive Partnerships and the First People Disability Network share their partnership story during this session. Using the Aboriginal 8 ways of learning to create cultural competent content, materials and approaches will be the basis for this shared discussion.