

How working in Scope Young Ambassadors has change my Life



By Lyn Rowe



Who am I

- My name is Lyn Rowe and I was born with Phocomelia – (missing of all limbs). My disability has not stopped me from becoming a valuable member of society.
- I am 48 years old and have been employed by Scope as a “Community Educator. Currently I work within the Scope Young Ambassador program.
- I have been employed in this role since 2000.

My role with Scope Young Ambassadors

- **My role is to educate students about People with Disabilities.**
- **I visit both Primary and Secondary schools to talk to students about my life and what it is like, living with a disability.**
- **I really enjoy my role educating students about disability.**
- **I also enjoy being part of a team with an equal voice.**

What does my role mean to me

- This job has given me real purpose.
- I have more self confidence.
- Pride in knowing that I am making a real difference to students. By educating them in awareness, understanding and acceptance of people with disabilities.
- I am accepted as a person with a disability not a disabled person.

Challenges with the Role

- How do I get to and from schools.
- Relying on my parents for transport and if they are not available then:
- Utilising Taxi's for transport
 - - will the taxi get me there on time
 - - will the taxi return to pick me up on time and
 - - if not relying on support whilst waiting for taxi's to arrive
- Planning for the future as my parents are getting older.

Plans for the Future

- Is to continue to be employed by Scope Young Ambassadors
- To be able to educate as many Primary School students as possible. (As they are more open to acceptance of difference)
- To be able to rely less on my parents for transport and manage my own transport without concerns of reliability
- To continue to earn a fair and just wage