

Expression of Interest – Partnership payments for Redefining Mentoring Project

Redefining Mentoring in Unique Communication Scenarios - Funding Round 1

Offered by AGOSCI

Applications close: 1st December 2025

Partnership payment amount: Up to \$3,000

Project completion: 31st March 2026

About the Opportunity

AGOSCI are supporting individuals, community groups or small teams to **create resources that reflect what mentoring looks like in unique communication scenarios**. They are offering Partnership payments of up to \$3,000.

This is part of Phase Two of our Redefining Mentoring project. This project received funding from the Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing.

The goal of the project is to build a **co-designed Mentoring Toolkit** that supports inclusive mentoring practices — what we're calling **Mentoring 2.0**. We don't know what the toolkit will look like yet, so we need your input!

What is Mentoring 2.0?

"Mentoring is a flexible and inclusive relationship where both mentor and mentee learn and grow. It can happen in all kinds of ways, and both mentor and mentee may not even be aware that it's happening at times. Communication is adapted to fit the person, not the other way around."

Goals of the Partnership Payments:

Your project should bring this definition to life and reflect real-world communication and connection. We are looking for projects that share perspectives or experiences or that build or enhance community within the context of people with communication disability (PWCD). Your project could be a resource or can be developed into a resource, guideline or perspective that will be trialled as part of the mentoring toolkit.

What We're Looking For

Projects might include:

- Short videos or podcasts, creative storytelling or artwork
- Porch, kitchen table or town hall meetings
- Visual tools, resources, guidelines or templates
- Community-led examples of **mentoring 2.0** in action where individuals document their perspective on how exposure to inclusive practices is enabling them to live their best life.
- Examples of groups sharing good practice and driving initiatives e.g a chat group that uses this opportunity to educate others. Your project could document the format, requirements, suggested do's and don'ts, and feedback from participants.

We welcome applications from creative individuals, small teams, organisations, people with lived experience of AAC and communication disability.

What to Include in Your Application:

1. **Your name and contact details**
2. **Who's involved** – how will people with communication disability be involved (directly or indirectly)
3. **Why it matters** – describe the impact of the project on people with communication disability in the context of mentoring 2.0 how does it relate to mentoring in unique communication scenarios?
4. **Project summary** – what do you want to create?
5. **Funding request** – how much are you requesting (up to \$3,000)?
6. **How funds will be used** – a simple breakdown or list
7. **Final product** – what will you deliver and in what format?
8. **Timeline** – how you'll finish by 31st March

How Your Application Will Be Assessed:

Your application cannot include a product or service that is already publicly available. AGOSCI and Two Way Street will use a simple scoring system based on how your project addresses four key areas:

Assessment Area	What We're Looking For
1. Inclusion & Co-Design	Are people with communication disability meaningfully involved? Is it inclusive and accessible to people with communication disability?
2. Relevance & Impact	Does the project clearly relate to mentoring and communication access? Will it have a positive impact?
3. Feasibility & Value	Can the project be completed in 3 months? Is the budget reasonable?
4. Final Product Clarity	Is it clear what will be delivered? Will it be useful and shareable?

Each area is scored out of 5, with a total score out of **20**.

Projects scoring **16–20** are strong candidates. Those scoring **12–15** may be considered if funding allows.

If you are not successful in this round there will be future rounds that you can apply for. Feedback from round 1 can assist in applications for future rounds.

Terms and Conditions

- Projects must be completed by 31st March 2026.
- Final products should be accessible.
- Projects must align with the *Redefining Mentoring* partnership payment goals.
- Final products will acknowledge the creator but if included in the final toolkit may be modified and will be branded as a project resource.
- Funds must be used for the agreed purpose and any unused funds must be refunded.
- Unless otherwise negotiated, payment terms will be 50% up front and 50% on completion.

Full terms will be shared and signed off by successful applicants.

If you are applying on behalf of a person with a communication disability you will need to demonstrate how you gained **informed consent**.

Informed consent requires: **accessible, respectful, and supported communication strategies** to ensure the person can understand:

- the partnership payment,
- the proposal and
- their role
- and consider their decision
- and communicate their choice freely



Key Dates

Applications close

Applicants notified Mid - December 2025

Projects completed 31st March 2026

Ways you can apply:

Complete the online application here: [Apply now](#)

OR

You're welcome to apply in other formats too — such as a short video or audio file.

Please send your Expression of Interest to:

Email: **mentoring@twowaystreet.com.au**

By **1st December**

Questions?

We're here to support you!

Email **mentoring@twowaystreet.com.au** with any questions.

Let's keep redefining mentoring — and make space for everyone to connect, learn, and grow in their own way.

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Applicant name:		Organisation:	
Preferred contact method (e.g. phone, email, support person):		Email: Phone number: Details:	
Location (State)			

Project Team & Inclusion

Who is involved in the project?

(Include names/roles of any collaborators or team members.)

How will people with communication disability be involved?

(E.g. co-design, storytelling, testing resources, lived experience, etc.)

If applying on behalf of a person with communication disability:

Describe how you gained informed consent.

What supported communication methods were used?

AGOSCI Partnership payment Application Template***Redefining Mentoring in Unique Communication Scenarios*****Why This Matters****What issue or gap are you addressing?****How does this relate to mentoring in unique communication scenarios?**(Think: How does it align with the definition of *Mentoring 2.0*?)**Project Summary****What is your idea? What do you want to create?**

(Brief description in 3–5 sentences or dot-points.)

Final Product**What will you deliver?**

(E.g. video, podcast, story, template, visual tool, artwork, etc.)

Format:

(e.g. MP4, PDF, printed zine, audio file, accessible website page)

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Budget & Funding Request

Total amount requested: \$_____ (Up to \$3,000 AUD)

Item	Description	Cost
Materials	Art supplies, printing	\$
Professional Fees	Facilitators, artists, accessibility consultants	\$
Technology	Recording, editing, accessibility software	\$
Accessibility Support	AAC interpreters, communication partners, Easy Read formatting	\$
Other	Travel, admin, etc.	\$
Total		\$_____

Timeline

Projects must be completed by 31st March 2026.

Month	Planned Activities
Month 1	(e.g. Project planning, co-design workshops)
Month 2	(e.g. Resource creation, filming, drafting)
Month 3	(e.g. Final edits, testing, submitting product)

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Submission Checklist

- ☐ Expression of Interest is 1–2 pages (or accessible format like video/audio)
- ☐ All required sections are completed
- ☐ Project is original and not already publicly available
- ☐ People with communication disability are meaningfully involved
- ☐ Budget is clear and under \$3,000
- ☐ Final product is deliverable by 31st March 2026
- ☐ Informed consent (if applicable) is explained

Submit Your Application

Email to: mentoring@twowaystreet.com.au

Deadline: **1st December 2025**

You may also submit via video or audio — just let us know by email what format you're using!

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