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Education and the Arts Award

This award recognises an individual or organisation that has developed, implemented and promoted innovative and inclusive programs in the education or arts fields to assist people with a disability.

Family Planning Queensland

Family Planning Queensland works with young people with a disability in schools and other environments to provide sexuality education.

The organisation recognises that people with a disability have a right to information about their sexuality and sexual and reproductive health — and should be treated with respect and dignity.

In 2007, Family Planning Queensland produced a DVD resource to support its education programs. This resource — and its education programs — support the rights of people with a disability to have access to information that enables them to make informed decisions about their health and wellbeing.

Most importantly, the work of Family Planning Queensland is based on the philosophy that people with a disability have the same rights as everyone else — and should be treated accordingly.

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