

Gina's story



"Hear and Say have made a profound difference to my life. My world has been opened up and I know I can achieve anything I put my mind to."

Gina Preston graduated from TAFE in 2016 and now works as a multidisciplinary designer in an international engineering project management firm.



Her hearing loss was diagnosed when she was 13 months old; today Gina has two cochlear implants.

While those early years were vital to her success, she says it's continued on from there.

"As I grew older I attended Hear and Say programs that helped me with my communication skills, team building, resilience and many other social skills that have helped me get to where I am today."

"I don't feel my hearing impairment holds me back at all. Sure, there are challenges but everyone has those. I don't think I'm any different to anyone else, I want to embrace life like the next person and live it to my full potential."

Gina has the gift of sound thanks to early intervention, auditory-verbal therapy and technology. Last year Gina's workplace participated in Loud Shirt Day so that more children with hearing loss can be given the opportunity to reach their full potential by being able to hear, listen and speak.

The office got loud, dressing up in the best and brightest, raising an incredible total of \$3,226!

If you're in Queensland and want more information on how to host Loud Shirt Day at your work or fundraise with a group of friends please call Hear and Say on (07) 3850 2111 or visit www.hearandsay.com.au

