



Hi, my name is Willow. I am 19 years old (20 in May). I have 2 older brothers, a 'wonder dog' called Flash and a cranky cat called Moriarty. I have a huge passion for theatre and go to see a Musical, Ballet performance or a play at least once a month. My passion is front of stage but extends to backstage work where I am most happy assisting crew on productions whether that is as an assistance stage manager or up in the sound and lighting booth. My other keen interests are constructing Lego, learning new arts and crafts, playing Minecraft on a Monday night with my friends and relaxing watching trashy TV.

Everyone around me tells me that I am fun to be with as I have a positive outlook on life. I have a chromosome duplication (C22q.21) which some would say is a mild disability. I prefer to think of it as my superpower. Having C22 means that I see the world slightly differently to everyone else, I am super social (I get energy from being around people), and I see the fun in everything. It does mean that I can talk very fast (as my brain is on jet speed) but if you remind me to slow down or repeat something slower I will do so immediately (I'm quite used to people reminding me!). I have no mobility issues and my C22 also gives me boundless energy, so I am happy to work long days (as long as you feed me as I am like a Gremlin without food!).

I was lucky enough to be part of Season 2 and Season 3 of 'The Assembly' a show about neurodiverse adults learning to be journalists. My mentor was the wonderful Leigh Sales (presenter of the ABC 7.30 report and Australian Story), and I got to interview amazing celebrities like Richard Roxburgh, Guy Sebastian, Julia Morris, Ray Martin and Wil Anderson amongst many. The show can be found on ABC iView and there is the possibility of more opportunities from the show (TBC).

During school I was a keen participant of performing arts and have done some acting in my film class school (Bus Stop). This is something I really love. I am at present participating in acting classes here in Brisbane to further my experience.