



Emma King OAM Appointed as CEO of HumanAbility, Bringing Extensive Expertise to Drive Workforce and Education Initiatives

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HumanAbility is delighted to announce the appointment of Emma King OAM as its inaugural Chief Executive Officer. Emma's appointment signifies a pivotal moment for HumanAbility as it establishes itself as a newly created Jobs and Skills Council focussed on workforce, education and skills for the health, human services, early childhood and sport and recreation industries.

Emma brings a wealth of experience to her role as CEO of HumanAbility.

Emma has served as the CEO of the Victorian Council of Social Service (VCOSS) since 2013, where she has been instrumental in advocating for social justice and equity. Prior to this she held the role as the CEO of Early Learning Association Australia (formerly Kindergarten Parents Victoria), representing parents and providers of early learning services. She commenced her career as a teacher and has also worked as an education advisor to the Victorian state government and in industrial relations and training roles.

Emma currently serves as an Advisory Board member on the Victorian Skills Authority, a Board member on the Portable Long Service Authority and is the Chair of Farnham Street Neighbourhood Learning Centre.

She has previously served on the Board of Mental Health Victoria and as the Chair of VCOSS-RMIT Future Social Service Institute, an Institute established to address workforce and education needs in the social service sector.

Recognising Emma's exceptional contributions, she was recently honored with an Order of Australia for her outstanding service to the community. Her appointment as CEO of HumanAbility further underscores her commitment to creating positive social change and advancing workforce development.

"I am honoured and excited to join HumanAbility as its inaugural CEO," said Ms King. "My experiences in championing social justice, combined with my expertise in workforce and education issues, perfectly align with the mission of HumanAbility. I am dedicated to working alongside the team and stakeholders to drive meaningful impact."

With Emma King's visionary leadership and expertise, HumanAbility is well-positioned to drive impactful change in the workforce and education landscape, benefiting not only the health and human services, early childhood education and sport and recreation industries, but also the individuals and communities they serve.

About HumanAbility: HumanAbility is a newly established national entity dedicated to advancing workforce development, education and skills development in health and human services, early childhood education and sport and recreation. It is one of ten newly established Jobs and Skills Councils. Emma will commence her role at HumanAbility in mid-September.

For more information about HumanAbility and its initiatives, please visit <https://humanability.com.au>.

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