

THE KATHY WALSH MEMORIAL SPONSORSHIP



Kathy, to those who knew her well, was as passionate about the quality of access to communication for the Deaf Community as anyone I know. She was committed to her craft which spanned two countries and two very unique communities. She believed in excellence in interpreting because the Deaf community deserved excellence and to this end Professional Development (PD) for newly accredited interpreters became her 'passion'.

As a friend and colleague of Kathy's for over 20 years I too share her passion to nurture newly accredited interpreters and the requirement for continual PD stirred a determination in me to ensure that the hours she selflessly mentored, supported and encouraged fledgling interpreters would not be lost now she is no longer with us.

The Kathy Walsh Memorial Sponsorship (KWMS) is open to all NAATI Certified Provisional Interpreters (Auslan and English) or Accredited Paraprofessional (Auslan/English) interpreters in Australia, and to interpreters in New Zealand who hold a Diploma in Sign Language Interpreting or Bachelor of Arts NZSL-English Interpreting, who attend as much PD as they are able to and improve their skill level in order to serve their communities.

This year I will fund The Kathy Walsh Memorial Sponsorship to provide \$500 towards an ASLIA National Conference 2018 registration.

All interpreters who meet the selection criteria are encouraged to apply by completing the Application form and sending it to treasurer@aslia.com.au and in the subject line write "KWMS Application".

Applications will open on 9th April and close on 16th May 2018.

Kindest regards in interpreting

Eve Hedley
Professional Interpreter