



i.am

your Western Sydney team

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Hello, i.am Kalei

I'm one of the Youth Suicide Prevention Peer Workers with the i.am program. I've been part of i.am since the very beginning, I joined as a co-producer back in 2021, before stepping into paid peer work. I'm also the Mental Health Ambassador with the organisation.

I've got an unwavering passion for young people's wellbeing. Everything I do comes back to person-centred, recovery-oriented care, grounded in human rights, compassion and empathy. I've been through my own tough stuff, and I use that lived experience to genuinely connect with children and young people; walking alongside them, not ahead of them, as they find their own way toward recovery and resilience.

Outside of work, you'll find me reading, volunteering at PCYC, hanging out with animals, or losing hours to video games and little crafts (maybe some doomscrolling).

But honestly, what drives me most is just the joy of helping people, whether that be donating blood/plasma, volunteering, or being there for a young person who needs it.



"Recovery is not one and done. It is a lifelong journey that takes place one day, one step at a time."



*"The rainbows
of life follow the
storm"*

Hello, i.am Maddie

I am a Youth Suicide Prevention Worker and have been since the commencement of the Program in 2021, I started my journey in Community Services way back in my early life and have a vast experience working with a range of different people and am very passionate about helping people.

One of my highlights of life was catching a ball at the Coldplay concert, just don't tell the house I bought or my kids! I love all kinds of music, listening, singing and dancing along! I love sharing my craziness and laid-back energy during support and sharing how I have learnt to live with my own experiences and the things I have learnt along the way with the people I work with.

I am also incredibly passionate about supporting the families and loved ones of the people I support. One of my strongest beliefs all people deserve the best support, and that they continue to feel supported by their families long after being part of the program.

I love cooking, playing sports, being creative, and teaching people to fall in love with the little things in life.



"Life is not just about having a purpose, being kind, being there and being you matters."

Hello, i.am Stacey

I am a Youth Suicide Prevention Peer Worker with the i.am program. I've worked alongside children and young people throughout my career, and my support has always come from a lived-experience perspective and a social justice mindset. I have a background in medicine, social work, and mental health.

I've been in a position where I lost my reasons to live and the most important people to me. Through that experience, I learned that I can keep going by continuously discovering more about myself, while finding people around me who see and accept me for who I truly am. My support for others will always focus on exploring alongside them and creating a safe space, so that they can discover who they are and live the life they want, rather than the life someone else wants for them.

I like doing a lot of different things, with my hobbies mostly involving mountains, crime series, anime, manga, and novels. I also love experimenting with different colours and textures in my art. I often rescue and adopt animals, my childhood home was practically a zoo!

At the end of the day, I love spending time with people to see them flourish into their truest selves and feel free to express who they are!

Hello, i.am Kirrily

I am the Clinical Lead for the i.am program in Western Sydney. I am trained as an Occupational Therapist and have been working in mental health settings for my entire career, with both adults and young people.

I love hearing people's stories and understanding where people have come from in their lives. Everyone is so individual. There is something special about being trusted with those stories and I don't take that lightly.

I love animals and I have 2 cats at home called Merry and Pippin (after the Hobbits from the Lord of the Rings!). I really enjoy a good coffee, particularly if I'm enjoying it by a beach. I find exercise amazing for my mental health and I try to get to the gym regularly for a workout.

I feel honoured to work with the young people that access our program and I aim to bring hope in every interaction.



*"Darkness
cannot drive
out darkness,
only light can
do that"*



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