Goals

- To raise awareness and ultimately secure employment for Edge's clients through building relationships and marketing – brand strengthening initiatives.

Background

- EDGE Employment Solutions is a disability employment services provider. Since 1984, they have secured 5625 jobs in open employment for 2295 people.
- Vision

  "EDGE EMPLOYMENT SOLUTIONS enables people with disability to establish careers in open employment that are of mutual benefit to the employee, employer and the community."

Achievements

To raise awareness and secure employment for Edge's clients, a Cross Campus Collaboration Session was held in Curtin University

- The inaugural meeting was a forum where university equity representatives can openly share the challenges and successes of employing people with disabilities.
- Involvement by the National Disability Coordination Officer (NDCO) has meant that the forum will be further pursued as an ongoing opportunity for both of Edge and Curtin.
- Edge Employment Solutions has been acknowledged as an accessible resource for disability employment services.
- The success of the event is to be published in the Canning Times.

The team took the project further by connecting Edge with the Curtin University Media Department

- A short film clip is being created by a Curtin University Masters student that will be used as a marketing tool by Edge Employment solutions.

Learning

Managing Stakeholder Expectations – We learnt to align stakeholder expectations with what was achievable within the timeframe.

Explicitly clarify the scope of work – We learnt the importance of defining goals early on, so we could manage our time more effectively.

Time management is vital – We learnt to always be conscious of the major deadlines and to prioritize tasks accordingly.

Be adaptable – We learnt that being open to new roles allowed us to finish our project on time.

Communication is key – We learnt that updating everyone with project progress and meeting minutes was essential to ensure group cohesion.

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Adil Khimasia
Bachelor of Chemical Engineering & Accounting

"I learnt about a community issue which I had never imagined to be so large. It was incredible to work in a team with like-minded and hardworking individuals. When such a team is completely determined to make a difference, the possibilities are limitless. This JCLA project has been challenging but it was most definitely a fantastic journey, which opened my eyes to issues that are on our own doorstep."

Bhavin Thakrar
Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering & Accounting

"The JCLA journey has been an enlightening experience through which I have met an amazing and motivated group of individuals. With hard work and perseverance anything is possible. A successful team is made up of not just communication but also understanding each person's strengths and weaknesses. I learnt challenges faced/encountered by people with disabilities and has broadened my appreciation for the work NFP's do."

Chien Wern Foo
Bachelor of Chemical Engineering (Oil & Gas)

"I have thoroughly enjoyed working in a group with such diverse disciplines, as everyone brought different skills to the table. I loved seeing us grow together as a team through all the challenges we faced along the way."

Dino Agrela
Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting)

"Working with responsible, creative, and passionate people, I realise that there are bigger problems in life, and that working in a team, you CAN address these issues. I can truly manage my time more effectively, consider the opinions of others more consciously, work with high ranking corporate officers, and... build a raft from plastic containers and a bit of rope. Thank you JCLA, you have produced and carved the leaders of the future and may you continue to do so!"

Terri Belnick
Bachelor of Occupational Therapy

"Through my experience with JCLA I have learnt that you have to take every opportunity that is presented to you by putting your reservations aside and doing something that is beyond your comfort zone, you enable growth and development."

Will Wong
Master of Logistics

"JCLA has been another evolving experience in my life. I went into the camp with high expectation of the program and now I’ve come out with high expectation of myself!"