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Melbourne organisation honoured for tireless disability work

Melbourne organisation Hear For You has received a National Disability Award for its outstanding work to improve the lives of people with disability.

Assistant Minister for Social Services, Senator Mitch Fifield presented Hear For You with the Excellence in Improving Personal and Community Support Award at a Parliament House ceremony.

“This year’s field was exemplary, with many committed recipients whose work has helped improve the lives of Australians with disability and their families,” Senator Fifield said.

“Over the past six years, Hear For You has made a tremendous difference in the lives of more than 550 deaf and hearing-impaired children and young people, through its mentoring and support program.

“Deaf and hearing-impaired mentors help to boost the confidence and leadership skills of participants, helping them cope with some of the challenges of adolescence.

“Hear For You is providing invaluable support, helping young people feel more empowered in making decisions that affect them at a critical time in their lives.

“I commend Hear For You for its ongoing dedication, which is achieving real and long-lasting change for young people who are deaf or hearing-impaired, and congratulate the organisation for this well-deserved award.”

Minister Fifield said the awards had been impressive in 2013, with more than 200 nominations received across the nine categories.

“This year we have seen individuals and businesses who exemplify the benefits to all of helping people with disability take part in all aspects of social, economic and community life.”

The National Disability Awards form an important part of the Australian Government’s celebration of the United Nations’ International Day of People with Disability on 3 December.

Media resources, including high-resolution images, will be available from 10pm at: <http://www.idpwd.com.au/media-resources-for-national-disability-award-winners>.