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Biography

Natasha Layton is an occupational therapist practicing, researching and teaching in the areas of assistive technology (AT), disability, and outcomes. Her PhD study concerned the costs and outcomes of assistive technology solutions. Specializing in mixed methods and inclusive research approaches, she is particularly interested in the nexus between research, policy and practice. Over the last decade she has worked on research grants worth almost \$400,000, and published 30 peer reviewed publications including six book chapters, several written with consumers.

Awards include:

- Sylvia Docker Lectureship & Award for Professional Excellence (Occupational Therapy Australia) 2013
- Alfred Deakin Scholarship 2011 /2012 & Australian Postgraduate Award 2013/2014
- Yungaburra Foundation Award for Leadership in Disability 2011
- ARATA Industry Award (Australian Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology Association) 2008
- OT Australia National Award 2006

Natasha works locally in collaboratives with consumers, at state and national level in Australia with disabled persons' associations and peak AT bodies, internationally with the ISO product standards for AT, and globally with the World Health Organisation (WHO) Global Co-Operation on AT Initiative. She is clinical advisor to Motivation Australia, Polio Australia, and is a member of the International Society of Wheelchair Professionals.