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Sharon Rose is the Manager of the Participation Policy Branch, which sits in the Social Inclusion and Participation Group within the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

Her responsibilities include the development and analysis of policy to ensure disadvantaged groups are given the capacity and opportunity to participate in education and employment to the extent they are able to do so. These disadvantaged groups include:- people with disability and/or mental illness; the mature aged; the culturally and linguistically diverse; ex-offenders; the homeless; sole parents; young people; jobless families; and, the long term unemployed.

A recent key focus has been the development of a National Mental Health and Disability Employment Strategy and research into mental health and employment.

Sharon has worked in the public service in Australia for the past 23 years, with positions in the New South Wales and Victorian Governments and the Australian Government.

Sharon has a Master of Arts (Honours) in Sociology and a Master of Philosophy in Town and Regional Planning, both from Glasgow University, in Scotland.