CATE RAE
Widgit Software

Innovator Award 2019

Under Cate Rae's leadership, her organisation now has a range of easy to use software and resources which enables teachers, parents and professionals to create their own personalised symbol materials, helping a wide range of people to access the written word including children and adults with learning impairment or a communication challenge such as Autism, Downs Syndrome, Dyslexia or Dementia. The winner has also supported pro bono work outside of the UK including a school in Namibia where she enabled learners with Autistic Spectrum Disorder to communicate better by supplying free access to her software.

This finalist is totally inspirational. Authentic, brave and on a mission to get symbols out there to all of us! The organisation she leads and the software she designs, ultimately helps a range of people with communication. Despite having gone through a number of challenges herself, she has ensured the business has grown and developed. A real advocate for Tech for Good.