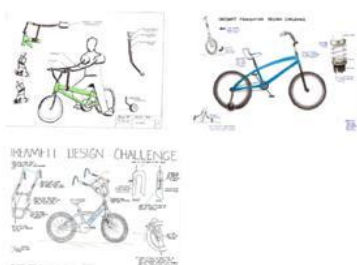


Dreamcatcher 2009 Challenge Overview

Riding your bicycle around the neighbourhood with your mates is a happy part of our childhood that we all remember, but for inspirational 9-year-old Perth boy Josiah, this has been just a dream — until now.



Josiah was born with no arms, so riding a conventional bicycle was impossible. Late in 2008, Josiah's mum Marika contacted Dreamfit Foundation to see if we could help.



Dreamfit Foundation teamed with our major project partner UWA and project sponsors to fulfil Josiah's dream. 212 young engineers participated in a week-long design challenge to develop some innovative bicycle designs.

ECU Occupational Therapy students have also been involved in the challenge by conducting an assessment of Josiah's physical needs.



Six teams of UWA engineering students competed in Josiah's Bicycle Engineering Challenge to turn their design concepts into custom bicycles. The students were mentored by industry professionals, and supporting sponsors, Cliffs Natural Resources, Laing O'Rourke and Westnet Infrastructure Group.



The challenge culminated with a presentation ceremony and awards announcements for the competing teams at the Westcare International Day of Disability Breakfast on 3 December 2009. Josiah selected his favourite bicycle, with the other five bicycles presented to Ride Aid for delivery to children in Cambodia with disabilities similar to Josiah.



Dream Submission Frequently Asked Questions

What does Dreamfit Foundation do?

Dreamfit Foundation's vision is "Designing Dreams for People with Disabilities through innovative Engineering Solutions." This is achieved by collaborating with industry, academia, government and community with the common goal of fulfilling dreams and overcoming the challenges and frustrations of people with disabilities

What types of Dreams will be considered?

Dreamfit Foundation's Dreamcatcher competition is an engineering competition; therefore the Dream must be able to be fulfilled with an **engineering solution**. The Dream can include a custom designed invention for something that doesn't yet exist or the modification of an existing piece of equipment which isn't suitable in its standard form as a result of the disability.

The dream can be related to a range of areas including (but not limited to):

- Recreation and leisure,
- Daily living,
- Rehabilitation or fitness
- Employment,
- Mobility and transport,

How many Dreams do you fulfil?

Every year Dreamfit Foundation receives hundreds of fantastic enquiries from worthy recipients however, as a small not-for-profit, we are limited by our resources. As part of the 2010 Dreamcatcher competition, we are searching for three Dreams to fulfil. Dreamfit does offer other Dream project opportunities through various student research programs with suitable nominations kept on file for future reference.

What types of disabilities do Dreamfit's Dream recipients have?

At Dreamfit we are open to helping people with any type of disability, including the main categories of disability being physical, sensory, physiological and intellectual.

How is a person eligible for a Dream?

To qualify for a Dream, the recipient must have a permanent disability and be nominated by a WA based not-for-profit organisation. There are no age restrictions on the Dream recipient.

How many people can an organisation nominate?

All WA based not-for-profit organisations are invited to nominate up to a maximum of two client projects for the 2010 Dreamfit Foundation Dreamcatcher Competition judging process.

Are there any Dreams you don't fulfil?

Dreamfit Foundation's Dreamcatcher competition will not accept entries that do not have an engineering base. For example Dreamfit Foundation will not fulfil a dream to go on a holiday, meet a famous person or to purchase an off-the-shelf piece of equipment that does not need modification.

How long does it take to fulfil a Dream?

The Dreamcatcher competition operates across the 2010 Calendar year. The engineering process involves research, design, prototyping, testing and manufacturing and a number of teams including Occupational Therapists are involved in the process. For this round of nominations we are seeking projects that can be completed in time for handover at the special annual celebration event on Friday 3rd December 2010.

Why was the 3rd of December selected?

The 3rd of December is the International Day of People with a Disability. The team at Dreamfit believe this makes it a special day to celebrate the abilities and achievements of people with disability. The 3rd of December is also the date Dreamfit was officially registered so that makes it our birthday which makes it twice as special!

I've agreed to publicity of my Dream. What happens now?

Publicity of Dreams is essential in spreading the message of what we do, encouraging more Dream applications and securing support and sponsorship so we can help more people. Publicity includes stories and photos appearing in our marketing materials including newsletters, websites, in a magazine or newspaper, or in the promotional materials of our corporate partners. It might also mean appearing on television – an experience in itself!

Dream Submission Terms and Conditions

1. Nominations open on 12 January 2010 and must be received by no later than 3pm on Friday 5 February 2010. All nomination must be delivered to Dreamfit at one of the below contacts;
 - a. Email: Darren@dreamfit.com.au
 - b. Fax: (08) 6267 8099
 - c. Post: PO Box 4017 Wembley WA 6913
2. Successful Dreams will be announced on Thursday 18 February 2010 with all nominations notified of the final three projects by email (or post if no email contact supplied).
3. All entries and all copyright & other rights in such entries become the property of Dreamfit Foundation upon submission. By submitting an entry to the Dreamcatcher Competition (unless otherwise advised by the entrant), each entrant consents to assigning any copyright or intellectual property rights to Dreamfit Foundation
4. No part of any entry will be returned to an entrant.
5. Each entrant's personal information will be collected to enable Dreamfit Foundation to administer and promote this Competition and the winners. The personal information of winners may be provided to others assisting the Dreamfit Foundation with regards to the project, however no information will be provided to any other third party.
6. Information that the entrant submits with their entry (including their personal information) may be entered into a database and be used by Dreamfit Foundation or its affiliates in any media in accordance with the Dreamfit Foundation online privacy policy (located at www.dreamfit.com.au) without payment or other compensation to the entrant.
7. The Dreamfit Foundation reserves the right to announce or publish the winner's name and/or photograph and/or story including details of the entrants disability for promotion and publicity purposes.
8. To the extent permitted by law, the Dreamfit Foundation makes no representations or warranties as to the quality, suitability or merchantability of any of the equipment. To the extent permitted by law, the Dreamfit Foundation shall not be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever (including but not limited to indirect or consequential loss), or for any personal injury, that may be suffered or sustained as a result of participating in the Competition or using any prize.
9. If for any reason, this Competition is not capable of running as planned, including by reason of infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorised intervention, fraud, technical failures, lack of sponsorship or any other causes beyond the control of the Dreamfit Foundation that corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of this Competition, the Dreamfit Foundation reserves the right in its sole discretion to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the Competition or to disqualify any individual.
10. Further details on the project timelines, organisation and Dream participant involvement, Intellectual Property, media involvement and other project requirements will be provided to short listed project participants for discussion and agreement prior to announcement and finalisation of project winners.

What to Expect

Being part of the Dreamcatcher program is a unique and exciting experience. Throughout the year-long project, friendships are made and being part of the team spirit built around each project is a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Ultimately, the Dream recipient is the final judge – they get to choose the equipment to keep –at no cost!

The Dreamcatcher program involves a team of project managers, mentors and students across various areas of industry, academia, government and the community.

Organisations and individuals involved with the projects will be interacting throughout the project with representatives from engineering, project management, health, public relations, the media and community services, all playing a vital role in ensuring the fulfilment of the nominated Dreams.

A Dream recipient, their family, carers and supporting organisation will be involved with various exciting activities including;

- Dream clarification
- Occupational Therapy evaluations
- Engineering concept testing and feedback
- Trialling equipment
- Interviews for media and other stories
- Photo and video sessions for documentaries and TV!
- Events and Award ceremonies

As the project involves many stages and disciplines, each Dream participant does need to be willing to participate in all aspects of the project throughout the period of March – December 2010.