

Expression of Interest

Having a Say Conference 2018



Monday 5th, Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th February, 2018

Deakin University
Waterfront Campus, Geelong

This is a call for Expressions of Interest (EOI) from people with disability and disability groups who wish to **present** or **perform** at the **Having a Say Conference**



Community - Here I come!

What gives life meaning and purpose?

What does a good life look like?

At the Having a Say conference we are going to be talking about the importance of having:

- A healthy life
- A caring family
- A meaningful job

Keeping fit... getting paid... having responsibilities... becoming a parent...

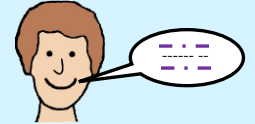
paying bills... playing sport... being happy...

having a real home and making friends!

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About the Having a Say Conference

The Having a Say conference helps people to find their voice, to speak up, to be heard and to be respected.



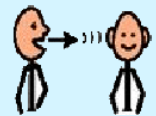
This is the conference where people listen to each other, not just to the speakers on stage. This is the conference where people respect each other's views and opinions, and celebrate their common cause.

The conference gets fantastic support from local disability services, the Local Reference Committee, City of Greater Geelong, Tourism Geelong & the Bellarine and local Geelong businesses.

People enjoy coming to the conference for a range of reasons. Some are keen advocates for people with disability and want to debate about issues, others find the whole environment empowering and some just want to have fun!



Many people come to the conference to have a say, such as on open microphone as a presenter or performer. We often get comments on the Evaluation Forms saying things like *"It was great I felt important because everyone listened to what I said"*.

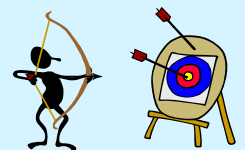


Having a Say has been around for long time, because there is nothing else like it in Australia! It is also a great way for people to get together to share experiences and to celebrate our achievements.

Aims of the Having a Say Conference

The Having a Say Conference aims to empower people with disability through:

- The opportunity to 'have a say' about issues that affect their lives
- Opportunities to celebrate ability and achievement
- Being part of the planning and running of the conference
- Opportunities to be heard by politicians, government and service providers
- The opportunity to meet people from around Victoria, Australia and overseas



Priority (who gets in first)

Priority will be given to presentations/performances/displays that:

- involve people with disabilities in the planning & writing of the presentation
- are presented at the conference by people with disability
- are about the conference theme (see above)
- talk about achievements and contribution of people with disability



YOUR DETAILS (applicant)



First name: Last Name:



Service Name: *(if you are coming with a service)*

Address:



..... Postcode:



Telephone: Fax: Mobile:

Email:



Things We Need to Know About Your Presentation



Tell your stories! Share your achievements!

What type of Presentation are you doing? (please tick ✓)

Performance



Presentation



Come & Try Activity
(go to page 5)

Workshop



Individual Stories



What is the **name** *(title)* of your presentation?



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Please tell us **what topic your presentation is about** and how it works with the conference theme **“Community – Here I Come!”**



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How have / will people with disability be involved in developing the presentation?



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Names of Presenters – if you know *(for the conference program)*

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Important: A registration form is still required for all presenters even if you are only at the conference to make your presentation.



How much **time** do you need for your presentation? *(please tick ✓)*

Please note: question time is included within your session

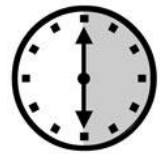
(e.g. 20 minutes presentation 5 – 10 minutes for questions)

Individual Stories 5 – 10 minutes

15 minutes

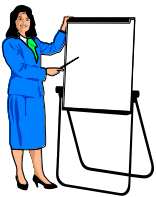
30 minutes (for most sessions)

1 hour



Equipment needed? **Extra to what is provided** (see below) e.g. White Board

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NOTE: All rooms will have a Data Projector, Computer and DVD player. Audio/visual technical assistance will be available if needed.

Please note: if you are bringing any electrical equipment with you it must be tested and tagged.

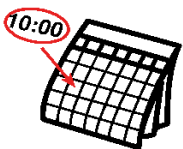
Room Set Up (please tick ✓)

Workshop (table & chairs)

Theatre Style (rows of chairs)



When do you want to do your presentation?



Do you have a **preferred day 5th, 6th or 7th** or time of day?

No, any day OR time

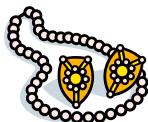
Yes (day/time)

Return your completed EOI form to VALID by
(see address and fax details on page 4)



The Program Selection Sub Committee will let everyone know if your EOI was accepted to be in the Program by **late September 2017**.

COME & TRY ACTIVITIES



VALID organises several regular 'Come & Try' activities and **needs people to facilitate these activities**. If you would like to volunteer to assist us with one of the following: karaoke, art, jewellery, badge making or hair & make-up activities please contact Brenda at the VALID office.

We are also looking for groups or people who would be willing to run a new 'Come & Try' activity at the *Having a Say Conference*. If you are interested in running an activity please fill out the details below.



VALID will contact you to discuss details regarding any resources or support that you may need to run the session/s. Please note that Come & Try Activities run for 1 hour.



Name: Organisation:

Phone: Fax:

Email:

Activity (e.g. art):



Preferred day/s (*please tick* ✓):

Monday	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.30pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	3.30pm		
Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/>	11am	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.30pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	3pm
Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/>	11am	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.30pm		

More Information

For more information about the conference, please contact the VALID Office.



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