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It's an honour and a delight to take on the role of CEO at VALID.

VALID has a proud history at the forefront of advocacy for people with intellectual disability and can point to many successes in over 30 years of pursuing our mission.

Yet there's still much to be done before we can say that all Victorians with an intellectual disability enjoy full and equal access to all aspects of life, free of discrimination and with real choice and control.

I think of it this way: people without a disability go through many common experiences during their lives. Most people receive an education, for example, and then join the workforce afterwards. Most people get involved in relationships, and some take on parenting responsibilities. Most people create a home for themselves, whether buying or renting, and then engage in various ways – sport, recreation or volunteering – with the community they live in.

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people with disabilities none can be taken for granted and many are extremely challenging or inaccessible. This has to change!

I want to acknowledge and pay my respects to the many dedicated and determined people who've made VALID what we are today. They are too many to list individually, but one of them must be mentioned: VALID's Founder and longstanding CEO Kevin Stone AM.

Kevin is a visionary leader and a personal inspiration to many at VALID and throughout the sector. I'm pleased to have his advice and support as VALID moves into the next stage of its development.

I'm delighted to report that VALID's 'Having a Say' conference is finally back on – from 20-21 February 2023. Please take a look at the announcement below and help to spread the good news!

And finally, we moved to our office at 34 Stanley St, Collingwood (just off Smith St) in December 2021. If you haven't visited yet, please drop in sometime to meet the team and say hello.

I hope to see you soon!

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Having a Say Conference 2023



We are excited to announce that the Having a Say Conference is coming back in 2023. We have set the date for Monday 20 February - Tuesday 21 February 2023 at Deakin University, Waterfront Campus, Geelong, and online. You can keep up to date with the conference on our [website](#). We look forward to seeing you all there!

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We will be running our Annual General Meeting this year on Friday 18 November. We are yet to select a venue but we will keep you informed. Please call us on 9416 4003 if you have any questions.

VALID membership

Are you a VALID member? Do you know if you become a member of VALID you can:

- 👉 Vote within the VALID Inc. Association
- 👉 Take part in working parties and sub-committees
- 👉 Receive a free Having a Say conference DVD.

And more!

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