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[New Constitution for VALID](#)

On Friday 18 November 2022, VALID held a Special General Meeting for members at which a new Constitution for our Association was considered and adopted. The new Constitution retains VALID's name, purposes and other key features including a majority of the governance body having to be people with a disability, or family members / carers of people with a disability.

The changes it introduces include having a Board instead of a Committee of Management, having only nine members of the Board (instead of up to 16 Committee members) and new terms (3 years) and limits (maximum of 9 years) for elected Board members. The previous five office bearer positions will be simplified to just two - Chair and Deputy Chair. The new Constitution also changes the member categories to governing members (Board members) and associate members (individuals and organisations supporting VALID's aims).

VALID's 2022 AGM will now be held on Friday 9 December at 11.00am, in accordance with the new Constitution.

If you have any questions about the new Constitution or would like to see a copy of it, please contact the CEO Fionn Skiotis on fionn@valid.org.au.

[International Day of People with Disability](#)

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This year International Day of People with Disability (IDPw) is focusing on the linkages between employment, knowledge, and skills in relation to reducing barriers in all areas of the community, especially in sport and employment.

Even in the disability sector there has been, and still are barriers. VALID self-advocates are breaking new ground. VALID employs and trains people with an intellectual disability to co-design and conduct quality assurance reviews focused on self-advocacy empowerment practices within disability group homes.

We will continue to raise public awareness, understanding and acceptance of people with disability. For IDPwD we are running a number of events and we encourage you to join us. You can find our events [here](#).

Having a Say Conference



Having a Say Conference 2023

20th & 21st February 2023

Theme: *We're Still Here!*

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HaS Preliminary Program Now Available

Exciting News – the HaS Program has been released today.

It is great to be able to have over 75 presenters with disability presenting over the two days of the conference.

Lots of different topics, from individual stories of achievement to the Review of the NDIS and getting jobs. There is also a very strong tone in the expressions of interest around the imperative for people with disability voice's being heard in ALL areas!!

[Program available here](#)

Registration

Registration is open for both onsite live conference and online attendance.

[Download the Registration Form](#)

To help you start planning to attend the Conference Information Booklet is available.

[HaS Information Booklet](#)

Art Competition

Due to the sponsorship of the Victorian Senior Practitioner's office, the HaS conference Art Competition is now open.

The competition is open to people with disability.

Great cash prizes to be won. Prizes are awarded in the Closing ceremony of the HaS conference on 21st February 2023.

All the details are on the Art Competition booklet and entries close on the 31st of January. Find out more [here](#)

Red Faces

Only 20 people can audition for Red Faces. We look forward to a fun night at the auditions on Monday 20th February 2023! You can register [here](#).

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