

Having a Say Conference 2024



Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th February 2024

Deakin University, Waterfront Campus
1 Gheringhap Street, Geelong VIC 3220

with two online streams during the conference

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 2024

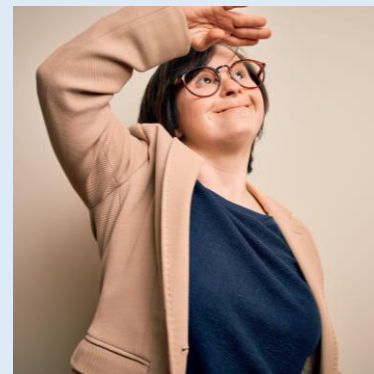
Theme: 'The Future is Ours'

The Having a Say Conference is back in 2024!

The disability community has had some hard times over the last few years – but we have come together to make positive change.

People with disability have shared a lot about their experiences this year. The Disability Royal Commission (DRC) and the NDIS Review have been listening. We now look forward to their ideas to make things better.

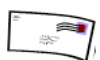
Come and join us for the Having a Say Conference 'The Future is Ours'! It's going to be a wild ride!



More Information

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



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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.

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.... maybe on open microphone or 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 quite like it in Australia! People have fun, learn, gain info and cheer other people on for having a go and for their achievements.



Aims of the Having a Say Conference

HaS aims to empower people with disability through the opportunity to:

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



Priority

Priority (who gets in first) will be given to presentations/performances/displays that:

- Involve people with disabilities in the planning and writing of the presentation
- Are planned and presented/performed by people with disability
- Relate to the conference theme (see page 1)
- Talk about the achievements and contribution of people with disability

*NOTE: we do **not** accept EOIs that are just about a service provider i.e. an advert*



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 ?

Will you present online (virtual) circle Yes / No or present in person circle Yes / No

What type of Presentation are you doing? (please select ONE checkbox)



Performance



Workshop



Presentation



Individual Stories

What is the name (title) of your presentation?



Please tell us what topic your presentation is about and how it works with the conference theme: The Future is Ours!

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





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

Important: A registration form is required for all presenters. There's no fee for the day that you are presenting but for insurance we still need a registration form with your details.

How much time do you need for your presentation? (please select a checkbox) ✓

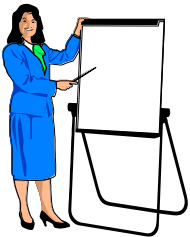
Please note question time is included within your session

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

- Individual Stories 5 – 10 15 minutes
 30 minutes (for most sessions) 1 hour



Equipment needed in addition to what is provided – PLEASE read below before answering



NOTE: All rooms will have a Data Projector, Computer and DVD player.

Audio/visual technical assistance will be available if needed. If you are bringing any electrical equipment with you, **it must be tested and tagged.**



Room set-up (please select a checkbox)

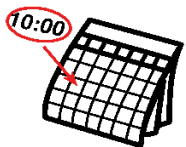
- Workshop (table and chairs) Theatre style (row of chairs)

When do you want to do your presentation?

Do you have a **preferred day (5th or 6th Feb)** and/or **time** of day?

No (Any day or time)

Yes (Day and Time) →



The Program Selection Committee will let you know if your EOI was accepted into the Program by **early 30th September 2023**

Complete the form and send back to HaS - contacts on first page

Please submit by 8th September 2023 (extensions available on request)

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