

Having a Say Conference 2024

5th – 6th February 2024

Deakin Uni, Waterfront, Geelong

Sponsor and Partnership Opportunities



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Having A Say Conference

The HaS conference is the largest conference for people with disability in Australasia, with an average of 450 people with disabilities participating each year. At our 2023 conference - the first in person since COVID - we had over 850 participants attend. We're sure that in 2024 to the theme 'The Future is Ours!', we'll be back to over 1,000 participants.

The majority of the Program is dedicated to providing opportunities for people with disabilities to present, tell their stories, celebrate their achievements, perform, volunteer and gain information on their choices, rights and responsibilities.

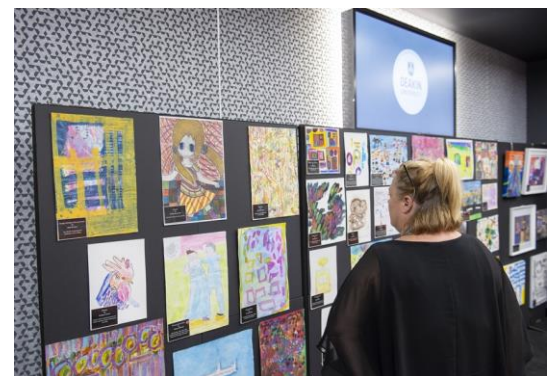
**Having a Say is more than a conference, it's
an 'experience' for all involved.**

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

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 the issues that impact their lives
- Participate in an annual conference in a rural location of Victoria
- Celebrate the abilities and achievements of people with disability
- Be heard by politicians, government and service providers
- Build skills by being part of the planning and running of the conference
- Network and be inspired with peers from around Victoria, Australia and overseas
- Gain information on what support is available in both the community and disability services



Facts about the Having a Say conference.....

- ✓ HaS (Having a Say) is an annual national conference with attendance from across Australia
- ✓ This will be the 23rd HaS conference
- ✓ HaS:2024 will be 'in-person' with an online component
- ✓ From 2008 - 2020 over 1,000 people participated each year
- ✓ We hope to have 900+ people registered for the 'live' conference at Deakin Uni along with more joining online
- ✓ Includes the Our Choice Expo and Sponsors Expo
- ✓ The majority of presenters and performers are people with a disability
- ✓ It is run by VALID in conjunction with people with disabilities, local agencies and community members
- ✓ Both a DVD and hard copy report are produced each year





Sponsorship Levels

The HaS conference budget is run on a 'break even' basis. We intentionally keep registration fees low so that participants can afford to attend. To keep this low rate, VALID relies on the support of volunteers, local organisations, and our great sponsors.

There are five levels of conference sponsorship available; all sponsors are acknowledged in the conference Program, Report and DVD. While the details of each level are negotiable the core benefits are outlined below. **Note:** fees exclude GST.

Platinum	• \$20,000	• Including Disco Sponsor and Expo Sponsor
Gold	• \$12,500	• Support people to attend or specific activities
Silver	• \$5,750	• Sponsor the DVD, Report, Talent Show etc.
Bronze	• \$3,500	• Sponsor Come & Try's, attendant carers etc.
Partnership	• In kind support	• For example, run a C&T or sponsor an Award

Platinum Sponsorship

Having a Say 2024 is offering two special Platinum Sponsor opportunities. One (\$20,000 +GST) will be used to assist with conference activities (e.g. Expo). The second is an enhanced Platinum sponsorship (\$25,000 +GST) to support the Conference Disco.

Platinum Level
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full A4 page advertisement in the main Conference Program • Banner (80cm W x 2m H) on main stage throughout the conference • 1.8m Exhibitor Stand in main Costa Hall Foyer in a prominent location • Acknowledgement via logo on HaS page on VALID website • Full A4 page advertisement in the Conference Report • Logo on front page of the conference Preliminary Program • Logo at top of sponsorship page and larger than all other sponsorship categories (e.g. Gold etc) in main Conference Program • Logo at top of sponsorship page and larger than all other sponsorship categories (e.g. Gold etc) in Conference Report • Booklet or pamphlet (up to A4 size) in Registration Bags • Eight complimentary whole conference registrations (value \$4,880) • Eight full online (daytime program) registrations (value \$720)
Disco Sponsorship of \$25K in addition to all the benefits above includes:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logo (2.5cm x 2.5cm) on Disco information page in Program • Banner (80cm W x 2m H) in main entry foyer throughout the disco • Logo (2.5cm x 2.5cm) on Disco highlights page in Conference Report • Upgraded exhibitor stand area 3m x 2.5m in main foyer



Gold Sponsorship

Having a Say 2024 is offering Gold Sponsor (\$12,500 +GST) opportunities. Funds will be used to sponsor people with disabilities and their families to attend the conference or to support a specific conference activity such as the online program or catering.

Gold Level

- Half A4 page Program advertisement
- Banner (80cm W x 2m H) on main stage throughout the conference
- 1.5m x 1.5m Exhibitor Stand in main Costa Hall Foyer in prominent location
- Half A4 page advertisement in the Conference Report
- Logo in middle page of the Preliminary Program
- Logo on second line of sponsorship page acknowledgments and larger than lesser sponsorship categories (e.g. Silver etc) in main Program
- Logo on second line of sponsorship page acknowledgments and larger than lesser sponsorship categories in main Conference Report
- Pamphlet (up to A4 size) in Registration Bags
- Six complimentary whole conference registrations (value \$3,660)
- Six full online (daytime program) registrations (value \$540)

If sponsoring a specific activity, in addition:

- Logo (2.5cm x 2.5cm) on relevant information page in the main Program
- Logo (2.5cm x 2.5cm) on relevant information page in Conference Report



Silver Sponsorship

Having a Say 2024 is also offering Silver Sponsor (\$5,750 +GST) opportunities. Sponsors can choose to support people with disabilities and their families to attend the conference or sponsor a specific activity such as the conference DVD, HaS Talent Show (formerly Red Faces), Come & Try activities (C&T) or volunteer coordination and support.

Silver Level

- Third of an A4 page (18cm W x 8cm H) Program advertisement
- 1.5m x 1.5m Exhibitor Stand in main Costa Hall Foyer in prominent location
- Third of page (18cm W x 8cm H) advertisement in the Conference Report
- Logo on middle page of the Preliminary Program
- Logo on third tier of sponsorship page acknowledgments and larger than lesser sponsorship categories (e.g. Bronze) in main Program
- Logo on third tier of sponsorship page acknowledgments and larger than lesser sponsorship categories in main Conference Report
- Pamphlet (up to A5 size) in Registration Bags
- Four complimentary whole conference registrations (value \$2,440)
- Six full online (daytime program) registrations (value \$540)

If sponsoring a specific activity, in addition:

- Logo (2.5cm x 2.5cm) on relevant information page in the main Program
- Logo (2.5cm x 2.5cm) on relevant information page in Conference Report



Bronze

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Bronze Sponsorship

Having a Say 2024 is offering eight Bronze Sponsor (\$3,500 + GST) opportunities. There are several activities sponsors can select to support at this level, including the Art Competition, Awards and Come & Try Activities.

Bronze Level

- Logo in middle page of the Preliminary Program
- Logo on fourth tier of sponsorship page acknowledgments and larger than lesser sponsorship categories (Partners) in main Program
- Logo on fourth tier of sponsorship page acknowledgments and larger than lesser sponsorship categories in main Conference Report
- Pamphlet (DL size) in Registration Bags
- Six complimentary one day conference registrations (value \$1470)
- Two complimentary Dinner/Disco registrations (value \$240)
- Opportunity to purchase a discounted Exhibitor Stand in main Foyer
- Six full online access to all online program sessions and performances (value \$540)

If sponsoring a specific activity, in addition:

- Logo (2.5cm x 2.5cm) on relevant information page in the main Program
- Logo (2.5cm x 2.5cm) on relevant information page in Conference Report



Partnership Support

There is a range of ways organisations can partner with Having a Say, including being a minor sponsor (e.g. sponsorship of the Robert Martin Award) or providing in-kind support such as:

- conducting Come & Try Activities at the conference
- providing a large group of volunteers to volunteer at the conference

Partners Level

- Logo in middle page of the Preliminary Program
- Logo on bottom tier of sponsorship acknowledgments in the main Program
- Logo on the bottom tier of sponsorship acknowledgments in main Conference Report
- Four complimentary full one day conference registrations (value \$980)
- Four full online program registrations (value \$360)

Depending on the amount of in-kind in addition opportunity for:

- Logo on relevant 'activity' page in the main Program
- Logo on relevant information page in Conference Report
- Pamphlet (DL size) in Registration Bags
- Opportunity to purchase a discounted Exhibitor Stand in Foyer
- Opportunity for additional free conference and/or disco registrations



More Information

If you'd like to discuss Sponsorship Opportunities, please contact:

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2023 Art Competition entries



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