

Terms and Conditions for Having a Say Conference 2025



Registration Fee Types

- **‘Concession’** registration rate is available to individuals who have a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card.
- **‘Support Staff’** – is not a registration fee, but a catering cost recovery in acknowledgement of the Companion Card.



It is only available to staff, parents or carers who are attending to provide direct care and assistance (eg. transport, personal care, supervision) during the conference for individuals with disability who are unable to participate in the conference without this support.



VALID reserves the right to query unusually high staff to participant registrations, e.g. three support staff registered for two participants

- **Full rate** – is for anyone who does not hold a concession card and who is not providing direct care support as a staff person to participants with disability



Registration Cost

	Concession	Staff supporting PWD to attend (catering only)	Full
ONSITE Registration			
Tuesday 28 th January 25	\$160	\$35	\$250
Wednesday 29 th January 25	\$160	\$35	\$250
Thursday 30 th January 25	\$100	\$25	\$180
Disco OR Dinner/Chat with speaker	\$95	\$85	\$125
Full conference	\$515.00	\$190	\$805.00
ONLINE			
- Day 1 online	\$45	\$0	\$95
- Day 2 online	\$45	\$0	\$95
- Day 3 online	\$30	\$0	\$65

Note: NDIS Item number for Registration is 01_134_0117_8_1



What does your Registration Fee include?

Tuesday and Wednesday daytime in-person registration includes:

- All day tea / coffee
- Morning and afternoon teas each day
- Entrance to the conference expo and any sessions of their choice
- For people with a disability, entrance to one *Come & Try* activity each day.



Registration for the Disco or Dinner/Chat includes:

- Entry to the disco and the Dinner/Chat:
 - if you attend the Dinner/Chat you can walk across the foyer and join the dancing whenever you'd like, and
 - if you attend the Disco you are welcome to go across the foyer to hear the speaker in the Dinner/Chat
- A two-course meal (main and dessert)
- NOTE: that your registration fee does not include drinks, these are available at bar prices



Registration DOES NOT include:

- Single day registration for Tuesday, does NOT include registration for the dinner disco.
- Transport to and from the venue or disco
- Drinks at the disco or dinner/chat
- Accommodation (Note: please book your own accommodation)
- Meals or drinks at the optional social event HaS's Got Talent
- Please note that delegate registration fees are **GST** free.



Registration

We prefer registrations prior to the conference so we can do name tags etc. So, registration and Come & Try Bookings close on the 17th January 2025



Cancellations and Refunds

You can claim a **full refund** by emailing VALID up until 14 days before the conference. After that date there are usually no refunds, except in 'exceptional circumstances'.



If you feel you have exceptional circumstances, you can apply in writing (Email: havingasay@valid.org.au or if you are unable to email ring 0475 698 884).

Each request will be dealt with individually and if a refund is given the *catering costs* VALID has already paid e.g. *Dinner Disco*, may be deducted.



Group Leader and Emergency Contact

In case of emergency (e.g. someone gets separated from your group or becomes unwell in a session when they are by themselves) we need to be able to contact the Group Leader who is **at the conference**.



So, please provide the *Group Leader's name and mobile* please.



Attendant Care

Short-term attendant Care support is available for people who are attending the conference independently (i.e. without staff or family support).

This support is **ONLY** for short-term personal care and meal assistance during the conference and conference dinner.



It is important for participants to be aware that this support cannot be provided to people on a 1 to 1 basis for long periods of time during the conference.



If you are planning on attending the conference independently and have a higher need for support (i.e. require one to one attendant care support) please talk about your needs with your support network e.g. family or Support Coordinator and the services that you use.

If you need more information about this issue, then please contact the Havingasay@valid.org.au to discuss how we can assist you.



If you are unwell

COVID-19 is still around in our community. It is well known that many people with disability can get sicker from COVID due to having other health issues already.



VALID would ask people to not attend if they:

- tested positive to COVID
- are unwell and are coughing, sneezing etc.



If you have a cold and have tested negative to COVID, we would appreciate it if you could wear a mask in crowded areas of the conference.



Come & Try (C&T) Activities



Participants with a disability who are attending:

- to do one C&T on Tuesday & one on Wednesday
- to choose an open activity to do on Thursday
- Come & Try Bookings close on the **17th January 2025**



DISCLAIMER:

The Organisers would like participants to note that Come & Try activities are offered as an optional extra to the main conference program.



While every precaution has been taken to ensure that all participants will be safe, individuals choose to undertake the activities at their own risk.

Therefore, the Organisers take no responsibility for any injury that may arise from participation in these activities.



Code of Conduct

When you register you will be asked to agree to respect the rights of others at the conference. This is all explained in the Code of Conduct.

Download the [Code of Conduct](#).



Photo Permission

The **permission** given in the online registration form is for photos and video footage of conference activities.



All shots used will be **respectful and promote dignity**.

Photos will only be used for:

- HaS conference publicity
- VALID's website and documents
- By our national body Inclusion Australia for their website and documents



VALID will not give photos taken at the conference to other people or organisations without your permission.

IMPORTANT DISCLAIMER

Any person attending the conference may be inadvertently captured in the background of wide shots even if they have not given permission to be photographed and are wearing the appropriate lanyard.



Though VALID will try hard to avoid this, we cannot guarantee it will not happen and cannot be held responsible if it occurs.

It is the **RESPONSIBILITY** of each person / their support person to IDENTIFY themselves and remove themselves from the background where filming or photography is taking place.



By registering for and attending the HaS conference, you acknowledge that you have read and understood the above Disclaimer and agree that VALID is not responsible to ensure you do not appear in photo or video footage backgrounds.



More information

If you would like to talk about any of these terms and conditions, please contact

Christine email havingasay@valid.org.au or phone 0475 698 884

Conference website link [Having a Say conference](#)

