

Having a Say Conference 2027



15th - 17th February 2027

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

with two online streams during the conference

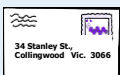
Call for Expressions of Interest (EOI) for HaS:2027

More Information

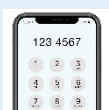


For more information about the conference,
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About the Having a Say Conference

The Having a Say conference helps people with disability to:

- build confidence to find their voice
- speak up
- be listened to
- be respected



People enjoy coming to the conference because:

- it's an empowering place with no pressure
- they can't get to present anywhere else



and also, to:

- do something new
- meet with friends
- learn to advocate for others
- discuss the issues they are interested in
- learn new skills
- and yes, have some fun



Priority

Priority (who gets in the Program) will be given to presentations/performances that:

- Involve people with disabilities in the planning and writing of the presentation
- Are presented/performed by a person/people with disability
- Relate to the conference theme (see page 3)
- Talk about the achievements and contribution of people with disability



NOTE: we do not accept EOI's that are just about what a service provider does, as this is a self-advocacy conference to hear from people with disabilities.

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EOI are open to:

- people with disability
- disability groups

to present or perform or conduct a Come & Try
at the Having a Say Conference 2027



Theme for 2027:

We are Stronger Together: United to build a fairer future!

People with disability and their families and supporters are in a fight again!
Yet again we've been promised things; we get hopeful, only to be let down.

While some of us are worn out from fighting for what is right, what is just and what was promised, others are NOT! We are stronger together!

Just as we all stood together to get the NDIS and to get better accessibility in the community and many more things.



We will come together at Having a Say (HaS) conference and unite our voices together for our right to fair and safe support.

So be the voice for those who can't speak up.

Come tell your story of what the support from the NDIS has assisted you to do.
Celebrate achievements, because we matter!

HaS 2027 Expression of Interest for presentations

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: **We are Stronger Together: United to build a better future!**

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



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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.

Presentation Length Note: you may not get the amount of time that you ask for.

Ideally, how much **time** do you need for your presentation? (please select) ✓

Please note **question time is included** within the time you are given.

(e.g. if you are allocated a 15 minute timeslot that includes question time)

☐ Individual Stories 5 – 10

☐ 15 minutes

☐ 30 minutes (for most sessions)

☐ 1 hour



All rooms will have a data projector, computer, microphones & 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**.

Equipment needed in addition to what is listed above.



Room set-up (please select a checkbox)

☐ Workshop (table and chairs)

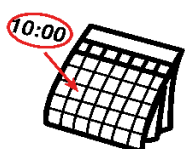
☐ Theatre style (row of chairs)

Which day is best for you to do your presentation?

Do you have a **preferred day (Mon, Tue or Wed)** 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 the **end of October 2026**

Complete the form and send back to HaS - contacts on first page
Please submit by **12th Sept. 2026** (extensions available on request)

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