

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST for

Having a Say Conference 2012



My Life — My Way



This is a 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**.

Having a Say has been supporting 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.

My Life – My Way

Having a disability shouldn't mean other people get to push you around, tell you what to do, or tell you how to live your life. Having a disability shouldn't mean that you don't get to choose who you live with, or where, or what kind of lifestyle you can have. The days of people with disability being treated as second class citizens are supposed to be over. So how about you?

- Are you in charge of your own decisions and choices?
- Are you still waiting to be told what to do and when to do it?
- Are other people still telling you how to live your life, and making you do it *their way*?

The 12th Annual Having a Say Conference will be a celebration of people with a disability who have decided to take matters into their own hands.

'**My Life – My Way**' will tell the stories of self advocates who are making their own decisions and choices, taking responsibility for their own lives, and doing it their own way. Let your story be one of them!

PRIORITY (who gets in first)

will be given to presentations/performances/displays that:

- involve people with disabilities in the planning & writing of the presentation
- are presented at the conference by people with disability
- are about the conference theme (see above)
- talk about achievements and contribution of people with disability





YOUR DETAILS (applicant)



First Name: _____ Last Name: _____



Service Name (if you are coming with a service): _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____



Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ Mobile: _____

E-mail: _____



Things We Need To Know About Your Presentation ?



Tell your stories! Share your achievements!

What **type** of Presentation are you doing? (please tick ✓)

Performance



Presentation



Workshop



Individual Achievement



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 "My Life - My Way"?



How have / 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 still required for all presenters even if you are only at the conference to make your presentation.

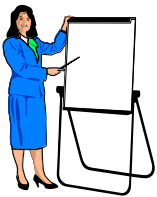
How much **time** do you need for your presentation? (please tick ✓)

Please note: question time is included within your session (e.g. 20 minutes presentation 5 - 10 minutes for questions)

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



Equipment needed e.g. White Board



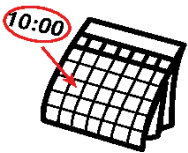
NOTE: all rooms will have a Data Projector; Computer & DVD player
Audio/visual technical assistance will be available if needed

Room Set Up (please tick ✓)

- Workshop (tables & chairs) Theatre Style (rows of chairs)



When do you want to do your presentation?



Do you have a **preferred day** 8th, 9th & 10th) or **time**?

- No, any day or time Yes (day/time) _____

Return your completed EOI form to **VALID BY 5th August 2011.**



The Program Selection Sub Committee will let everyone know if their EOI was accepted to be in the Program by **mid September 2011.**



COME & TRY ACTIVITIES



We are looking for groups or people who would be willing to run a 'Come & Try' activity at the Having a Say Conference. There are regular activities like art, music and football etc. which are always looking for facilitators. We would also like to hear from you if you are interested in running a new activity eg: candle making at the conference.

Please leave your name and contact details below and the VALID office will be in touch to discuss details, resources and any support that you may require to run the session.

Name: _____

Phone/email: _____

Activity (eg: Art): _____

More Information



For more information about Having a Say 2012 or for a copy of this form in any other format (large print) please contact the VALID Office



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