

Expression of Interest

Having a Say Conference 2019



Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th February, 2019

Deakin University
Waterfront Campus, Geelong

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**



Conference theme: *Having a Say Forever!*

It's the 20th Anniversary of the Having a Say Conference. That's twenty years of speaking up, making friends, working together to influence change and having loads of fun!



We started out in 2000 with Having a Say in the Country and moved around the State for the next five years. By 2006, we'd grown so big only Geelong could handle us. Since then, the HaS conference has become the premium event of the year in over a thousand diaries. In communities across Australia, self-advocacy groups have run regular fund-raising activities just to be sure they make it to Geelong.

For the past twenty years, the conference has tackled the big issues and allowed everyone to help set the agenda.

- *So, what has the conference meant to you?*
- *What are your most memorable moments?*
- *What has it changed in your life?*
- *And what can we all do to keep Having a Say forever?*

More Information



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



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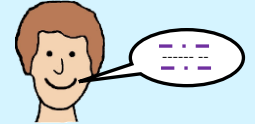
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About the Having a Say Conference

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



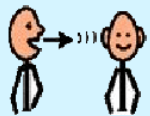
This is the conference where people listen to each other, not just to the speakers on stage. This is the conference where people respect each other's views and opinions, and celebrate their common cause.

The conference gets fantastic support from local disability services, the Local Reference Committee, City of Greater Geelong, Tourism Geelong & the Bellarine and local Geelong businesses.

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, such as on open microphone 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"*.

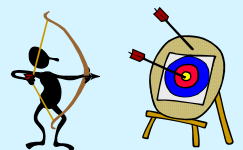


Having a Say has been around for long time, because there is nothing else like it in Australia! It is also a great way for people to get together to share experiences and to celebrate our achievements.

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 issues that affect their lives
- Opportunities to celebrate ability and achievement
- Being part of the planning and running of the conference
- Opportunities to be heard by politicians, government and service providers
- The opportunity to meet people from around Victoria, Australia and overseas



Priority (who gets in first)

Priority 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:



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Telephone: Fax: Mobile:

Email:



Things We Need to Know About Your Presentation



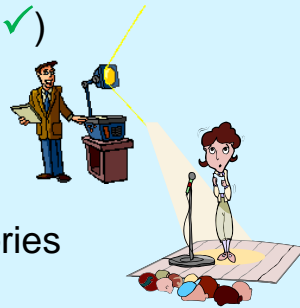
Tell your stories! Share your achievements!

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

Performance



Presentation



Workshop



Individual Stories

What is the **name** (title) of your presentation?



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Please tell us **what topic your presentation is about** and how it works with the conference theme: *Having a Say Forever!*



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

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

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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

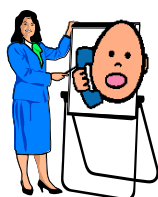
(e.g. 20 minutes presentation 5 – 10 minutes for questions)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Stories 5 – 10 minutes | <input type="checkbox"/> 15 minutes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 30 minutes (for most sessions) | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 hour |



Equipment needed? **Extra to what is provided** (see below) e.g. White Board

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NOTE: All rooms will have a Data Projector, Computer and DVD player. Audio/visual technical assistance will be available if needed.

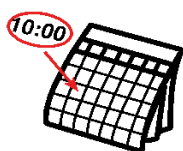
Please note: if you are bringing any electrical equipment with you it must be tested and tagged.

Room Set Up (please tick ✓)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Workshop (table & chairs) | <input type="checkbox"/> Theatre Style (rows of chairs) |
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When do you want to do your presentation?



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| <input type="checkbox"/> Do you have a preferred day 5th, 6th or 7th or time of day? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No, any day OR time <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (day/time) |

Return your completed EOI form to VALID by
(see address and fax details on page 1)



The Program Selection Sub Committee will let everyone know if your EOI was accepted to be in the Program by **late September 2018**.