

Expression of Interest

Having a Say Conference 2020



Monday 24, Tuesday 25 and Wednesday 26 February 2020

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

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: A Good Life ... Are we there yet?

Across Australia, people with a disability are on the journey of their lives. But where are they headed and how will they know when they get there?

Disability issues are high on the political agenda and never before has such attention been given to fixing the system. Nonetheless, does being an 'NDIS participant' or a 'service customer' necessarily make your life better? Whatever happened to the vision of community membership and citizenship?

At the next Having a Say Conference, we invite delegates and presenters to share their visions and experiences of 'a good life'. Because if we are not clear about where we are headed and why we wish to go there, there's every chance we might never arrive...



More Information

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



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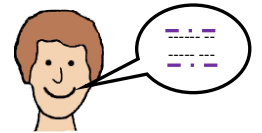
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About the Having a Say Conference

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



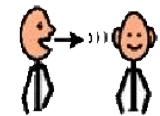
This is the conference where people listen to each other, not just to the speakers on stage. This is the conference where people respect each other's views and opinions and celebrate their common cause.

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

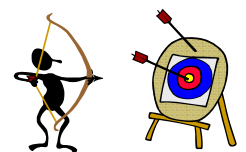


Having a Say has been around for long time, because there is nothing else like it in Australia! It is also a great way for people to get together to share experiences and to celebrate our achievements.

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
- Opportunity 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 and 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:



Postcode:



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 select ONE checkbox)

			
<input type="checkbox"/> Performance	<input type="checkbox"/> Workshop	<input type="checkbox"/> Presentation	<input type="checkbox"/> 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: **A Good Life ... Are we there yet?**



How 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 select a checkbox)



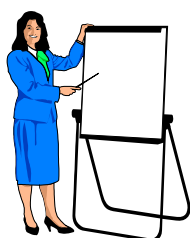
Please note question time is included within your session

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

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



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



NOTE: All rooms will have a Data Projector, Computer and 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.

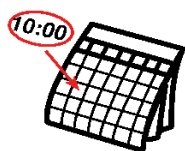


Room set-up (please select a checkbox)

- Workshop (table and chairs)
- Theatre style (row of chairs)

When do you want to do your presentation?

Do you have a **preferred day** 24, 25, 26 February and/or **time** of day?



No (Any day or time)

Yes (Day and Time) →



The Program Selection Sub Committee will let you know if your EOI was accepted to be in the Program by **late September 2019**

Complete the form and return to VALID via, post, fax or email. **Please submit by 31 August 2019**