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Dear All

The VALID team is now fully settled into it's new office in Richmond. If you have any questions you can contact us on **9416 4003**.

VALID is excited to be hosting a forum with David Tobis from NYC who will be presenting the inspiring story of how parents and their allies dramatically changed the child welfare system. We encourage people join us for this free event on June 13 at 6pm.

We have had a busy month, filled with [Empowerment Training](#) in rural Victoria and a screening of [Fantastic Flicks](#) in Moe.

Lastly, our Advocacy Manager Sarah Forbes goes through your rights when it comes to the [NDIS and making decisions](#)

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We hope you like it. Feel free to reply with any feedback.

Thank you,  
The VALID team

## How parents and their allies changed the NYC child welfare system with David Tobis

David Tobis will be sharing the story of NYC's radical change in the child welfare system. He will explain how parents, alongside government and non-government representatives, worked together as allies to improve the lives of children.

This free presentation is on 13 June at 6pm. Catering will be provided.

It will be held at:

VALID

LaunchPad

132 Cremorne Street

Richmond



Please RSVP to [melanie@valid.org.au](mailto:melanie@valid.org.au) with dietary and access requirements by Tuesday June 11, 2019

## Forum

### VALID goes rural

VALID's Keys to Success team have been working in rural Victoria. They delivered the Staying Safe presentation to a group of young adults from Special Olympics Victoria in Echuca. The people who attended were enthusiastic and honest in their reaction to the videos and conversation. VALID also received great feedback - that they found the presentation informative and easy to understand.



## Empowerment training

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## Fantastic Flicks

Fantastic Flicks shows short films about people with disability. The VALID Moe Peer Acton Group, Moe Life Skills, High Street Community Hub and Latrobe City Council in partnership with film makers and producers from the City of Port Phillip, Arts Access Victoria, the Self Advocacy Resource Unit (SARU) and MOJO Films held an outdoor screening of Fantastic Flicks at the High Street Community Hub on Friday 5 of April.



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## Peer Action Groups

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### Help inform Amaze's submission to the Mental Health Royal Commission

Amaze is developing a submission to the Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System. To ensure the submission reflects the real needs of the autism community, Amaze is asking you to share your stories and experiences through a survey.



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## Survey

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### VALID NDIS Family Workshops Series

These workshops are delivered by parents with personal experience of the NDIS and are delivered in a user-friendly format. Find out how and what you can spend your NDIS funding on. Learn how you can



## NDIS workshops

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### The Staying Safe Project

In our latest VALID podcast, John McKenna talks with Jon Slingsby from VALID, about the Staying Safe project that concentrates on the importance of people with intellectual disability feeling safe, with the key message: Abuse and Neglect is not okay!

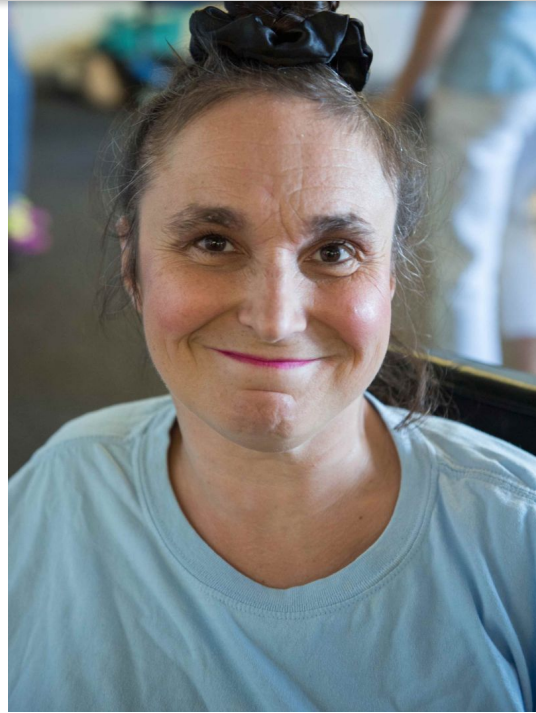


## VALID Podcast

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### It is OK to seek help

Sometimes people get caught in situations where they feel confused, misunderstood or unsafe. Elicia, who is a self-advocate, found herself in a situation recently where she felt unsafe and found the courage to seek help.



## Elicia's Story

### NDIS and Making Decisions

The National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013 says that people with disabilities are the decision-makers about their NDIS planning and supports. Even if you need a lot of support to make your wishes known, you have the right to have others help you to do what you would like to do. Someone else should only be making decisions for you if you really can't make the decision for yourself and only if there is absolutely no other option.



Our Advocacy Manager Sarah Forbes goes through your rights when it comes to the NDIS and making decisions

## NDIS



## Having a Say Forever!

Don't forget to put the Having a Say 2020 dates in your diary, 24 - 26 February 2020, as we have already started planning it!

**Expressions of Interest** to present or perform will open in July 2019.

The **2019 DVD and Report** have been held up due to our office move and sickness in the team, so thank you for your patience. We hope to have it sent out in a few weeks to those who have ordered it. If you haven't ordered a copy then you can still order one, just email the office for an order form.

### Sponsorship for Having a Say

Because registration sponsorship is limited we encourage you to ask for funding to attend the conference in your NDIS Plan meetings. Information to give to your NDIS planner is available via this [link](#)

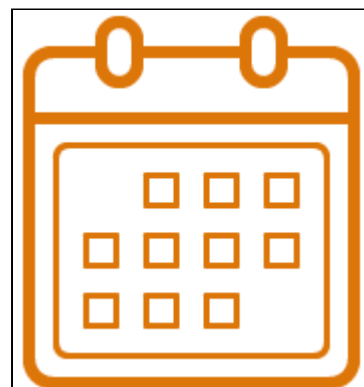
## What's On @ VALID

**Creating Community – Self  
Advocacy and Neighbourhood  
Houses Working Together**

[Watsonia](#) Monday 27 May

**NDIS Family Workshops Series**

[Kensington](#) Wednesday 12 June



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