

Victorian LGBTIQ+ disability self advocacy needs survey

Instructions

This survey is for any LGBTIQ+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans or gender diverse, intersex, queer, asexual or other) person living with a disability in Victoria. We will use your answers to know how a self-advocacy group will work best and what it would be for.

Self-advocacy groups are groups run by and for people living with a disability. Self-advocacy is important because it gives people with a disability an opportunity to learn how to speak up for themselves, especially when they are treated differently or unjustly.

Self-advocacy is different to other forms of advocacy because it puts people with a disability first. Sometimes people advocate for people with a disability and they do so in a way that really respects that person. Other times, people try to advocate for people with a disability in a way the person with disability does not think is helpful. Sometimes, families or carers need help to support their family members to take risks and have responsibilities in their lives.

This is why people with a disability say “Nothing about us without us!”

The survey will ask you questions about:

- yourself so that we know the range of people answering**
- what you think a self-advocacy group would do for you and for your community**
- how, when and where a group would work**

We understand disability to be any continuing condition that restricts everyday activities. We believe in empowerment through respectful relationships.

This survey has two parts. The first part is to find out the how best to set up an LGBTIQ+ disability self-advocacy alliance. The second part is about understanding the lived experiences of LGBTIQ+ people with a disability within organisations and the LGBTIQ+ community.

This survey can be completed anonymously. You are welcome to leave questions out if you would prefer not to answer them. Please be as honest as you can and tell us how you really feel.

We estimate that it will take about 20 minutes to complete.

If you agree to complete this survey, please indicate your consent by clicking Yes below.

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Yes

No



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Part 1 - About You

* 2. What is your age group?

Anyone who is 16 years old or older is welcome to fill in the survey

16-17

18-24

25-34

35-44

45-54

55-64

65+

3. In which country were you born?

4. What is your gender identity? (please tick any that apply)

Female

Gender diverse or gender queer

Male

Non-binary

Trans Female

Prefer not to say

Trans Male

None of the above (please self describe)

5. What was your gender assigned at birth?

- Female
- Male
- Prefer not to say

6. What is your sexual orientation? (please tick any that apply)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lesbian | <input type="checkbox"/> Queer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gay | <input type="checkbox"/> Heterosexual |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bisexual | <input type="checkbox"/> Asexual |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pansexual | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |
| <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above (please self describe) | |

7. Were you born with a variation of sex characteristics (also known as intersex)?

- No
- Yes
- Prefer Not to Say

8. Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin? (please tick one)

- No
- Aboriginal
- Torres Strait Islander
- Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

9. What is your ethnicity? (e.g. Asian, Anglo etc)

10. Do you speak a language other than English at home?

- No
- Yes

If yes, please specify which language

11. What type of disability do you have? (please tick any that apply)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Physical | <input type="checkbox"/> Acquired Brain Injury |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual | <input type="checkbox"/> Neurodiversity (i.e. Autism Spectrum, Tourette Syndrome, ADHD) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deaf or hearing impaired | <input type="checkbox"/> Long term mental health disability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vision impaired | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

12. Where do you live?

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Inner Melbourne | <input type="radio"/> Regional city (Geelong, Ballarat, Bendigo, Melton, Shepparton, Wodonga, Sunbury, Pakenham, Mildura or Warrnambool) |
| <input type="radio"/> Outer Melbourne | <input type="radio"/> Country town (less than 30,000 people) |

13. What sort of accommodation do you live in?

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Live alone | <input type="radio"/> Live with a partner |
| <input type="radio"/> Live in a shared house with housemates | <input type="radio"/> Live in a Supported Residential Service (SRS) |
| <input type="radio"/> Live in supported accommodation | <input type="radio"/> Live in an aged care facility (e.g. Nursing Home) |
| <input type="radio"/> Live with family | |
| <input type="radio"/> Other (please specify) | |

14. Do you currently receive any payments from Centrelink? e.g. disability support pension, youth allowance, rent assistance

- No
- Unsure
- Yes

15. Do you currently receive any support package?

- NDIS Support Package
- Individual Support Package
- Aged Care Package
- I do not receive a support package

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Part 1 - The possible personal benefits to you of a Victorian self-advocacy group

We are interested in what you think a self-advocacy group would do for you if you were involved. There are a number of possible options listed, and you can add to these if you have other ideas. These are divided into self expression and access to services.

16. How useful would you find the following roles of a self-advocacy group relating to your self expression?

	not useful	slightly useful	some usefulness	quite useful	very useful
Connecting with other LGBTIQ people with a disability	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Developing personal awareness of sexuality, gender identity and sex	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Enabling sexual expression	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Understanding the intersections of identity (culture, faith, ethnicity, sexuality)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Developing leadership skills	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Connecting with the wider LGBTIQ community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Building mutually supportive relationships	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Building resilience and pride	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Finding LGBTIQ mentors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Learning about self-advocacy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

17. How useful would you find the following roles of a self-advocacy group relating to your access to services?

	not useful	slightly useful	some usefulness	quite useful	very useful
Finding housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Finding work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Accessing NDIS services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Accessing LGBTIQ health services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Accessing social services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dealing with discrimination, abuse or violence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)



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Part 1 - The possible community roles for a Victorian Self-advocacy group

18. How useful do you think the following roles of a self-advocacy group would be for the wider community?

	not useful	slightly useful	some usefulness	quite useful	very useful
Raising community and family awareness of the issues facing LGBTIQ people with a disability	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Advocating for LGBTIQ inclusion in disability services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Advocating for disability inclusion in LGBTIQ services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Advocating for LGBTIQ inclusion in policies in support organisations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Involvement of members in training for services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Involvement of members in research	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify)	<input type="text"/>				



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Part 1 - How a Victorian self-advocacy group would work

We would like your ideas about how likely you are to be involved in a self-advocacy group.

19. Would you be involved in a Victorian self-advocacy group for LGBTIQ people with a disability?

- No
- Unsure
- Yes

20. Would you be involved if the group had one or more ways to connect?

	No	Unsure	Yes
In-person meetings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
On-line chat group	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Private ('closed') Facebook group	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Individual phone calls	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Are there other ways to connect that would work better for you? (please specify)

21. Would you be involved depending on where the group was based?

	No	Unsure	Yes
Inner city Melbourne	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
In a suburb close to you	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
In a regional or rural area close to you	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Happy to travel anywhere	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

22. How often would you be willing to be involved?

- Every two weeks
- Monthly
- Every 3 months
- Once per year during Midsumma



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Part 1 - Please read this page if you had a support person assisting you to fill in the survey.

23. If your support person would like to add any comments, they can do so here.

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Chance to get involved in the new Victorian LGBTIQ+ disability self-advocacy group

Thank you for completing Part 1.

There are two ways you could find out more about the new group that will be started:

1. If you prefer your survey to be anonymous, you can contact Jake Lewis, the project worker, either on

Email - Jake@valid.org.au

or

Phone the VALID office and ask for Jake - (03) 9416 4003

2. If you are happy to add your contact details here, we will contact you when the group is running.

3. Part 2 begins on the next page.

24. Please enter the best contact details for us to let you know about the self-advocacy group (this is optional)

Your name

City/Town

State

Post Code

Email Address

Phone Number

The second part of the survey is about understanding the lived experiences of LGBTIQ+ people with a disability within organisations and the LGBTIQ+ community.

Why is it important?

There is not a lot of information about LGBTIQ+ people with a disability. This means that governments, organisations and communities aren't in a good position to understand what is important and to make helpful decisions. The survey will help us find out how we can improve the lives of LGBTIQ+ people with a disability.

Who will use it?

People who advocate for the rights of LGBTIQ+ people with a disability
Governments & organisations
Policy experts & academics



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Part 2 - About your connections and access to the LGBTIQ community

25. How connected are you to the LGBTIQ community?

LGBTIQ = lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans/gender diverse, intersex, queer

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
You feel you are a part of the LGBTIQ community.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Participating in the LGBTIQ community is a positive thing for you.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It is important for you to be politically active in the LGBTIQ community.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

(any comments)

26. How do you connect with the LGBTIQ community? (please tick any that apply)

If you would like to know about what is out there, please contact Jake, whose details are listed at the end of the survey.

- In person at social or peer support groups
- Online (social media, dating applications)
- At LGBTIQ celebrations (parades, festivals, events)
- At LGBTIQ cultural events (music, art, film)
- At LGBTIQ spaces (bars, clubs)
- I do not connect with the LGBTIQ community
- Other (please specify)

27. Would you like to connect more with LGBTIQ community?

- No
- Unsure
- Yes

28. How inclusive of people with a disability do you find the following areas of the LGBTIQ community?

	not inclusive	somewhat inclusive	very inclusive	I am unsure or unaware	not applicable
LGBTIQ health services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
LGBTIQ community organisations (social groups, peer support groups)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
LGBTIQ celebrations (parades, festivals, events)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
LGBTIQ cultural events (music, art, film)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
LGBTIQ spaces (bars, clubs)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Online (social media interactions & dating applications)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

(any comments)

29. Do you think it is important to express your sexual orientation?

- No
- Unsure
- Yes

30. Do you think it is important to express your gender identity?

- No
- Unsure
- Yes

31. Does your disability effect your freedom to express your sexual orientation?

- No
- Unsure
- Yes
- Prefer not to say
- any comments

32. Does your disability effect your freedom to express your gender identity?

- No
- Unsure
- Yes
- Prefer not to say
- any comments

33. How does the LGBTIQ community include people with a disability?

34. How can the LGBTIQ community be more inclusive of people with a disability?

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Part 2 - About your experiences of LGBTIQ inclusion in disability services

35. How inclusive of LGBTIQ people do you find the following disability services?

	not inclusive	somewhat inclusive	very inclusive	I am unsure or unaware	not applicable
NDIS (National Disability Insurance Scheme)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Residential (live in) services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Disability support services (including day programs)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Disability support workers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support groups	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Advocacy organisations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Self advocacy groups	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

(any comments)

36. Would you feel comfortable sharing your LGBTIQ status with a disability service?

- No
- Unsure
- Yes
- any comments

37. Do you have an NDIS package?

- No
- Yes

38. If you have a package, in your experience of the NDIS planning process, were any of the following issues addressed?

	No	Unsure	Yes
Were you asked about your LGBTIQ status?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Were you asked about whether you are connected with LGBTIQ community?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Were you offered any LGBTIQ specific information or support?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Were you encouraged to advocate for your own needs as an LGBTIQ person?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

39. How do disability services include LGBTIQ people?

40. How can disability organisations be more inclusive of LGBTIQ people?



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Thank you very much for completing the survey.