

Having a Say Conference 2020

24th - 26th February 2020

Deakin Uni, Gheringhap Street entrances, Geelong



Sponsorship & Partnership Opportunities

Conference Theme 2020:

A Good Life ... Are we there yet?

Across Australia, people with a disability are on the journey of their lives - 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. Does being an 'NDIS participant' or a 'service customer' necessarily make your life better? Whatever happened to the vision of community membership and citizenship?

In 2020, we invite delegates and presenters to share their visions and experiences of 'a good life'. Are we there yet?



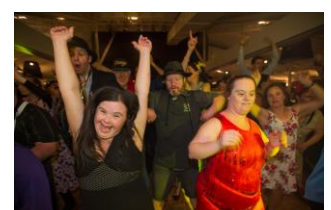
Having A Say Conference

The HaS conference is the largest conference for people with disability in Australasia, with an average of 550 people with disabilities participating each year and an average of 1000 delegates overall.

The majority of the Program is dedicated to providing opportunities for people with disabilities to present, tell their stories, celebrate their achievements, perform, volunteer and gain information on their choices, rights and responsibilities.

Having a Say is more than a conference, it is an 'experience' for all involved.

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



About the Having a Say Conference

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 the issues that impact their lives
- Participate in an annual conference in a rural location of Victoria
- Celebrate the abilities and achievements of people with disability
- Be heard by politicians, government and service providers
- Build skills by being part of the planning and running of the conference
- Network and be inspired with peers from around Victoria, Australia and overseas
- Gain information on what support is available in both the community and disability services



Facts about the Having a Say conference.....

- ✓ HaS (Having a Say) is an annual three-day conference
- ✓ The first HaS conference was held in Maryborough in 2000 with 190 participants
- ✓ HaS is aimed at empowering people with disability to live to their potential
- ✓ The conference is run by VALID in conjunction with a Local Reference Committee of people with disabilities, local agencies & community members
- ✓ Since 2008 over 1000 people have participated in the conference each year
- ✓ Each year over 80 people volunteer from across Australia including individuals from government departments, local services, people with disability, family members and community members
- ✓ Each year the majority of presenters and performers are people with a disability
- ✓ More than 165 people with disability performed, presented or facilitated a Come & Try activity during the 2019 conference
- ✓ Both a DVD and hard copy report are produced each year
- ✓ More information can be found on www.valid.org.au/having-say-conference



Ways to Support and/or Sponsor the HaS Conference

There is a range of ways that organisations can support the conference including:

Partners - providing in-kind support such as:

- a) conducting Come & Try Activities at the conference
- b) supporting self-advocates to participate in the Local Reference Committee (LRC)
- c) providing a group of volunteers to volunteer at the conference



Sponsors

- e) providing an amount of funds to sponsor people with disabilities and/or families to attend the conference
- f) sponsoring a specific activity or component of the conference, e.g. Come & Try activities, competitions, attendant care, printing Program, expo catering etc.



Sponsorship Levels

The conference budget is run on a 'break even' basis (i.e. no profit made) to cover consumables and activities. We intentionally keep registration fees low (\$224 Early Bird rate for 3 days) so that participants can afford to attend. To keep this low rate, VALID relies on the support of volunteers, local organisations and sponsors.

There are five levels of conference sponsorship available and all sponsors will be acknowledged in the conference Program, Report and DVD, while the benefits of each level are negotiable the core opportunities are as follows.

Platinum (\$20,000 +)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full page Program advertisement • Full page in Conference Report • HaS expo stand in Foyer • Display banner on stage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pamphlet in registrations bags • Logo on all major conference documents & ads • 8 complimentary full registrations
Gold (\$10,000+)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HaS expo stand Foyer • Pamphlet in registrations bag • Half page in Conference Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half page Program advertisement • 6 complimentary full registrations
Silver (\$5,000+)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HaS expo stand Foyer • Pamphlet in registrations bag 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Third of page Program advert • 4 complimentary full registrations
Bronze (\$2,000+)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledgment in Program • Expo stand in Foyer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 complimentary one day registrations & 2 Dinner entries
Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledgment in Program • Expo stand in gallery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 complimentary one day registrations for self-advocates

If you'd like to discuss Sponsorship Opportunities contact:

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