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## Position available at VALID

VALID is looking for people with lived experience of an intellectual disability for the role of a VALID8 Program Officer.

The role will involve:

- Helping services to make sure people with a disability have more choice and control in their home.
- Supporting services to have better ways of helping people with a disability to speak up about what is important to them.
- Talking to people with a disability about their service.
- Talking to staff about how they support people with a disability to speak up at their service.

The position is part-time, minimum 8 hours per fortnight and may include travel.

Send your resume to [rick@valid.org.au](mailto:rick@valid.org.au). You need to send your resume before Friday the 29th of July 2022

We look forward to hearing you

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### **Woduyullul Kurki Kurki Friendship Project Dance Group**



Beginning in late February 2022, the Kurki kurki Dance Group has grown to see 12 members consistently every week as well as 8 support workers who always get involved.

We have an instructor from BAM Arts who is amazing and makes sure everyone has a great time.

The sessions are chaotic, fun, and full of joy. Even when things go astray, everyone enjoys themselves.

Many of the members have high support needs and behaviours of

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opportunity to join in with something in community that is just for fun.

We plan to work more closely with support services to find ways to make the group rewarding for everyone who comes along.

We are currently looking for a volunteer. We are advertised on social media and on Casey Council's volunteer network website.

We meet every Friday (except school holidays) 12-2. At The Factory Rehearsal Centre for the Arts. 65 Berwick-Cranbourne Road, Cranbourne East.

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### **Connecting with people who lived in institutions**



Connecting with people who lived in institutions in Victoria

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to check how people who used to live in Victorian Government institutions are going, and to see if there is anything that could be done to improve their lives now..

VALID asked people who used to live in Victorian institutions and their staff lots of questions, by using a survey and interviewing them online. They told us about the things that they do and what they have in their life now, what support, friends and community involvement they had.

What people told us was put into a report for the Department (DFFH – Dept. Families, Fairness & Housing). The data compiled clearly showed that people are not having as good a life as they should be and so VALID has recommended several ways that their supports and quality of life could be improved.

Part of the project was to conduct a 'Community of Practice' with organisations who provide accommodation and at these meetings relevant topics were discussed, such as 'supported decision-making'. So, we created Tip Sheets to support staff and organisations to further empower their residents. In addition, a range of plain and easy English posters were developed for staff to use in explaining and educating residents about self-advocacy and their rights. You can find the Tip Sheets and Plain English Posters here.

For more information on the P.S. Project please contact Zoe Broadway E: [zoe@valid.org.au](mailto:zoe@valid.org.au)

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