

# Fact Sheet on Having a Say (HaS) for Participants and their Supporters



## Claiming HaS from your NDIS Plan?

### Why can HaS be funded through your NDIS Plan?

Having a Say (HaS) is a self-advocacy event for people with disability promoting:

- Peer support and information exchange
- Skill development opportunities (volunteering, presenting, workshops etc)
- Info and knowledge about service providers and community supports
- Awareness and confidence in using their rights and making complaints

So, HaS is a 'capacity building' activity.

As a capacity building activity, participants do not need to have the event written in their NDIS Plan or get permission off their planner or LAC.

The NDIS rules allow participants to use any item in their Core Supports that they need and that will support them to achieve their goals, i.e. 'flexibility' of Core Supports.

All the event's activities are conducted in the community.

### Payment

VALID is not a NDIS registered service.

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This means that only participants who use Plan Management or Self-Management can directly pay VALID for their registration for the conference.

Participants whose funds are 'agency managed' need to find a registered service to support them to attend. The participant or nominee can make an agreement with a NDIS registered service. The service then pays the costs involved for the participant to attend HaS and claims the costs (e.g. registration, transport, staffing, accommodation) back from the NDIA.

NOTE: The NDIS items that can be used to pay for the costs of attending HaS are listed on the next page.

### Questions

If you have a question or you require more information, please contact:  
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## NDIS Items that can be used for HaS.

Note: this is general information and you will need to make sure that you have **adequate funds** in the area you select and **discuss it** with people who support you.

NDIS Item		What part of the costs of attending is relevant
<b>Participants with disability</b>	<i>Self-Management Capacity Building:</i> Item 01_134_0117_8_1	Registration
	Community Based activities items will depend on a lot of things! Coming with a group or by yourself, time of day etc. So, for e.g. <i>Group Activities in the Community 1:4 (weekday)</i> is Item 04_120_0136_6_1 BUT if coming by self with a staff person Item: <i>Access Community Social and Rec Activ weekday</i> is Item 04_104_0125_6_1	Staff support either as an individual or as part of a group.
	<i>Community Social And Recreational Activities</i> Item: 04_210_0125_6_1	This is an item that 'camps' can be claimed from so your service may have a combined cost to attend HaS, which will cover accommodation, transport, staffing and registration. Note: if you use a Plan Manager they can also claim all the same costs against this item as a community based skill development activity/a vacation or a camp. (depends on your goals which you'd choose)
	<i>Activity Based Transport:</i> Item 04_821_0133_6_1	Transport per kilometre
<b>** if a participant's family has 'respite' in the participant's Plan</b>	<i>STA and Assistance (inc. respite)</i> Item: 01_045_0115_1_1	Most costs can usually be claimed including accommodation, staff time & costs, and transport.
<b>Family members &amp; unpaid carers</b>	<i>Training for Carers/Parents:</i> Item 15_038_0117_1_3	Registration fee
	Note: if family member/carers is attending to provide direct support to the participant at the conference they only need to pay the 'Support Worker' registration fee not a full fee	

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