



NDIS Reference Group Expression of Interest

Overview

The NDIS Reference Group is a lived experience-led advisory group that plays a vital role in shaping the direction and quality of systemic advocacy work at Consumers of Mental Health WA (CoMHWa).

The role of the NDIS reference group is to inform CoMHWa with insights about the NDIS and the experiences of NDIS participants with psychosocial disability, so that CoMHWa effectively engages with and represents NDIS participants.

The group also works to ensure diverse consumer voices are heard and represented, both within CoMHWa and across the broader NDIS system.

Eligibility criteria

The NDIS reference group is currently looking for 3 new members to replace members who have left.

To be a member, a person must have a personal lived experience of mental health challenges, past or present, and must:

- be currently living in WA
- be an NDIS participant with psychosocial disability listed as either your primary or secondary disability/listed as the 'impairment' for which they met access criteria
- have experience accessing or trying to access CoMHWa programs or services, or be a CoMHWa member
- not be a current member of another systemic Consumer Advisory Group at CoMHWa, including PRISAM (Peer-led Regionally Informed Systemic Advocacy Meeting), ALEAG (Aboriginal Lived Experience Advisory Group), or CASAM.

Roles and responsibilities

NDIS reference group members are expected to attend monthly meetings for two hours between 1:00pm and 3:00pm on the final Wednesday of every month via Microsoft Teams, and remunerated at the rate of \$37.50 per hour for a total of 3 hours per meeting (2 hours meeting + 1 hour reading/preparation).

Selection process

This expression of interest will be open until the end of Friday 31st July 2026. Applicants will be contacted by the 14th of August.

If you are shortlisted, you will be asked to join a phone call or Teams meeting with Melissa (Head of Systemic Advocacy, Policy and Research and group chair) to follow-up on your responses. Applications will be assessed based on relevant experience, understanding of mental health and NDIS policy, systemic advocacy, motivation to participate and diversity considerations.

How to apply

Please fill out this [form](#) which asks for:

- Your name, contact details and demographic information
- Relevant experience/skills you would bring to the group
- What systemic issues you are passionate about
- If you can commit to our regular meeting times and whether you need any support to participate fully in meetings

If you have any questions, please email Dr Melissa Russell, Chair of the NDIS reference group, at mrussell@comhwa.org.au