

Hi Consumer Register,

This is an update on the opportunity below. Please note the following changes:

There will now be three sessions, instead of four. One of the sessions will remain focused on the LLE Worker group, but the remaining two sessions are open to anyone who meets the LLE requirements for this opportunity.

The dates for the open sessions have now changed. Please see the new times and dates below. **There are no changes to the time and date of the LLE Worker group conversation.**

As the number of sessions have been reduced, the size of each session will increase to 8-15 participants.

If you have already submitted an EOI for the non-LLE worker group, we will reach out to you to confirm your time and availability for the new dates.

We apologise for the inconvenience and thank you for your understanding!

## Our Agency Consultations [OPP2022-025]

For some members of our community, the move to create **Our Agency** is the most important outcome of the Royal Commission into Victoria's mental health system.

It is a unique opportunity for people with lived and living experience (LLE) to lead the creation of a new space and a new LLE agency. Our Agency will play an active role in leading and ensuring that LLE organisations and services are part of the Victorian mental health system.

VMIAC and SHARC are leading the formation of Our Agency. We are seeking consumers with LLE of mental health and emotional distress, who are one or more of the following:

- identifies as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, culturally and linguistically diverse, living with a disability, or LGBTQIA+;
- aged 18-25 years old;
- a declared/designated LLE worker;
- living in rural or regional Victoria.

**About the opportunity:** Three exploratory conversations to guide the formation of Our Agency, a new organisation led by people with LLE.

**Time commitment:** Total contact time of 90 minutes in a group conversation on 26, 28 or 29 September 2022.

**Payment:** \$175

## Background

Our Agency (the working title for a new organisation) is being formed per recommendations 9 and 29 of the Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System.

Our Agency will be led by a skills-based board comprising people with LLE. Our Agency seeks to:

- deliver accredited training for LLE organisations;
- develop and deliver mental health and wellbeing services led by people with LLE; and
- develop shared facilities, resourcing, co-locations, and collaboration opportunities for LLE organisations.

## Engagement Activity

The Our Agency project team, which consists of representatives from VMAC and SHARC, seeks to hold exploratory conversations with consumers on the formation of Our Agency. The project team seeks consultations from:

1. LLE workers
2. People living in regional or rural Victoria
3. People aged 18-25 years old
4. People identifying as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, culturally and linguistically diverse, living with a disability, LGBTQIA+, and/or with intersectional identities

**We recognise people hold multiple and intersecting identities, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, culturally and linguistically diverse, LGBTQTI+ and/or living with a disability.**

## Time required

A 90-minute group conversation on the following dates.

### **LLE Workers (unchanged)**

- Wednesday 28 Sep 2022, 11am–12:30pm

### **Open conversations (new dates)**

- Monday 26 Sep 2022, 2:30–4 pm
- Thursday 29 Sep 2022, 11:30–1 pm

## Selection process

The Our Agency project team will select 8-15 consumers for each conversation.

## Accessibility and Support

To participate in this opportunity, we recommend the following:

- a device with a stable internet connection;
- a phone so that the facilitator/VMIAC can contact you;
- a private space or room to work from.

VMIAC offers debriefing support after the workshop.

## How to participate

Submit an EOI by clicking on the button below. EOIs will be accepted until **5pm on Monday 19 September**.

VMIAC aims to provide an outcome by Friday 23 September 2022.

To enquire about how we can help you participate in this opportunity, please contact the VMIAC Engagement Team at [consumerregister@vmiac.org.au](mailto:consumerregister@vmiac.org.au). Please use the Opportunity Reference Number OPP-2022-025 as a reference in your correspondence with us.

[Submit your EOI by clicking here](#)