**The Mental Health Services Melbourne Conference: HOPE into ACTION**

**Scholarship Application 2021**

Are you interested in attending The Mental Health Services of Australia and New Zealand’s (TheMHS) conference (Virtual) from Melbourne. The conference is on the 12-15 October 2021.

VMAIC receives funds to support consumers attending this annual conference and this year we are inviting you to consider making an application for 1 of 6 scholarships to attend.

To apply for the scholarship, you will need to be a mental health consumer and meet at least one of the following criteria:

* Be a consumer worker
* Never attended a TheMHS conference
* Under 25 years old
* Identify as culturally or linguistically diverse
* Identify as Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander
* Identify as LGBTIQ+
* Be a member of a Consumer Advisory Group

TheMHS Conference – Melbourne 2021 begins with the virtual Pre-Conference Community Lived Experience Forum on 12 October. For more information, please visit [**TheMHS Melbourne Pre-Conference Forums**](https://www.themhs.org/melbourne-forums-pre-conference-2021/).

The main Conference will be streamed virtually from Wednesday 13 – Friday 15 October 2021.

Program and speakers is available via this link. [online interactive program](https://themhs.eventsair.com/TMHEventInfoSitePortal/themhs-conference-melbourne-2021/program21/Agenda/AgendaItemDetail?id=09d7f817-65c5-42a0-80f9-6926f6d04d82)

You can choose below which days you would like to attend. There is no obligation to attend all days. The program is included as a link so you can decide which days you would like to attend.

Applications need to be in by close of business on **10th September** and you will be notified by **24th September** if you are successful.

If you are successful in obtaining a scholarship, you will be asked to share your experiences with the VMIAC membership. This may be through writing about the conference for the newsletter, talking at a meeting, painting a picture or any other form you would like to use. You will be provided with support to do this.

Information on the conference is available over the page.

Email application to bryony.wilson@vmiac.org.au with subject line TheMHS Scholarship Application 2021

or post to 1/22 Aintree Street Brunswick East Vic 3057

**Application form for VMIAC scholarship to attend 31st Annual The MHS Conference 12-15 October 2021**

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| **Given Name** |  | **Surname** |  |
| **Address** |  |
| **Suburb** |
| **Email** |  |
| **Phone no.** | Hm: | Mob | Wk: |
| **Concession Card** | YES | NO |  |

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| **I am a mental health Consumer and I also meet the following: (please tick all that apply)** |
|  | Be a consumer worker  |
|  | Never attended a TheMHS conference |
|  | Under 25 years old |
|  | Identify as culturally or linguistically diverse |
|  | Identify as Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander |
|  | Identify as LGBTIQ+ |
|  | Be a member of a Consumer Advisory Group |

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| **I would like the following to be considered with my application. This may include any information that you think the selection committee should know.** |
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**Please nominate which days you would like to attend.**

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| **Date** | **Day** | **Tick** |
| October 12 | Consumer Day |  |
| October 13 | Wednesday Program |  |
| October 14 | Thursday Program |  |
| October 15 | Friday Program |  |

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| **If you work for an organisation, would they consider financially supporting a part of your trip?** |
| **NO** |  | **YES** |  | **If yes amount** |  |
| Your application is not dependant on organisation support however if you were to receive some support this may enable VMIAC to assist an additional person to attend. |
| **What supports if any, would you need to attend the conference** |
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