



## **Expression of Interest: Travel Bursaries for Lived Experience of Suicide Summit 2023**

The Mental Health Commission (the Commission) recognises the valuable contribution that consumers, family, carers and community members make to the planning, implementation, delivery and evaluation of mental health, suicide prevention and AOD programs and services in Western Australia.

The Commission will provide two (2) travel bursaries to support people with Lived Experience of suicide to attend the Roses in the Ocean Lived Experience of Suicide Summit in Hobart, Tasmania on 9-10 March 2023.

### **Lived Experience of Suicide Summit 2023**

The Lived Experience of Suicide Summit 2023 (the Summit) is a biennial interactive workshop-style forum that connects people with a lived experience of suicide with key sector organisations, researchers, clinicians, government departments and non-government organisations. It provides a platform for multi-levelled collaboration to explore innovative solutions and bring about change.

Participants at the LE Summit 2023 will delve deeply into emerging innovations in suicide prevention, contribute to future research and service development, and develop connections and avenues for further integration that will extend beyond the Summit. The event will also further amplify partnership, growth, and sustainability of the lived experience of suicide movement.

The LE Summit offers a supportive space and platform for robust discussions and an opportunity to challenge our thinking, strengthen collaborations and evolve the role of lived experience of suicide in Australia.

More information and the full conference program are available at [LE Summit 2023 | Roses in the Ocean](https://rosesintheocean.com.au/communities-events/lived-experience-summit-2023/) (<https://rosesintheocean.com.au/communities-events/lived-experience-summit-2023/>)

### **Travel Bursaries**

The Commission will support two Western Australian individuals with Lived Experience of mental ill health, problematic, alcohol and other drug and/or suicide with travel bursaries including: Summit registration, flights, three nights accommodation and meals/incidentals. The total bursary is valued at approximately \$3500 per participant.

### **Assessment of Expression of Interest**

Expressions of interest will be assessed on the extent to which they meet the following selection criteria:

- 1) Provide a description/examples of your lived experience relating to suicide, such as having experienced suicidal thoughts, survived a suicide attempt, supported a loved one through suicidal crisis or bereaved by suicide.



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- 2) How have you used this Lived Experience to inform your work? (for example, in advocacy, policy development, consultation, steering committees)
- 3) Describe how you plan to share Summit learnings with Lived Experience of Suicide networks in Western Australia.
- 4) Ability to travel to Hobart, Tasmania from 8-11 March 2023.

**How to respond to this Expression of Interest**

- 1) Complete the application form below including statements addressing the selection criteria
- 2) Confirming your availability to travel to Hobart, Tasmania between 8-11 March 2023.
- 3) Provide a curriculum vitae
- 4) Please mark your application "EOI Private and Confidential – Lived Experience of Suicide Summit 2023" and email to Cath Colvin, A/Principal Policy Officer, Stakeholder Engagement [cath.colvin@mhc.wa.gov.au](mailto:cath.colvin@mhc.wa.gov.au)

The closing date for the Expression of Interest is **10am Monday 6 February 2023**.

**Enquiries**

Please contact Cath Colvin on 6553 0579 A/Principal Policy Officer, Stakeholder Engagement or email [cath.colvin@mhc.wa.gov.au](mailto:cath.colvin@mhc.wa.gov.au) if you require further information .



## Application form

### Lived Experience of Suicide Summit 2023

*\*The information you provide below is confidential and will only be provided to the Selection Panel members and will not be used for any other purpose or distributed without prior permission.*

#### Contact Details:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Personal Information:

- 1) Do you identify as a person with a Lived Experience of Suicide; having experienced suicidal thoughts, survived a suicide attempt, supported a loved one through suicidal crisis or bereaved by suicide?

YES

NO

2) Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

- 3) Are you:  younger than 18 years  18–25  26–40  41–60  60+

- 4) Do you identify as a member of any of these groups? (Mark all that apply to you)

Aboriginal

Torres Strait Islander

CaLD Culturally and Linguistically Diverse

LGBTIQ+: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Questioning or other diverse sexuality and gender

- 5) Do you have any disability/impairment support requirements that we should be aware of?  
i.e. TTY, Visual aids?

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- 6) Are you able to travel to Hobart, Tasmania from 8-11 March 2023

YES

NO

- 7) If you are unsuccessful on this occasion, would you like the Mental Health Commission to keep you informed about other consumer/family/carer committees, events, forums etc. in the future?

YES

NO



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