



Supporting participation program

Application guide

Part 1

About SPP





Australian Government

Department of Health,
Disability and Ageing

- The Australian Government Department of Health Disability and Ageing

We say **DHDA** for short.



- The Australian Human Rights Commission

We say **AHRC** for short.

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When you see the word **we** it means
DHDA and AHRC.



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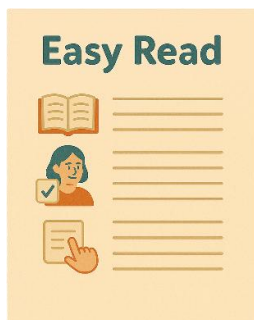
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We have some words in **bold**.

This means the letters are thicker and darker.

These are important words.



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This means it has the most important ideas.



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- A friend
- Family members
- A support person.



We recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the **Traditional Owners** of the land we live on.



They were the **first people** to live on and use the

- Land
- Waters.

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About this document



This document has 2 parts.



Part 1 is about the

- **Supporting Participation Program.**

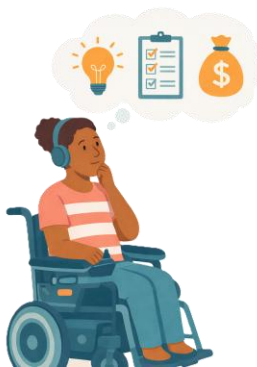
We call it **SPP** for short.



Participation means taking part in something.



Programs are done to support people in the community.



Part 2 is about

- How to apply for the SPP **grant**.

A grant is when the government gives you money to do something.



This is **part 1**.

Supporting Participation Program



SPP supports people with disability to go to **international forums** on **human rights**.

Like the **United Nations Conference of States Parties**.



The **United Nations** is an organisation where countries come together to

- Talk about world issues
- Fix world issues.

We call it the **UN** for short.



The **Conference of States Parties** is a meeting for all countries that agreed to support the rights of people with disability.

We call it **COSP** for short.



International forums are meetings where people from different countries talk about important issues.



Human rights are rights that everyone has.

Rights are **rules** about treating everyone

- Fair
- Equal.



SPP helps Australia to follow the

- **UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.**

We say **CRPD** for short.



CRPD is an agreement between different countries.

CRPD says how people with disability **must** have their **rights** respected.



SPP also supports people with disability to

- Speak up about their rights



- Represent their organisation.

Main activities



The SPP has 3 main activities.



1. **Civil society** taking part in COSP.



Civil society is groups of people working together to support something.

It is **not**

- The government
- Business.



This supports people with disability to go to COSP by giving them a **grant**.

A grant is when the government gives you money to do something.



2. Application process

An **application** is when someone says they want to take part in something.

This helps us choose who will get the grant.



AHRC will

- Manage the applications
- Write a report for DHDA about the applications.



AHRC helps people and communities to

- **Understand** their rights.
- **Speak up** about their rights.



The AHRC also helps to support people who go to a forum.



3. Support for people to take part in other international forums.



This helps people take part in

- Other important international meetings.

Goals of the grant



The grant has 4 **goals**.

Goals are things you want to do.



The goals are to support

1. People with disability take part in international meetings about human rights



2. Australia to follow the CRPD



3. Disability and community organisations to learn what issues are talked about at COSP



4. People to learn more about disability issues at other international meetings on human rights.

International forums in 2027

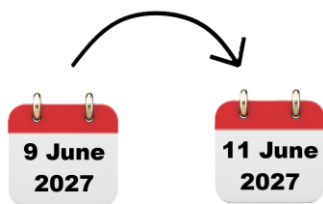


There are 3 international forums in 2027.

They are

1. 20th session of COSP

We call it **COSP20** for short.



COSP20 will be in New York in the **United States of America** on

- 9 June to 11 June 2027.

We call it the **USA** for short.



2. 71st Session of the Commission on the Status of Women

We say **CSW71** for short.



CSW is about

- The **rights of women**
- **Gender equality**

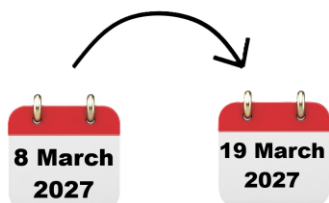
Gender equality means that everyone is treated equal no matter your **gender**.



People say what gender they are.

They might be

- A man
- A woman
- A different gender
- No gender.



CSW71 will be in New York the USA on

- 8 March to 19 March 2027.



3. Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.

We say **APMCDRR** for short.



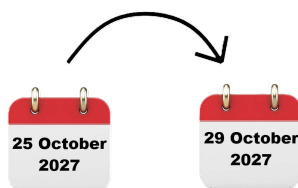
APMCDRR is about

- Preparing for **disasters**
- Keeping people safe during disasters.



Natural disasters are things like

- Cyclones
- Earthquakes
- Floods
- Volcanoes.



APMCDRR will be in Japan on

- 25 October to 29 October 2027.

Civil society delegates



Civil society **delegates** have things they need to do.

A delegate is a person who

- Is part of an organisation
- Speaks for their organisation
- Speaks up about their experiences.



Delegates have to

- Take part in forums



- Be a part of the group of Australian delegates



- Go to **workshops**

Workshops are for delegates to

- Meet each other
- Agree on goals and messages.



- Go to meetings before and after a forum

The meetings are for delegates to

- Get ready for a forum
- Talk about what happened at the forum.



- Learn more about
 - Human rights
 - Advocacy
 - Representing Australia on disability issues



- Visit the UN and other international organisations.

Types of delegates



All delegates must be part of a

- Disability organisation
- **Advocacy** organisation.

Advocacy is when someone supports you to speak up for your **rights**.



There are 2 types of delegates.

1. **Emerging Young Leader** Delegates

This is for people aged **18 to 35 years old**.



This supports young people with disability build their skills and confidence to be leaders.



They will have a **mentor** from the **general delegate**.

A mentor is someone you can

- Ask for advice
- Get support from.



2. **General Delegates**

This is for people 18 years or older.



People aged 18 to 35 years old can choose to be

- A General Delegate

or

- An Emerging Young Leader Delegate.





General Delegates support all the Australian delegates.



They

- Lead talks about issues for all delegates to think about



- Share what they have learned in their advocacy work



- Help with group tasks



- Help organise meetings



- Mentor at least 1 person from the Emerging Young Leader Delegates.

What all delegates must do



All delegates must

- Take part in most forum events



- Follow the event rules



- Follow **Work Health and Safety** rules

We call it **WHS** for short.



- Support the civil society goals



- **Network** with other people at forums

Network is when people meet and talk to each other.



- Support the work of the Australian delegates.



All delegates must also

- Go to most of the event in person



- Make sure they have all the documents needed like

- **Passport**
- **Visa**
- **Travel Insurance.**



A passport is a document from the government.

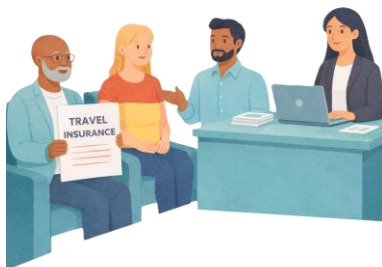
It says

- Who you are
- What country you are from.

It helps you travel to different countries.



A visa is a document that says you can go to another country for a certain amount of time.



Travel insurance covers lots of different things while you are travelling.

It can cover things like if you

- Miss your flight
- There are changes to your flight
- Get sick or hurt while travelling
- Lose your **luggage**

Luggage are the bags and things you bring with you when you travel.



Delegates must follow the **laws** of

- The country they go to
- Other countries they visit on the trip.

Laws are **rules** for how we live.

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