

Hearing Voices Network Australia

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Hearing Voices Network Australia provides an opportunity for people to connect; working toward gaining a better understanding of the experience of hearing voices, seeing visions and other like experiences.

Our Role

To enable acceptance of hearing voices and promote recovery for people who hear distressing voices.

This will be achieved through support for self-help groups, education and awareness.

(Where recovery is defined as living a meaningful life from the perspective of the individual)

Our Vision

To be at the forefront in achieving innovative, consumer-led approaches to recovery.

Key Result Areas

We will realise our vision through four Key Result Areas:

-“Hearing Voices” Groups -Education & Awareness -Partnerships & Alliances -Infrastructure & Resources

Hearing Voices

In this context, the term ‘hearing voices’ is a short hand expression used to describe a range of sensory experiences which are not always experienced as auditory and commonly known as auditory hallucinations.

They may include visual, tactile, olfactory and other sensations. They also may be internal or external or may include living with distressing beliefs. Essentially, ‘hearing voices’ encompasses any extra ordinary perceptual experiences that are as perceived as separate from oneself.

Hearing Voices Network

A Hearing Voices Network is a collection of Hearing Voices Groups and affiliated members such as service providers, consumers, carers and friends working toward promoting recovery, acceptance & education.

Hearing Voices Network Australia (HVNA): Background

The Hearing Voices Network Australia was seeded in 2005 when a group of dedicated consumers and providers

joined with The Richmond Fellowship WA seeking to support the development of Hearing Voices Groups throughout Australia. Motivated and encouraged by internationally renowned trainer & voice hearer Ron Coleman, The Richmond Fellowship WA auspiced the Hearing Voices Network in WA in 2006.

About HVNA:

As a member of INTERVOICE (International Network of Training, Education and Research on voices) HVNA works with international leaders in this field and global Hearing Voices Networks to bring quality service and innovative practice to Australia. We seek to offer support to voice hearers, consumers and to mental health workers across Australia and potential to evolve into a consumer driven organisation.

* Groups provide voice hearers an opportunity to share ways of coping & working with voices, aiming to reduce anxiety, ignorance, stigma & isolation.

Begin a Hearing Voices Group Today!

Call us for support to develop Hearing Voices Groups.

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