**Voices for Palliative Care (intro page)**

Voices for Palliative Care is a consumer-led collaborative of people with a lived experience of serious illness or caregiving, who are committed to creating meaningful research outcomes, contributing to health service planning and advocating for improvements in palliative care. Through research collaborations and community engagement, Voices members aim to demystify palliative care and emphasize the importance of holistic and compassionate care that meets the needs of the community.

Voices was established in 2022 and developed as a partnership between St Vincent’s Hospital, The University of Melbourne and Flinders University alongside numerous community and government stakeholders. The Voices program is conducted under the auspices of Wicking Trust.

**Why consumer involvement?**

VOICES responds to evidence which highlights the need to transform current health systems in line with consumer priorities, to empower the workforce with the knowledge and skills needed to integrate consumer voices; translate research into tangible outcomes, amplify consumer voices within the policy setting; and drive culture change across our community to deliver more positive experiences of wellbeing and personhood for those with palliative care needs.

**Who are the Voices for Palliative Care Consumer Representatives?**

Voices is a consumer-led collaborative of individuals with lived experience in serious illness and palliative care and palliative care clinicians and researchers. Meet our members:

* **List of people**

**How to connect with Voices for Palliative Care:**

**If you are a researcher, policymaker or clinician:**

Researchers can choose to work with individual Voices members based on their expertise and experience or engage with the entire group for a more global perspective. The group meets approximately every two months, and researchers are welcome to attend meetings to pitch an idea and seek potential input from members to help inform their research. Voices members are also available for individual consultations and ongoing partnerships on research projects.

Please download the involvement forms below and send completed forms to [mollie.wilson@svha.org.au](mailto:mollie.wilson@svha.org.au)

* Involvement request forms for individual consumers can be downloaded here. Find out more about our Voices members here.
* Project Pitch Request forms for Voices meetings can be downloaded here.

**If you are a person with lived experience of serious illness or caregiving:**

* If you are interested in sharing your lived experience with palliative care, and potentially joining Voices, please fill out an expression of interest form here.

For more information on the program, please contact Mollie Wilson at [mollie.wilson@svha.org.au](mailto:mollie.wilson@svha.org.au)