



Social Inclusion Action Groups



Department of Health

Social Inclusion Action Groups are an important prevention initiative that support local communities to promote social connection and participation in local communities.

Social Inclusion Action Groups are run by local communities and supported by a funded coordinator from their LGA. Each group will:

- identify local needs, existing initiatives and gaps related to social connection and social inclusion
- test, develop and support a range of funded initiatives that prevent social exclusion and support community participation, inclusion and connection
- promote mental health and wellbeing through place-based coordination and activities/initiatives addressing social inclusion and connection.

Membership

Membership should reflect the demographics of the local community. Membership should include a variety of lived and living experiences including members with experience of mental illness, psychological distress, addiction and/or social exclusion, isolation and discrimination.

Membership should also reflect diverse communities (such as people with a disability, LGBTIQ+ people and people from CALD

background), as well as include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, young people and older adults.

How can people join?

There will be an Expression of Interest (EOI) process to recruit Social Inclusion Action Group members in each LGA. For further information please contact your local council or email wellbeingpromotion@health.vic.gov.au

Where are Social Inclusion Action Groups being established?

The Royal Commission recommended the establishment of Social Inclusion Action Groups in each of Victoria's 79 LGAs. The rollout is phased, with the first ten Social Inclusion Action Groups to be established in:

- Benalla Rural City Council
- Brimbank City Council
- City of Ballarat
- City of Greater Geelong
- City of Whittlesea
- Frankston City Council
- Latrobe City Council
- Mansfield City Council
- Mildura Rural City Council
- Rural City of Wangaratta

Further information

For more information on Social Inclusion Action Groups, please visit our website:

<https://www.health.vic.gov.au/mental-health-wellbeing-reform/social-inclusion-action-groups>

For more information regarding Social Inclusion Action Groups, please email MHWP0@health.vic.gov.au