



Speak My Language

Diverse communities living well with a disability

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

About Speak My Language (SML)

Speak My Language (SML) - CALD and Indigenous communities talking about living well with a disability is a national initiative that will be delivered across Australia over 2021 and 2022.

SML involves CALD and Indigenous Australians with disabilities, and their supporters, sharing real stories and experiences, via podcast, broadcast and online in up to 25 languages. The stories will be about living well with a disability, and they will inform people about skills and resources available in the community to support people to live well. Additional interviews with guest speakers will give accurate and up-to-date information about further opportunities in the community. Together, the podcasts, broadcasts or videos will provide practical tips on utilising personal skills and talents, and community resources and networks, in order to live well with disability - at home, in the community and at work or school.

The Multicultural Council of South Australia is delivering the program in South Australia. Our partners are the Ethnic Communities' Council of NSW (lead agency) and all the State and Territory Ethnic and Multicultural Communities' Councils around Australia. Our broadcasting partners are SBS and NEMBC.

About the Traveller Role

We are looking for a small group of bi-lingual people who are well connected in their community and are passionate about the human rights of people with disabilities, to learn how to create podcasts about living well with a disability. We encourage people with lived experience of disability to apply.

'Traveller' is the word the Speak My Language (SML) program uses for the person who will be responsible for recruiting people who are willing to be interviewed about a personal story (a storyteller) or to give useful information (a guest speaker) in a podcast or video.

Successful candidates will be paid to complete the SML training and must demonstrate the following:

- Understanding the influences and sensitivities of culture in relation to attitudes towards people with disabilities

- Understanding how Privacy, Duty of Care & Conflict of Interest relates to the role
- Ability to represent and implement the SML Principles
- Ability to represent and promote the SML Brand

About the Broadcast Traveller Role

The SML project is seeking individuals with basic radio broadcasting skills and proficient in English and a language other than English. They will be employed to deliver the two main components of the project, the recording of podcasts and the coordination and delivery of radio broadcasts.

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The Broadcasting Traveller (BT) will also coordinate and deliver radio broadcasts in a radio station, as a talent. It's a demanding component and the appropriate candidate must be able to talk thoroughly about the SML principles in an engaging and informative manner. In return, the SML Project offers the successful candidate an exceptional professional experience on a National project, likely resulting in extensive profile and contacts across a broad range of industries including radio.

Capacity building for the Broadcast Traveller

SML aims to build on every individual's capacity that gets involved with the project. Successful Broadcast Traveller candidates will receive bespoke training in storytelling, script writing and broadcasting techniques, which will help develop the skills of all Broadcast Travellers regardless their experience and background.