

NATIONAL HOMELESSNESS CONFERENCE 2022

Jointly convened by



MAJOR CONCURRENT SESSION

MC3 The lived experience of not having a home



‘We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land we are meeting on, the Ngunnawal people. We honour the wisdom of, and pay respect to, Elders past, present and future.

I would also like to acknowledge and welcome other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who may be attending today’s event.’



We acknowledge lived experience insights and the need to have solutions designed with those who are impacted by homelessness.

We thank those people with lived experiences of homelessness who have contributed to the work of Constellation Project

If any of the content is triggering and you need support, please seek the help that you need.

Session Panellists

- **Cass Carrone**, PESP Team Leader, Council to Homeless Persons & **Lisa Townsend**, Council to Homeless Persons
- **Daisy Gleeson**
Lived Experience Consultant and Trainer
- **Leander Kreltshheim** Service Designer, Mission Australia & **Haja Suma** – Lived Experience, Mission Australia
- **Lorna Robinson**
Lived Experience Officer, The Constellation Project

NORMALISED



AWARENESS



A NATURAL FIT

A GAP IN YOUTH VOICE



Ready transition Work team

CHANGE in POWER DYNAMIC
PEOPLE with LIVED RECOGNISE the POWER WITHIN

IT WAS A Positive STORY

REDUCES STIGMA

IT WAS JUST ONE PART of THEIR STORY

Opportunity

A POSITION BECAME AVAILABLE

- SUITED MY SKILLS
- MY EXPERIENCE
- IDENTIFIED
- PAID

IT SUITED ME

I GOT STARTED AS THE LIVED EXPERIENCE OFFICER

LIVED EXPERIENCE at ALL LEVELS IDENTIFIED or NOT

NORMALISING LIVED EXPERIENCE

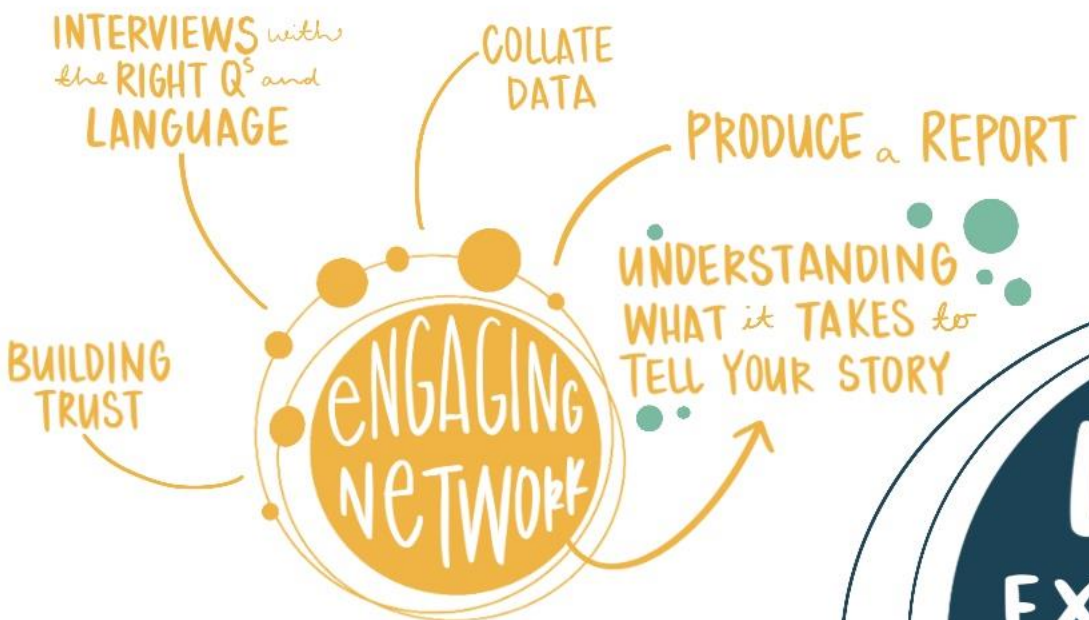
A LEADER SPOKE ABOUT THEIR OWN Experience



FUTURE

I saw MY Lived Experience as a VALUE Rather than an OBSTACLE



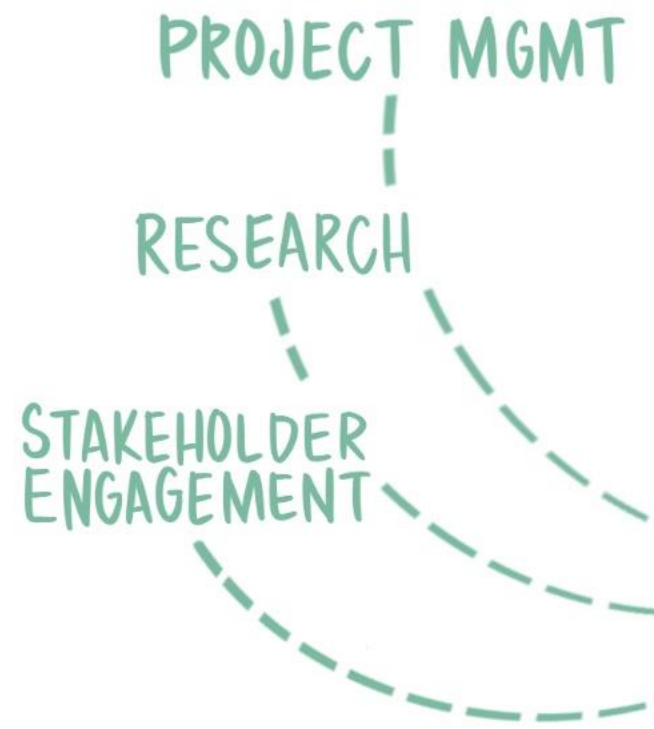


LIVED EXPERIENCE OFFICER

DEDICATED to INTEGRATING LIVED EXPERIENCE at all LEVELS ENABLING a DEEPER UNDERSTANDING of ISSUES and CHALLENGES

so that BETTER SOLUTIONS can be DESIGNED

A day in the life



CONTINUOUS LEARNING

LONG TERM PLANNING

REPRESENTATION of LIVED EXPERIENCE INCLUSION

IDENTIFY GAPS

Lived experience is one of many skills individuals bring



WORKING TO STRENGTHEN LE INCLUSION

A SKILL LIKE any OTHER

THE GAP IN THE MIDDLE IS WHERE ALL THE KNOWLEDGE IS

“Our responsibility is to help one another but more specifically, the river of life is in danger right now and there will be no more river of life. [We need to] utilise our knowledge together to strengthen the river of life. At the end of the day, any social innovation or systems stuff should be all about the continuation of life and however we understand it to be—not just human life but all of it, for this generation right to the end of time”

Uncle Dan (Relational Systems Thinking, by Melanie Goodchild)