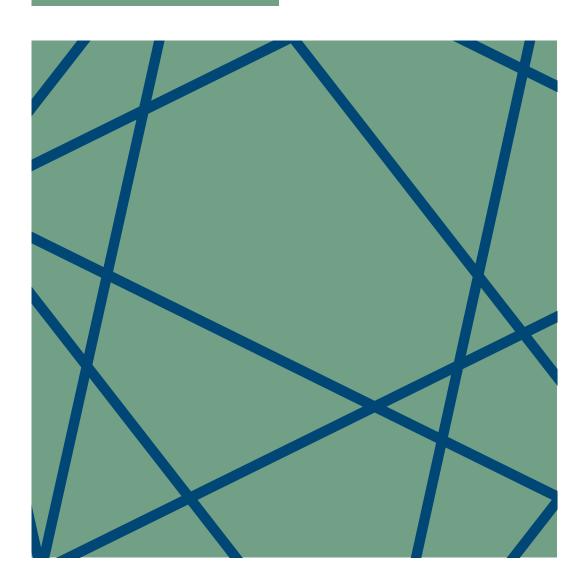




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Terms in this document that carry specific meaning in the context of engaging lived/living experience are printed in **bold purple** the first time they are used in general text and defined further in the glossary section (from page 21).



who provide expert advice to your organisation. Lived experts are also known interchangeably as lived experience representatives; consumer representatives; or lived experience consultants.

Throughout this document the term lived expertise is used to describe people

The term people with **lived/living experience** is used to describe a broader group of people with unique insights gained through personal experience.

Importantly, this document is designed primarily for engagement with your organisation's **consumers**; their family, friends and kin; and their communities. If your organisation is seeking to engage a lived experience workforce (or **peer workers**), this document may provide useful background, however your engagement will also be determined by employment laws, regulations, policies and practices that are beyond the scope of this document.

Background

This document provides seven high-level steps for an organisation to develop a framework for engaging **consumers** with **lived expertise**.

The co-production of this document was facilitated by Mental Health Lived Experience Tasmania (MHLET) on behalf of Primary Health Tasmania. MHLET is an organisation managed and governed by people with **lived/living experience** from diverse backgrounds. MHLET proactively worked with lived expertise from within and outside its membership – together with service providers and government agencies – to facilitate the co-production.

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The seven steps in this document provide a guide for organisations interested in coproducing a lived expertise framework, to enable best-practice, ongoing engagement with people with lived/living experience. If your organisation is interested in learning more about engaging lived expertise – but is not ready to develop a lived expertise framework – it will still find the content in this document useful for increasing understanding, building capacity, and improving practice.

This document was designed for organisations such as Primary Health Tasmania; peak bodies/ funding organisations; and health and social care organisations across the Tasmanian primary care sector. It is designed to be consistent with lived/ living experience approaches implemented by the Tasmanian Department of Health. It could also be applied by organisations in the broader community sector (such as housing, social support, health education and employment services).

The document has three main purposes:

- 1. To increase understanding of structured engagement with lived expertise.
- To be a tool for organisations to establish a lived/living experience engagement framework and/or assess their current lived/ living experience engagement practices.
- To provide a consistent set of principles and enactors to inform engagement with lived expertise in Tasmania.

This document is purposefully designed to be a practical and implementable framework for use by any Tasmanian community service or primary care organisation.

The seven steps in this document are presented as checklists for your organisation to self-reflect on its capacity to implement a lived expertise framework. The checklists are not pass/fail assessments, and it is expected all organisations will find at least some of the items in each step challenging to implement. The checklists are designed to ensure your organisation's co-design with lived expertise is built on foundations of honesty, transparency, and trust. The most important success factor is your organisation's commitment to implement the steps, in genuine collaboration with lived expertise, and respectfully work together to deliver a lived expertise framework matched to your organisation's capacity.

For some organisations, a lived expertise framework using these seven steps may only be a starting point that leads to more detailed, complex and/or targeted approaches. In particular, your organisation is strongly encouraged to access the relevant additional resources provided in the literature review at the end of this document – and seek a strong, ongoing partnership with a well-established lived expertise organisation – if your organisation is implementing:

- consumer engagement requiring compliance with specific laws and governmentmandated standards
- clinical practice guidelines
- peer workforces
- structured engagement with First Nations communities
- a transition to becoming wholly lived/living experience managed and governed.

This guide may be updated from time to time, including to provide extended tools and resources. This is **version 1.0**.

Why develop a lived expertise framework?

An organisation would develop a lived expertise framework to establish and maintain effective, mutually respectful and long-lasting connections with one or more lived/living experience groups.

Usually this group – or groups – will be consumers of an organisation's services (and/ or **carers**, family, friends, and kin of these consumers).

In some contexts, this group of consumers will be an organisation's reason for being. For example, a counselling service for victim/survivors of family violence may exist solely to work with people with lived/living experience of such violence.

In other contexts, an organisation may need to engage with a specific cohort of consumers with distinct, additional experiences. For example, a health service organisation may need to apply the lived expertise of young people with illhealth, or the lived expertise of people with ill-health from migrant backgrounds.

For an increasing number of organisations, engaging lived expertise is a requirement of a funding contract, or a result of a commitment made in a grant application. For some organisations, the requirement to engage with lived expertise is a regulatory requirement. For example, for organisations that need to comply with the National Safety and Quality Mental Health Standards for Community Managed Organisations.

Some organisations seek to engage with lived expertise because it is fundamental to their values and their commitment to human rights. For example, many service organisations have committed to implementing the **disability** rights principle of nothing about us, without us.

Other organisations simply want to engage with lived expertise because it makes common sense. Often, these organisations have concluded: "who better to provide our organisation with expertise on how to work effectively with a priority group of clients, than experts from that same group?" This document is designed to be a high-level guide for any organisation seeking to engage and apply lived expertise over the long term. It is not designed for one-off engagements, but instead to develop a flexible organisational framework that can be applied to different types of engagement over time. It can be used by organisations of any size, including those operating only in Tasmania, and those working more broadly.

The only prerequisite to applying the seven steps in this document is that an organisation genuinely and respectfully wants to achieve continuous positive change for and with people with lived/living experience.

The authors recognise that an organisation may already have existing lived/living experience frameworks that have been built with lived expertise and are working well. In these circumstances, the seven steps in this document may be useful to extend, or encourage reflection on, the organisation's current framework.

As this guide is about developing a framework that can be applied by your organisation in many different contexts over the long term, please note:

it requires working with a group of lived experts to establish the framework, but can then be applied to engage individual lived experts for specific projects into the future

it requires co-production to establish the framework, but can then be applied to implement less intensive forms of lived expertise engagement, (such as consultation) into the future.

Seven steps for developing a lived expertise framework

This document provides a basic guide and information on each of the following seven steps, and simple checklists to self-assess your organisation's capacity to develop a lived expertise framework.

1	PRINCIPLES	Consider your organisation's capacity, willingness and commitment to apply key principles for establishing and/or maintaining a lived expertise framework.
2	ENACTORS	Consider your organisation's capacity to apply enactors that implement and continuously improve a lived expertise framework.
3	TYPES	Consider the types of engagement with lived expertise your organisation is seeking to implement.
4	POWER	Consider the power relations your organisation might accept in each type of engagement.
5	PREPARE	Prepare for cultural change and values realignment across your organisation, and an investment of time and resources.
6	CO-INITIATE	Work with one or more lived expertise group(s) to ideate, discuss, and scope your lived expertise framework, including proposed remuneration.
7	CO-PRODUCE	Co-plan, co-design, co-deliver and co-evaluate your organisation's lived experience framework.

It is recommended that the people within your organisation who are responsible for developing a lived expertise framework work through each of the seven checklists presented below, in order.

Remember, the seven checklists are not a pass/fail test. They are designed to encourage your organisation to ask targeted questions about its knowledge of lived expertise; its capacity to engage lived expertise effectively; and what it wants to achieve by engaging lived expertise. With this information, your organisation will be in a position to start building lived/living experience engagement from transparent foundations, based on professional relationships of trust.

It is OK if your organisation is unsure about how to respond to a specific question or needs more information to make a considered assessment. These can be matters for discussion with lived experts in Steps 6 and 7.

Step 1 PRINCIPLES	Consider your organisation's capacity, willingness and commitment to apply key principles for establishing and/or maintaining a lived expertise framework.	
	Can your organisation	Check
SELF-DETERMINATION AND CHOICE	recognise the rights of people with lived expertise to self-organise, and to support them to guide or inform the ways they would like to engage?	
Related principles: Empowerment; Autonomy; Equality	have discussions about power relations and seek substantive equality between your organisation and the lived expertise group?	
INCLUSION	acknowledge that lived experience is complex, varied and intersectional?	
Related principles: Diversity; Intersectionality	embrace, support and accept diversity within a lived experience group, including purposeful inclusion ?	
KINDNESS	seek connections to a common humanity without judgement?	
Related principles: Empathy; Compassion	listen, believe and validate with empathy?	
	consider, acknowledge and accept the harm done to people with lived experience when engaging with services?	
PURPOSE AND ACCOUNTABILITY	genuinely share the primary purpose and intended outcomes of the engagement?	
Related principles: Transparency; Openness	commit to measuring and evaluating the outcomes, and sharing this information with the lived/living experience group?	
	provide transparency on key elements of each engagement – including time, resources, information, requirements and constraints?	
EQUAL RELATIONSHIPS Related principles: Reciprocity;	commit to working with lived expertise in a multi-directional, mutually beneficial, and consensual manner?	
Shared expectations; Partnership	seek to make decisions in projects by agreement via constructive dialogue?	
DIGNITY Related principles: Respect;	respect and incorporate lived expertise alongside other forms of evidence and data in policy and practice?	
Recognition	acknowledge individuals with lived/living experience and respect their self- defined identities, and not be categorised by others?	
TRUST AND SAFETY Related principles: Cultural safety	support people with lived/living experience to engage in environments of physical, emotional and cultural safety , without stigmatising their needs?	
	accept that trust can take time to build, and as required, may need to facilitate multiple engagements?	
SUSTAINABILITY AND RESOURCING	provide sufficient financing across all aspects of the agreed engagement?	
Related principles: Central to design; Resilient	commit to consistent, stable, long-term arrangements rather than ad hoc approaches?	
FLEXIBILITY	change established ways of thinking and doing when presented with challenging ideas or new information by people with lived experience?	
Related principles: Agile; Responsive; Adaptive; Innovative	be adaptive enough to take a step back from current practice, in order to be responsive?	
CONTEXTUALITY	acknowledge engagement with and within each lived experience group will be different and ensure that inclusivity is prioritised?	
Related principles: Appropriate; Authentic	adapt approaches to different contexts including (but not limited to) locality, culture , language, age, health condition, socioeconomic status?	
Carry through the results of this cl	hecklist to Step 5	

Step 2 ENACTORS	Consider your organisation's capacity to apply enactors that implement and continuously improve a lived expertise framework.	
	Can your organisation	Check
ORGANISATIONAL CULTURE AND	examine unconscious biases , beliefs, judgements and practices, and how these influence your organisation's engagement with lived experience?	
INTEGRATION	seek a cultural shift that embeds effective engagement across the organisation?	
REMUNERATION	standardise payment for lived expertise, based on the equivalent market rate, statutory allowance or award rate paid to other experts?	
	negotiate the fair and appropriate type and quantum of payment to the agreed scope of the lived experience engagement?	
CAPACITY EXCHANGE; EDUCATION	ensure people in your organisation have skills to engage effectively and safely with lived experience?	
AND TRAINING; DEVELOPMENT	enable people with lived experience to build knowledge associated with the specific engagement?	
CARE AND SUPPORT	include preparation, induction, and inclusive options for support in all lived experience engagements?	
	ensure the risks and impacts of re-traumatisation are acknowledged, planned for, and minimised?	
EVALUATION, REFLECTION AND	involve lived expertise in co-evaluation, determining the way their contributions are used?	
LEARNING	share evaluation findings with people with lived/living experience, including information on how these findings will be applied?	
EQUITABLE ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND	during a co-produced project, provide the same information to people with lived experience as is made available to your staff, unless legally prevented?	
PROCESSES	ensure communication methods are inclusive of different needs?	
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND CONFIDENTIALITY	acknowledge that the intellectual property of people with lived experience includes personal stories, and the use of this property needs to be agreed?	
	commit to the ongoing protection and/or permanent deletion of private and confidential information provided in an engagement?	
ADDRESS STIGMA	acknowledge that stigmatisation of lived experience is likely to occur, and commit to dismantling stigma in its various forms?	
	make an ongoing commitment to safety, learning, self-reflection, and improvement to minimise stigma?	
STRIVE FOR TRANSFORMATION	approach lived experience engagement as an opportunity for progressive re- balancing of power and sustained change?	
	keep an open mind about how resources are allocated, processes are originated, and structures formed across your organisation and/or sector?	
ASSESS; MATCH; PLAN	assess organisational readiness to engage, and be clear with expectations about the role of people with lived expertise prior to engagement?	
	commit not to set people up to fail, including by agreeing processes that match lived expertise to specific skills, experience and interest?	
Carry through the results of this ch	necklist to Step 5	

Step 3 TYPES	Consider the types of engagement with lived expertise your organisation is seeking to implement now, or in the immediate future. PLEASE NOTE: Your lived expertise framework <i>can include some or all</i> <i>of these engagement types</i> . Further, your framework can be updated to include more or different types from time to time. Organisations just beginning to formally engage people with lived/ living experience may start with Types 1-2, before moving to Type 3. An organisation will be in a better position to engage in Types 4-5 if it has effectively implemented Types 1-3 within its own operations.	
	Is your organisation seeking to	Check
INDIVIDUAL AND/OR FAMILY ENGAGEMENT	share decision making in direct service delivery with consumers (and if appropriate their carer, family, friend or kin)?	
	enable a consumer, or their advocate, to instigate a change or improvement to the way your organisation interacts with that person's lived experience?	
SERVICE OR PROGRAM ENGAGEMENT	engage lived expertise in initiating, planning, designing, delivering and evaluating specific services, programs and initiatives?	
	engage lived expertise in specific parts of service or program delivery (such as sitting on selection panels for key program roles)?	
ORGANISATIONAL CHANGE	engage lived expertise to improve your organisation's governance, systems and structures?	
SYSTEMIC CHANGE	engage lived expertise to improve the way a sector or jurisdictional system operates, including standards, policy, and applicable laws?	
TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE	work with lived expertise to change dominant culture, build grassroots community-led movements and dismantle discrimination?	
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Step 4 POWER	Consider the power relations your organisation might offer in different types of engagement.	
	Is your organisation seeking to	Check
INFORM	provide information to people with lived/living experience?	
people with lived/living experience	increase awareness of services amongst people with lived/living experience using standard approaches?	
	define the issue without necessarily engaging lived expertise?	
	deliver an output or outcome your organisation has already determined?	
CONSULT people with lived/living	ask people with lived/living experience for limited input on our approaches, recognising they will be impacted?	
experience	ask questions that our organisation has determined?	
	receive various inputs, of which lived expertise is only one?	
	implement the output in a way that may, or may not, be influenced by the input provided by people with lived/living expertise?	
INVOLVE people with lived/living	specifically invite people with lived/living experience to provide lived expertise and perspectives?	
experience	work iteratively, testing and re-testing ideas with lived expertise?	
	be transparent about how it used lived expertise?	
	in the end, determine the output or outcome itself, whether or not lived expertise has significantly shaped the final result?	
CO-PRODUCE	partner with lived expertise to co-initiate solutions?	
with people with lived/ living experience	share decision-making with people with lived/living experience, in all or clearly defined parts of the engagement?	
	co-plan, co-design, co-produce and co-evaluate with lived expertise?	
	genuinely and exhaustively seek to reach agreement with people with lived/ living experience on the final output or outcome?	
TRANSFER POWER to people with lived/living	allow issues and solutions to be defined by people with lived/living experience, with or without substantive input from your organisation?	
experience (also known as 'consumer-led')	provide resources, authority, remuneration and time for people with lived expertise to do their agreed work?	
	provide access to skills in addition to lived expertise, and access to the information required to do the agreed work?	
	implement outputs or outcomes determined by people with lived experience?	
Carry through the results of this cl	hecklist to Step 5	

Note: while an organisation cannot establish a lived experience framework using levels 1, 2 and 3, these levels of power sharing may be appropriate when transparently delivered within the context of an existing framework.

Step 5 PREPARE	Prepare for cultural change and values realignment across your organisation, an investment of time and resources, and new partnerships. Note: Your organisation <i>can still proceed</i> with developing a lived expertise framework, <i>no matter which items are checked in the list</i> <i>below</i> . By completing this process accurately, your organisation's structured engagement with lived expertise will start from a foundation of honesty and transparency, and have increased chance of success. A group of people with lived expertise can then decide to safely work with your organisation to address any of the identified gaps.	
	Can your organisation	Check
PRINCIPLES	agree to all the questions about principles in Step 1?	
	agree to more than half of the questions about principles in Step 1?	
	agree to less than half of the principles in Step 1?	
ENACTORS	agree to implement all the enactors in Step 2?	
	agree to implement more than half of the enactors in Step 2?	
	agree to implement less than half of the enactors in Step 2?	
TYPES	define the different types of engagement with lived/living experience set out in Step 3?	
POWER	identify examples of having worked at least to level 3 (Involve) with external stakeholders or consumers in the past?	
	commit to working at level 4 (Co-Production) for the purposes of developing a lived experience framework for your organisation?	
RESEARCH	reflect on and articulate your organisation's previous engagement with lived expertise, current capacity to engage, and future needs for lived expertise?	
	identify documentation in the literature review that may be relevant to your organisation?	
CHANGE	develop a theory of change about developing and implementing a lived expertise framework?	
Carry through the results of this c	hecklist to Step 6	

Step 6 CO-INITATE

Work with one or more lived expertise group(s) to ideate, negotiate, and scope your lived expertise framework, including proposed remuneration.

Is your organisation prepared to		Check
Work with a lived expertise group?	The definition of lived expertise to be applied in the context of developing an organisational framework is: groups of people who share experiences and can apply the expertise gained from their experience to achieve recognition, respect and positive change for their group(s).	
	While individuals not associated with a group may have lived expertise relevant to your organisation, this document recommends organisations only develop, apply and evaluate a <i>lived expertise framework</i> with the support of <i>lived/living experience groups</i> . This is because key principles for ongoing engagement of lived expertise (such an inclusion, safety and sustainability) can only be implemented by engaging with a lived/living experience collective.	
	This document also acknowledges that lived expertise may extend beyond the direct consumer/service provider relationship – and particularly to the lived expertise of carers, family, friends, kin and significant others.	
Make the effort to connect with a lived/ living experience group, recognising these groups may organise in many forms, or require support to organise?	 In the definition above, <i>groups</i> include: formal entities managed and controlled by people with lived/living experience where relevant formal entities do not exist or cannot participate, informal groups managed and controlled by people with lived/living experience people with lived expertise who require time, support and resources to formally or informally organise into a self-determining group different groups representing different lived experience working together. A larger, well-established lived/living experience organisation may also organise a sub-group of lived expertise tailored to your organisational need. For example, if your organisation was seeking to specifically focus on young illicit drug users, a lived experts assigned to your project were young people. It is important to note that while a group of people may have shared experience, they will also have diverse perspectives, varied backgrounds, specific expertise and intersecting experiences. 	
Acknowledge that 'context is critical', and that different groups may seek different approaches?	This document has been authored by a group that has diverse lived expertise, primarily in the field of mental ill-health. The authors sought to learn from other communities or groups with lived experience and embrace the intersectionality of lived experience. While the authors believe the principles, enactors, and types of engagement set out above have common application, the authors acknowledge their perspectives may not be the same as those of other lived experience groups. For this reason, it is important for different organisations and services that engage with lived experience groups. For example, there will be different approaches adopted in the palliative care context when compared to the mental health context, or the family violence context (and so on).	

Identify the type(s) of lived expertise you need to engage?	The types of lived expertise your organisation may wish to engage depending on context include (but are not limited to) the following communities represented by formal and informal groups in Tasmania and Australia: First Nations people, including Tasmanian Aboriginal people people living with disability migrants, refugees and asylum seekers people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds victim/survivors of family and sexual violence people experiencing homelessness people experiencing poverty and unemployment LGBTQIA+ people people with experience of suicide victim/survivors of slavery injecting and illicit drug users sex workers people from age groups experiencing discrimination (youth; aged) former and currently serving defence force personnel former and currently serving emergency service first responders health consumers (including groups representing people with lived/living experience of specific health conditions and circumstances) mental health consumers carers, families, friends and kin of consumers, and their communities.	
Acknowledge the unique requirements of engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People?	The authors specifically acknowledge that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander understandings of lived expertise are unique. The Black Dog Institute's Indigenous Lived Experience Centre (2023) website states: A lived experience recognises the effects of ongoing negative historical impacts and or specific events on the social and emotional wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It encompasses the cultural, spiritual, physical, emotional and mental wellbeing of the individual, family or community and takes into consideration Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's ways of understanding social and emotional wellbeing.	

	Once you have connected with a group that can provide relevant lived expertise, it is recommended that your organisation reach written agreement with this group on how your organisation's lived experience framework will be developed. This will involve your organisation committing to reach agreement on:	
	who will be involved in the project	
	how decisions will be made	
	how disagreements or disputes will be resolved	
	the premise, scope and limitations of the lived expertise framework	
	the theory of change associated with the lived expertise framework	
	how the lived expertise framework will be evaluated and improved	
	the timeline for developing the framework	
Negotiate the terms for	the time commitments expected for each role in the project	
developing a framework?	the methods of communication between people in the project	
	how people with lived expertise have information to participate as equals	
	ensuring safe spaces, and dealing with the risk of re-traumatisation	
	respecting intellectual property, confidentiality and privacy	
	acknowledging the contribution of lived expertise to your framework	
	remuneration for lived expertise	
	the participation of lived experts with caring responsibilities	
	the participation of lived experts with limited access to technology	
	the participation of lived experts with limited access to transport	
	the participation of lived experts with disability and/or ill-health	
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Co-plan, co-design, co-deliver and co-evaluate your organisation's lived expertise framework.

Is your organisation prepared to		Check
Re-examine conceptions of co-design?	The term co-design has become widely used, particularly in the context of governments and service providers working with consumers, communities, and people with lived/living experience. Unfortunately, co-design has been increasingly co-opted to describe all manner of engagement – including processes with little or no redresses of power imbalances (like customer surveys; feedback forms; and complaints processes).	
	The authors of this document suggest the term co-design should not be used to describe processes that are only at the inform, consult or involve levels of the power balance spectrum (see Step 4). Moreover, the authors believe that co-design is only one element in achieving the objective of co-production .	
	To develop an authentic lived expertise framework, it needs to be co- produced. Co-production involves co-initiating; co-planning; co-design; co- delivery; and co-evaluation.	
	Researchers Cath Roper, Flick Grey and Emma Cadogan – in their important, practical and easy-to-read guide on co-production (see full citation in literature review below) – identify three core principles underpinning co-production partnerships with lived/living experience consumers:	
	1. consumers are partners from the outset	
Understand the	2. power differentials are acknowledged, explored, and addressed	
key elements of	3. consumer leadership and capacity is developed.	
co-production?	Importantly, these researchers stress that what separates co-production from other forms of engagement is that it deliberately sets out to create a culture that values all expertise and knowledge, particularly the expertise and knowledge of the people that are most affected by the problem and solution. Consistent with this framework they identify that co-production recognises and seeks to address power differentials within partnerships and promotes and develops lived/living experience leadership which shifts away from an historical positioning of professionals as the experts that steer the agenda.	
	Remunerating lived expertise at the same rates as other experts is a key feature of co-production.	

	This document cannot prescribe the structure of your organisation's lived expertise framework. The structure will be different for every organisation, and uniquely shaped by the people with lived expertise that your organisation engages.	
	Nonetheless, as a starting point, the template following provides a basic 10-section example of an organisational lived expertise engagement framework that includes (but does not need to be limited to):	
	1. the lived expertise engaged via your framework	
Develop a structure for your co-produced lived	 the environment in which your organisation engages with lived expertise (including any requirements that are externally mandated) 	
expertise framework informed by the lived	3. commitment to agreed Principles (see Step 1 above), including any actions required to re-align your organisation to one or more principles]
expertise group your organisation engages, and contemporary literature	 commitment to agreed Enactors (see Step 2 above), including any actions required to activate one or more of the enactors 	
and practice?	 identification of Types (see Step 3 above) of engagement for different aspects of your organisation and its operations 	
	6. identification of extent to which Power (see Step 4 above) will be shared for each of the different Types of engagement	
	 a transparent plan for implementing each Type of lived/living experience engagement, with clear timelines, accountabilities, and levels of remuneration for lived expertise 	
	8. a commitment to monitor, measure, evaluate and re-set the implementation of the framework, at least on an annual basis.	
Be open and transparent about its capacity to share power?	Your lived expertise framework needs be clear and honest about engagement types. In some contexts, informing, consulting or involving people with lived/ living experience is the most appropriate form of engagement – or the best that can be achieved with the available resources. In general, people with lived expertise will appreciate organisations being upfront about their capacity to share power. On the other hand, mislabelling a tokenistic process as co- production is likely to undermine relationships of trust between an organisation and its lived/living experience consumers. The template following provides examples.]

	The resources required to develop a lived expertise framework should be something negotiated with a lived expertise group on a project basis in Co-Initiation (see Step 6 above).	
	The resources required to implement a co-produced lived expertise framework on an ongoing basis include:	
	• the time associated with people in your organisation who are responsible for actions in the framework	
Allocate sufficient	 remuneration of people with lived/living experience engaged via the framework, at the rates established in the framework and in a way that is flexible 	
resources?	 the costs associated with co-evaluating the framework on at least an annual basis 	
	• the costs associated with specific actions in the framework (for example, a commitment to communicate with people with lived/living experience in a particular way).	
	Not allocating sufficient resources to implementation of the framework is highly likely to set it up to fail, resulting in loss of trust with people with lived/ living experience. It is far better to reach agreement with lived experts on prioritising and resourcing the most important actions and building on this success.	

For more information and support to implement the seven steps, please feel free to contact Primary Health Tasmania or a Tasmanian organisation managed/controlled by people with lived/living experience.

Please note: This 10-section template is provided as an example only and a starting point for discussion. Your lived expertise co-production partners may recommend an alternative approach.

Basic template for an organisational lived expertise engagement framework

Section 1: Statements about the co-production of our organisation's framework

For example, statements from your organisational leadership (CEO/Chairperson) and representatives of the lived expertise group that co-produced your framework, outlining the ways the framework was developed and the insights gained from the process.

Section 2: Key messages about the intended impacts of our organisation engaging lived expertise

For example, brief messages to your organisation's key stakeholders about why your organisation developed a lived expertise framework – and the positive changes that it will bring for each stakeholder group. For example, the positive impacts on:

- our consumers
- the family, friends and kin of our consumers
- our staff
- our service partners
- our funders.

Section 3: Language and definitions

Use of a brief glossary to make it clear how particular words and terms are used in the context of your organisation, its service sector(s), and the advice of lived experts.

Section 4: The scope of lived expertise covered in our organisational framework

For example, an explanation of the way consumers and family/friends of consumers were engaged in developing the framework; the extent to which they included people from diverse backgrounds; and (for example) an explanation that some groups were not specifically engaged.

Section 5: Our service environment, and its impact on people with lived/living experience

For example, a summary of your organisation's various services; the external environment in which they are delivered; and the way people with lived experience engage with these services. Consider including statements about the ways in which the service environment impacts people with lived experience, as well as the opportunities for improvements.

Section 6: Governance and continuous improvement of our framework

For example, a description of the way decisions will be made about the framework into the future – including any co-governance arrangements with lived experts, and the way the implementation of the framework will be monitored and evaluated.

Section 7: Our organisation's commitment to principles of lived experience engagement

For example, making brief statements about your organisation's commitment to each of the principles in Step 1 of this seven steps document (or different principles established by lived experts you engage).

Section 8: Our organisation's commitment to enactors of lived experience engagement

For example, making brief statements about the ways in which your organisation can implement each of the enactors in Step 2 of this seven steps document (or different enactors established by lived experts you engage).

Section 9: Our organisation's remuneration of lived expertise

For example, committing to a lived experience remuneration table, as set out below (or a different version agreed with lived experts).

Section 10: Our organisation's priority actions to engage lived expertise

For example, an action plan (updated annually) for giving transparent, practical effect to your framework, including the types of ways lived experience is engaged; the level of power that lived experts have in each initiative; and the indicators of remuneration.

The template on the following page includes examples of actions across all five engagement types – noting your organisation and lived experts may agree to focus on fewer than five.

To reiterate, this template is provided as an example only – your lived experts may propose an alternative approach to implementation of your organisation's framework.

LIVED EXPERTISE REMUNERATION TABLE (EXAMPLE)

Level 1 Attendee	Level 2 Active Participant	Level 3 Adviser	Level 4 Consultant
(not expected to provide lived expertise)	(lived expertise provided as non- prepared responses in facilitated sessions/surveys)	(lived expertise provided as original analysis and/or advice)	(lived expertise provided in a contracted project with agreed deliverables)
Example:	Examples:	Examples:	Example:
Attendance at a sector conference organised by our organisation.	Participant in a focus group; participant in a service design workshop.	Member of a selection panel; reviewer of a policy paper; member of a standing advisory panel.	Contract with a lived expertise group to design a new program for consumers.
Minimum position:	Minimum position:	Minimum position:	Minimum position:
Same payment as other general attendees (including no payment).	Equivalent to hourly minimum award payment OR the same rate as other participants.	Equivalent to hourly award payment of other staff involved in project OR rate established in guidelines for reimbursement of panel members.	Market rate for consultants undertaking similar work.
Preferred position:	Preferred position:	Preferred position:	Preferred position:
Preferred position: Provide sponsored places for lived expertise (waive fees; assist travel; assist childcare).	Provide additional support for attendance (travel costs; childcare costs; technology support).	As per Level 2, and provide additional hours for lived expert to familiarise themselves with content if other participants are applying prior knowledge.	As per Level 3, and provide additional hours for lived experts to engage other people with lived experience at Levels 1-4 (as agreed in contract).

Engagement Type 1: Individual/family engagement					
Action 1.1		Power spectrum	Remuneration		
Consumers invited to provide feedback on our services after each service interaction, with results and service adaptations communicated via website.		Mode 2: Consult	Level 1: No remuneration		
Timing Responsibility Output measure(s)		Evaluation			
Ongoing Service manager • % consumers providing feedback • results communicated (Y/N)			y; reported quarterly to stakeholders/consumers		

Engagement Type 2: Service or program engagement				
Action 2.1			Remuneration	
Undertake focus groups on our services A, B, and C with people with lived expertise. Report back results and actions arising.		Mode 2: Consult	Level 2: Voucher equivalent to minimum wage	
Timing Responsibility Output measure(s)		Evaluation		
2024-25Quality manager• # of focus groups held • results communicated (Y/N)			ts; Implementation of s group.	
	groups on our service back results and acti Responsibility Quality	groups on our services A, B, and C with people with lived back results and actions arising. Responsibility Output measure(s) Quality • # of focus groups held	Power spectrum groups on our services A, B, and C with people with lived back results and actions arising. Mode 2: Consult Responsibility Output measure(s) Evaluation Quality • # of focus groups held Focus group report	

[Insert additional actions for Type 2 Service or program lived experience engagement]

Engagement Type 3: Organisational change					
Action 3.1			Remuneration		
Establish and support lived expertise advisory group, providing advice to our leadership group.		Mode 3: Involve	Level 3: Board attendance fees		
Timing Responsibility Output measure(s)		Evaluation			
June 2024Deputy CEO• advisory group established (Y/N)• % decisions implemented			embers complete twice yearly up effectiveness.		
	port lived expertise oup. Responsibility	Port lived expertise advisory group, providing advice to oup. Responsibility Output measure(s) Deputy CEO • advisory group established (Y/N)	Power spectrum port lived expertise advisory group, providing advice to oup. Mode 3: Involve Responsibility Output measure(s) Evaluation Deputy CEO • advisory group established (Y/N) Advisory group measure(s)		

[Insert additional actions for Type 3 Individual/family lived experience engagement]

Engagement Type 4: Systemic change					
Action 4.1			Power spectrum	Remuneration	
Work with lived experts to help ensure new state government sector policy embeds role of lived experience.		Mode 4: Co-produce	Level 4: Contract lived experts to produce policy paper		
Timing Responsibility Output measure(s)		Evaluation			
May-AugustCEO• Policy paper co-produced (Y/N)2024			ch lived experience role has ed with current policy.		
[Insert additional a	[Insert additional actions for Type 1 Individual/family lived experience engagement]				

Engagement Type 5: Transformational change				
Action 5.1			Power spectrum	Remuneration
Provide funding for lived experts to conduct community campaign on reducing stigma and discrimination.		Mode 5: Transfer power	Level 4: Contract to deliver campaign at market rate	
Timing Responsibility Output measure(s)		Evaluation		
May-December 2024Contracted Lived Expertise• Contract executed (Y/N) • Campaign delivered (Y/N)			As per contract ter performance metri	1 -
[Insert additional actions for Type 1 Individual/family lived experience engagement]				

Glossary¹

The following terms are directly used or indirectly applied throughout this framework, and/or may be used when you start developing your organisation's lived/lived experience framework with people with lived expertise.

Access and control of resources

A concept that considers who has what within a relationship, and who makes decisions over that resource. Access to a resource means that someone can use that resource. Control is the power to decide how a resource is used and who can use it. The differences in access to and control of resources are a potential indicator of power imbalances experienced by lived/living experience groups.

Accessibility

The design of products, devices, services or environments to be usable by people with the widest possible range of abilities, operating within the widest possible range of situations.

Accountability

The obligation to accept responsibility for one's actions. Individuals are accountable for their own actions and obliged to explain and provide evidence of their choices and decision-making. The accountability of community and health service organisations include (but are not limited to) initiating, implementing, monitoring and evaluating systems that ensure the delivery of safe quality care, maintain and comply with legislated obligations, and meet standards and codes of conduct and practice that ensure consumers are better positioned to have their rights, choices and decisions respected.

Adaptive

The ability of an organisation to perceive and adapt quickly and effectively to internal and external pressures and indicators for change and to identify and respond to potential and actual challenges to find the best outcomes. Adaptive organisational cultures promote better participation and engagement through transparent communication, equal responsibility and developing capacity for shared learning and integrated and effective decision making.

Capacity strengthening and capacity exchange

A deliberate process to improve the ability of an individual, group, organisation, network, or system to enhance or develop new knowledge, skills, attitudes and structures to function effectively. In the context of lived/living experience, it is often implemented through capacity exchange, with knowledge, skills and attitudes being shared between an organisation and a lived/living experience group.

Carer

A person who provides unpaid care and support to those who have a disability, mental illness, chronic condition, terminal illness, an alcohol or other drug issue, who are frail and aged, or otherwise require the exercise of caring responsibilities. A carer may be (or may prefer to be referred to as): family; friend; kin; supporter; or significant other.

¹ Terms in this glossary are drawn from World Health Organization (2023), Framework for meaningful engagement of people living with noncommunicable diseases, and mental health and neurological conditions and United Nations Women; United Nations Partnership on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2021), Intersectionality Resource Guide and Toolkit: An Intersectional Approach to Leave No One Behind and Hodges, E., Leditschke, A., Solonsch, L. (2023). The Lived Experience Governance Framework: Centring People, Identity and Human Rights for the Benefit of All. Prepared by LELAN (SA Lived Experience Leadership and Advocacy Network) for the National Mental Health Consumer and Carer Forum and the National PHN Mental Health Lived Experience Engagement Network.

Consumer

A person who currently uses, or has used, or may use in the future, a service. People with lived/ living experience may develop aspects of their expertise by being a consumer.

Note: Lived experience (especially in the mental health sector) is frequently used as an umbrella term that combines the experiences of consumers with the experiences of carers, family, kin and other supporters of choice. While some people who have personal lived experience are also carers, and there are some issues where consumer and carer perspectives align, in some cases the interests of consumers are in clear opposition to those of carers. It is not possible for one person to authentically represent both positions at the same time with integrity. To avoid tokenism, both experiences must be recognised as independent and separate of each other and both be given opportunities for involvement and representation matched to the context and issue being explored.

Consumer or person-directed care

Builds on person-centred care and strengthens consumer choice and self-determination, where decisions about what services are required and desired are made by the consumer. It also emphasises the need for flexible and accessible services, with a focus on seeking supports to meet a wide variety of recovery interests. It promotes a dignity of risk or a risktolerant approach, emphasising a disability rights perspective that focuses on assessing an individual's capacity rather than relying on practitioner's capabilities to direct care.

Continuous improvement

A progressive and incremental improvement of processes, systems, safety and quality of care. It is responsive to consumer and community needs and improving consumer and community experience and service outcomes. It is a continuous and ongoing effort to achieve measurable improvements in efficiency, effectiveness, performance, accountability, outcomes, regulatory compliance and other indicators of quality, performance and safety.

Culture

May have different meanings depending on context. When referring to cultural groups and their connection to culture, it can be defined as a body of collectively shared values, principles, practices and customs and traditions and includes systems of knowledge, law and practices that comprise their heritage. When referring to an organisational culture, it refers to the shared values, beliefs, norms, practices, and behaviours that characterise an organisation and shape its collective identity, values, and way of functioning. It influences how people interact with one another, how decisions are made, and how work is conducted within the organisation.

Cultural safety

- An understanding of a person's culture.
- An acknowledgement of difference, and requirement that services are actively mindful and respectful of difference(s).
- Informed by the theory of power relations.
- An appreciation of the historical context of colonisation, the practices of racism at individual and institutional levels, and their impact on First Nations peoples' living and wellbeing, both in the present and past.
- Acceptance that its presence or absence is determined by the person with lived/living experience and not defined by the service provider.

Culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD)

A broad term used to describe communities with diverse languages, ethnic backgrounds, nationalities, traditions, societal structures and religions. A widely used definition of CALD refers to those people born overseas, in countries other than those classified by the Australian Bureau of Statistics as main English-speaking countries. However, people born in these main Englishspeaking countries and/or the descendants of people born overseas may identify with another culture or country, and may still face language and other barriers when interacting with service providers.

Disability

Article 1 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities defines persons with disabilities as including those who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual, or sensory impairments which in interaction with various barriers may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others. The full inclusion of people with impairments in society can be inhibited by attitudinal and/or societal barriers (such as discrimination), physical and/or environmental barriers (such as stairs), and policy and/ or systemic barriers, which can create a disabling effect.

Discrimination

Direct discrimination: when one person is treated less favourably than another because of their background or certain personal characteristics.

Indirect discrimination: when laws, policies and practices technically apply to everyone in the same way, and may appear neutral, but have a worse effect on some people than others.

Intersectional discrimination: the complex, multi-faceted dimensions of discrimination on the grounds of social categories or personal characteristics.

Diversity

The demographic mix of a specific collection of people, taking into account elements of human difference. These differences include but are not limited to race, ethnicity, culture, language, gender, age, personality, religious beliefs, educational level, professional skills, work experience, socio-economic background, career obligations, and geographic location.

Equality

Formal equality is the concept that all people should be treated the same regardless of difference.

However, this approach does not take systemic discrimination and individual difference into account and can result in indirect discrimination.

Substantive equality refers to equality of outcomes and takes the effects of discrimination and difference into consideration. It recognises that rights, entitlements, opportunities and access are not equally distributed throughout society and a one-size-fits-all approach will not achieve equality. It requires the redistribution of resources, power and structures and increased access to resources and participation for those marginalised, including people with lived/living experience.

Inclusive equality is a substantive model of equality that incorporates:

- a) redistribution addressing socioeconomic disadvantages
- b) recognition combating stigma, stereotyping, prejudice
- c) participation proactive inclusion
- d) accommodation making space for difference.

Enactor

An action (or coordinated series of actions) to facilitate and implement lived/living experience principles – through mobilisation of intellectual and material resources. *Related concept: enabler* (which may have negative connotations for some people with lived/living experience).

Evaluation

A process that critically examines a program or service. It involves collecting and analysing information about a program or service's activities, characteristics and outcomes. Its purpose is to assess a program or service, to improve its effectiveness and to inform design and implementation decisions. It should be an ongoing process that links to continuous improvement, strategic planning, and risk management.

Inclusion

The degree to which diverse individuals and groups are able to participate fully in the governance and decision-making processes about themselves, their own situation and about things that may impact them. The practice or policy of inclusion refers to providing equal access to opportunities and resources for people who might otherwise be excluded or marginalised to be included and participate in decision making.

Intersectionality

The interconnected nature of identity, relationships, social constructs and categorisations such as race, ethnicity, skin colour, socioeconomic status, gender, sex, sexual orientation, nationality, migration status, language, religion, ability, age, housing status, residence, medical status and mental health as they apply to a given individual or group.

Lived/living experience

In its broadest context, a person's direct and personal experiences and choices, positive and negative, the knowledge they have gained and the impact to them of these experiences and choices. This direct lived experience affords the person an authentic voice through their unique insight.

Lived expertise

Knowledge, skills, attitudes and understanding gained by people with lived/living experience, that people who have only observed or learnt about such experiences do not have. With appropriate training and support, this expertise can be applied to bring about change and improvement to the systems that affect others with similar lived/living experience. *Related term: experts by experience.*

LGBTQIA+

A diverse community including people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, intersex, asexual and others who don't align or identify with being cisgender and heterosexual.

Peer worker

Someone who works in a role that specifically designates the application of their lived/ living experience to benefit others with lived experience at individual, program or systemic levels.

Power

The ability to influence and control material, human, intellectual and financial resources to achieve a desired outcome. Power is dynamic, played out in social, economic and political relations between individuals and groups.

Power relations

Recognition that processes and systems of power interact to shape experiences of privilege and disadvantage between and within groups. A person can experience power in some contexts and oppression in others.

Principle

A fundamental proposition that serves as the foundation for a system of belief or behaviour or for a chain of reasoning. In relation to lived expertise these principles are often founded in decades of grassroots activism, research, practical experience, organisational development and demonstrated positive change in consumer outcomes.

Privilege

Exclusive benefits given to people who belong to specific groups.

Process

A series of actions or steps taken to achieve a particular goal.

Program

An initiative, or series of initiatives, designed to deal with a particular issue, with resources, a timeframe, objectives and deliverables allocated to it.

Racism

An ideological construct that assigns a certain race and/or ethnic group to a position of power over others based on physical and cultural attributes, including hierarchical relations in which those of one race exercise control over others.

Remuneration

Payment for time spent doing agreed activities or providing a service. It may include wages, fees, allowances and various forms of 'in-kind' payment. It does not include reimbursement by the payer for actual costs incurred by the payee. It may be defined differently by different authorities (for example, different definitions of remuneration may be applied by the Australian Taxation Office and the Department of Social Services).

Safe space

Environment that is free of discrimination and stigmatisation, allowing individuals to share their perspectives, experiences and feelings in an open, supportive manner.

Self-determination

Choice in determining how one's life and/or actions are governed. This includes a right to recognition of group identities.

Stigmatisation

A complex, multi-level, social process that encompasses the elements of labelling, stereotyping, separation, status loss and discrimination in the context of a power situation.

System

The resources, policies, processes and procedures that are organised, integrated, regulated and administered to accomplish a stated goal.

Theory of change

A written description of how and why a desired change is expected to happen in a particular context (e.g. the positive change brought about for consumers by an organisation implementing a lived expertise framework). It can be expressed as a simple change hypothesis statement (If we do...; This will result in...; Leading to...). It can also be described via comprehensive program logic mapping of how service inputs lead to service activities; how service activities lead to service outputs; how service outputs lead to consumer outcomes; and how consumer outcomes lead to community impacts. It can also be used to test assumptions at each stage in the program logic (e.g. "we assume that our Service Inputs will be secured to maintain the Service Activities"). A detailed theory of change is useful for planning, implementation and evaluation.

Trauma-informed

Recognition by services and systems of the prevalence of trauma, by applying a common set of principles adapted to different contexts.

Re-traumatisation happens when people suffering from trauma are exposed to people, places, events, situations, or environments that cause them to re-experience past trauma.

Unconscious biases

Also known as implicit biases, are social stereotypes about certain groups of people that individuals form outside their own conscious awareness. These unconscious beliefs and prejudice about various social and identity groups, are often incompatible with one's conscious values.

Literature review

Each of the following documents was considered in the development of the content above.

Literature Review Section A:

Lived/Living Experience Frameworks, Guides and Tools (presented in order of publication date)

Each of these publications may provide detailed, practical guidance for an organisation seeking to implement a lived expertise framework.

Note: Each of these documents can be accessed at no cost via an internet search engine (as at July 2023)

Publishing/commissioning entity	Year	Title
World Health Organization (WHO)	2023	WHO framework for meaningful engagement of people living with noncommunicable diseases, and mental health and neurological conditions
Global Fund to End Modern Slavery and National Survivor Network (US)	2023	Meaningful Engagement of People with Lived Experience: A framework and assessment for measuring and increasing lived experience leadership across the spectrum of engagement
Tasmanian Council of Social Services	2023	Community Voice Program (various online resources linked to TasCOSS website)
National Mental Health Consumer and Carer Forum and the National PHN Mental Health Lived Experience Engagement Network	2023	The Lived Experience Governance Framework: Centring People, Identity and Human Rights for the Benefit of All. [Prepared by LELAN (SA Lived Experience Leadership & Advocacy Network) and authored by Hodges, E., Leditschke, A., Solonsch, L].
National Mental Health Consumer and Carer Forum and the National PHN Mental Health Lived Experience Engagement Network	2023	A Toolkit to Authentically Embed Lived Experience Governance: Centring People, Identity and Human Rights for the Benefit of All. [Prepared by LELAN (SA Lived Experience Leadership & Advocacy Network) and authored by Hodges, E., Leditschke, A., Solonsch, L].
Tasmanian Government	2023	Long Term Plan for Healthcare in Tasmania 2040
Roses in the Ocean	2022	Lived Experience of Suicide Engagement, Partnership and Integration (LESEPI) Toolkit
AMIDA (Action for More Independence and Dignity in Accommodation)	2022	10 Top Tips: Practical information sheets to ensure people with cognitive disabilities have a real and equal Voice at the Table.
World Wellness Group (Australia)	2022	Multicultural Lived Experience Framework
Mental health Complaints Commissioner (Victoria)	2022	Lived Experience Engagement Checklist

Sheila McKechnie Foundation	2022	Unleashing Social Power: A guide to thinking differently about power for solidarity in social
Tasmanian Government	2022	change Healthy Tasmania Five-Year Strategic Plan
Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	2022	National Safety and Quality Mental Health Standards for Community Managed Organisations
Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	2022	National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards - Partnering with Consumers Standard
Co-Health	2022	Lived/Living Experience Strategy 2021-26
Lived Experience Leadership	2022	What's in the National Lived Experience (Peer) Workforce Development Guidelines and Where to Find What You're Looking For
Tasmanian Government	2022	2022-23 Rethink 2020 Implementation Plan
World Health Organization	2022	Strengthening primary health care to tackle racial discrimination, promote intercultural services and reduce health inequities: research brief.
CFE Research and The Systems Change Action Network	2022	Coproduction: Principles in practice
NSW Council of Social Service	2021	NCOSS Lived Experience Framework: Principles and practices for Lived Experience partnerships
Canadian Centre for Substance Use and Addiction (Canada)	2021	Guidelines for Partnering with People with Lived and Living Experience of Substance Use and Their Families and Friends
Mission Australia	2021	Learning from Lived Experience: A Framework for Client Participation
Department of Health and Human Services (US)	2021	Methods and Emerging Strategies to Engage People with Lived Experience
Mind Australia	2021	Lived Experience Strategy (2021-2024); Participation and Co-design Practice Framework (2021)
Swinburne Social Innovation Research Institute	2021	15 practices of rural community co-produced mental health initiatives
United Nations Women; United Nations Partnership on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	2021	Intersectionality Resource Guide and Toolkit: An Intersectional Approach to Leave No One Behind
Australian Government National Mental Health Commission	2021	National Lived Experience (Peer) Workforce Development Guidelines
Australian Government National Mental Health Commission	2021	Summary of Consultations for NLE(P)WD Guidelines
Australian Government National Mental Health Commission	2021	Lived Experience Roles for NLE(P)WD Guidelines

Australian Government National Mental Health Commission	2021	Roadmap' for NLE(P)WD Guidelines
National Mental Health Consumer and Carer Forum	2021	Advocacy Brief - Co-Design and Co- Production
National Mental Health Consumer and Carer Forum	2021	Advocacy Brief - Consumer and Carer Engagement
World Health Organization	2021	Nothing for us, without us: opportunities for meaningful engagement of people living with NCDs: meeting report.
World Health Organization.	2021	Mental health crisis services: promoting person-centred and rights-based approaches.
Scottish Human Rights Commission	2021	Paying people with lived experience for their participation.
World Health Organization	2021	Voice, agency, empowerment-handbook on social participation for universal health coverage.
National Survivor User Network; Mind; Rai Waddingham	2021	Lived Experience Leadership: Mapping the Lived Experience Landscape in Mental Health
Western Australia Council of Social Service	2020	Lived Experience Framework: Principles and practices for Lived Experience partnerships
Domestic Violence Victoria	2020	The Family Violence Experts by Experience Framework
Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Research Group, University of South Australia	2020	Lived Experience Engagement Framework
CFE Research (UK)	2020	The role of lived experience in creating systems change
Canberra Health Services (ACT)	2020	Canberra Health Services: Partnering with Consumers Framework 2020–2023
Blue Knot Foundation	2020	Organisational Guidelines for Trauma- Informed Service Delivery
Consumers Health Forum of Australia	2020	Consumer Commission Report: Making Health Better Together
Tasmanian Government	2020	Rethink 2020 - A state plan for mental health in Tasmania 2020-2025
NSW State Insurance Regulatory Authority	2020	Engaging with Lived Experience
Australian Government Productivity Commission	2020	Mental Health Inquiry Report (No.95) - Actions and Findings
Victorian Mental Illness Awareness Council (VMIAC)	2020	Consumer led transformational change
Victorian State Government Mental Health Complaints Commissioner	2020	Driven by lived experience – beginnings, present & future

Queensland Council of Social Service	2020	Incorporating the consumer voice: How Queensland community organisations deliver consumer-centric services
Tamarack Institute (Canada)	2019	Engaging with People with Lived/Living Experience: A Guide for Including People in Poverty Reduction
Alberta Health Primary Health Care (Canada)	2019	Engaging Individuals with Lived Experience: A Framework
Department of Health and Human Services (Victoria, Australia)	2019	Mental health lived experience engagement framework
Agency for Clinical Innovation (NSW)	2019	A Guide to Build Co design Capability
Office of the Advocate for Children and Young People (NSW)	2019	Engaging children and young people in your organisation
Tasmanian Office of the Chief Psychiatrist	2019	The Tasmanian Mental Health Reform Program (Presentation)
Mental Health Commission of NSW	2018	Lived Experience Framework for NSW
Queensland Health (Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drugs Branch)	2018	Lived Experience Engagement and Participation Strategy 2018-2021
The Centre for Best Practice in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention/Black Dog Institute	2018	Indigenous Governance for Suicide Prevention in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities: A Guide for Primary Health Networks
Roper, C., Grey, F., Cadogan, E.	2018	Co-production: Putting principles into practice in mental health contexts
National Mental Health Commission (Australia)	2018	Consumer and Carer engagement: a practical guide
National Mental Health Commission (Australia)	2018	Sit beside me, not above me: Supporting safe and effective engagement and participation of people with lived experience
People with Disabilities WA; WA Government	2018	Connect with Me
NSW Aboriginal Affairs (Tony Dreise and Evalynn Mazurski)	2018	Knowledge exchange, co-design and community-based participatory research and evaluation in Aboriginal communities: Literature Review, Case Study and Practical Tips
Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	2018	NSQHS Standards User Guide for Health Services Providing Care for People with Mental Health Issues
Wellways	2018	Out Together Toolkit
Australian National University/Black Dog Institute	2017	Framework for the engagement of people with a lived experience in program implementation and research: Review and report prepared for the LifeSpan suicide prevention project

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Rethink Mental Illness (UK)	2017	Progress through Partnership: involvement of people with lived experience of mental illness in CCG commissioning
Australian Government	2017	National Strategic Framework for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' Mental Health and Social and Emotional Wellbeing 2017-2023
Consumers Health Forum of Australia	2017	Experience Based Co-Design Toolkit
Australian Government	2017	The Fifth National Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Plan
Mental Health Australia	2017	Co-Design in Mental Health Policy
Lived Experience Advisory Council (Canada)	2016	Nothing about us without us: Seven principles for leadership and inclusion of people with lived experience of homelessness
The Royal Australasian College of Physicians	2016	RACP framework for improving patient centred care and consumer engagement
Consumers of Mental Health Western Australia (COMHWA)	2015	Consumer Participation Policy
Canadian Mental Health Association British Columbia (Canada)	2014	Engage People with Lived Experience of Mental Health Conditions and Addictive Behaviours Workbook
Merinda Epstein and Our Consumer Place	2013	The Consumer Movement in Australia: A memoir of an old campaigner
Our Consumer Place	2011	Speaking Our Minds: A guide to how we use our stories (Our Consumer Place Resource Centre Booklet Two)
Waitemata District Health Board (New Zealand)	2010	Health Service Co-design: Working with patients to improve healthcare services guide and toolkit
Disability Services Queensland	2009	Walking the Talk: A framework for effective engagement with people with disability, families and people who support them
Anglicare Tasmania Social Action and Research Centre	2009	Experts by Experience: Strengthening the mental health consumer voice in Tasmania
Tasmanian Government Mental Health Services (DHHS)	2006	Consumer and Carer Participation Framework

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