Equality for All: Meet our Advocates

Our Equality Advocates are empowered women from diverse backgrounds. All are based in the Grampians region and trained to share their lived experiences of structural barriers to equality and other forms of discrimination. They are experts with authentic voices and a diverse range of experiences. Equality Advocates are available to share their fresh perspectives with CoRE members at events, workshops, training sessions, and meetings.



Their topics range from accessing employment, accessing healthcare and SRH services, to workplace diversity, inclusion, and belonging. They can tailor their speeches to suit every engagement.

Christine	Christine is a woman with a disability with a background in real estate, community-based education, finance, and aviation. She is a qualified Historian and was recently accepted into a PhD program. Christine can share lived experiences based on age, gender, disability, and religion.
Brenda	Brenda is an International Student currently pursuing a Masters Degree in Social Work. She is originally from Uganda, where she practiced as a Lawyer and was a champion in the advocacy space. Brenda can share lived experiences on culture, gender, language, race, and residency status.
Heidi	Heidi is a leader within the disability space, working towards advancing Diversity, Inclusion, Equality, and Access. She is legally blind, a mother of three, and is often accompanied by her guide dog Freya. Heidi can share lived experiences based on gender and disability.
Lili	Lili worked as a foreign trader in China and has a Degree in English. Since moving to Australia, she completed a Masters Degree in Social Work and now works in the disability support sector. Lili can share lived experiences based on culture, gender, language, race, and residency status.

Modupe	Modupe is a proud mother of two girls and is originally from Nigeria, where she worked as a Pharmacist. She is currently studying a Bachelors in Nursing while running her own business as a broker. Modupe can share her lived experiences based culture, gender, language, and race.
Annabel	Annabel is proud to be a Biromantic Asexual woman with a disability who is actively involved in the LGBTQIA+ community. She is an Occupational Therapist who helps individuals advocate for their needs. Annabel can share lived experiences based on age, disability, gender, and sexual orientation.
Alison	Alison is a Dja Dja Wurrung, Yorta Yorta, and Gunditjmara woman. She is a mother, student of culture, and an avid storyteller. She is a survivor of the Stolen Generations and is pursuing a Masters Degree by Research in Aboriginal History. Alison can share lived experiences based on age, culture, and gender.
Leena	Leena is a qualified software engineer, originally from Singapore. She is currently working for a non-profit organisation and pursuing a Bachelor of Community and Human Services. Leena can share lived experiences based on gender, marital status, race, and residency status.
Vanessa	Vanessa is a qualified Environmental Engineer with years of experience in Colombia. She also completed a Masters Degree in Business and Project Management in Australia. Vanessa can share lived experiences based on culture, gender, language, race, and residency status.
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