



DIGNITY, AUTONOMY & HUMAN RIGHTS

SA LIVED EXPERIENCE LEADERSHIP AND ADVOCACY NETWORK INC (LELAN):

Notice of AGM and Board Member Nominations

Prepared by LELAN

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Acknowledgement

LELAN acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands we live, work and play on. We pay our respects to elders – past, present and emerging, and the long and ongoing connection and relationship they have with Country. We acknowledge that this land was never ceded.

We are grateful for the privilege of sharing this land and recognise and are sorry for the historic and continued cost of that sharing to First Nations People.

Notice of Annual General Meeting:

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The LELAN Board wish to advise that the 2025 Annual General Meeting of the SA Lived Experience Leadership and Advocacy Network Inc [ABN 98 469 662 123] has been set.

Date: Monday December 8th, 2025

Time: 5pm – 7pm

Venue: Diverse-City, 163 Gouger Street Adelaide

RSVP: via [Humanitix](#)

The order of business at the meeting shall be:

1. Confirmation of minutes of Annual General Meeting held in December 2024
2. Consideration of the accounts and reports of the Board
3. The election of Board members
4. Any other business requiring consideration by the association in general meeting

For any enquiries, please email info@lelan.org.au.

Request for Board Member Nominations

LELAN currently has two Board Director vacancies and members of the organisation are invited to nominate for these positions. The vacancies are for two Ordinary Members. The Treasurer role is also vacant and members of the Board, including new nominees, can express interest in taking on this role. If more nominations are received than vacancies exist, a ballot will be held.

People seeking election to the Board must be an Individual Member (South Australian consumer only) i.e. Any person 16 years of age that resides in South Australia, identifies as having personal lived experience of mental distress, social issues or injustice (a consumer) and supports the values, vision, purpose and work of LELAN, and not be a permanent employee or have accumulated six months or more of continuous contractual engagement with the association.

LELAN's Constitution can be accessed [here](#).

LELAN's Board Charter can be accessed [here](#).

LELAN's Strategic Plan 2025-2030 can be accessed [here](#).

Nominations to be a Board member close Friday November 28th, 2025 at 5pm.

The 2025 Board Member Nomination form can be accessed and completed [here](#).

Action Required from You

We encourage you to please complete the following voluntary actions to assist in the further development of LELAN as an organisation:

- Make sure you are a current financial member of LELAN,
- RSVP to attend the AGM via [Humanitix](#)
- Vote in the Board election if more nominations than current vacancies are received (an email will be sent with further information by if this is required).

You may also wish to nominate to become a Board Director. This may be done via this [form](#) or by requesting a copy via info@lelan.org.au. **Nominations to be a Board member close Friday November 28th 2025 at 5pm.**

If you have any questions please contact Ellie Hodges, Chief Executive, via ellie@lelan.org.au or 0431 953 526.

Board Member Responsibilities:

*The board of an organisation has an important role to play. **The board is a collection of individuals (board members) that form the 'leadership group' of an organisation. The board is primarily responsible for governing, overseeing the affairs of, and making strategic decisions for an organisation and on behalf of its members. ...***

There are four main legal duties all board members must comply with and understand and board members who breach these duties may be held personally liable (legally responsible) for their breach. The duties are:

- *Duty to act in good faith and for proper purposes*
- *Duty to act with care, skill and diligence*
- *Duty not to dishonestly use position or information*
- *Duty to avoid conflicts of interest*

[[Fact Sheet](#): Introduction to the Board Member Role for New Board Members by Not-for-profit Law]

LELAN's Constitution, the 'rules' of the organisation, can be accessed by clicking this [link](#).

All LELAN Board Members must agree to abide by the principles described in the document [How We Connect with People at and Through LELAN](#).

Commitment Required from LELAN Board Members

The LELAN Board currently meets every 6 weeks on a Tuesday evening between 6 and 8pm at an Adelaide CBD location. No Board meetings are held in December or January. Board members also participate in yearly organisational development and strategic planning activities that are usually held on a Saturday in the early part of the year.

As well as attendance at Board Meeting's there will be additional out-of-session communication (requiring one to two hours per month). If Board Members are a part of the Executive Group – Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Treasurer or Secretary – more time will be required (an additional two-four hours per month). **Outside of these minimum time commitments, Board members will be invited to play active roles in the work activities of the organisation to the extent that the Board member wishes, and their lives allow.**

Board Member Eligibility and Skillset

As an organisation LELAN is *by, for and with* people with personal lived experience (consumers) and values the support of carers, allies, other people and organisations who join us in making a difference for how mental health issues are understood and supported in our state.

All LELAN Board members must be an Individual Member (South Australian consumer only) of LELAN, which means, any person 16 years of age or older that resides in South Australia, identifies as having personal lived experience of mental distress, social issues or injustice (a consumer) and supports the values, vision, purpose and work of LELAN. We are committed to inclusion and accessibility for people with lived experience and welcome Board membership of people with: broad distress or mental health experiences (including psychosocial disability); diverse cultural backgrounds (including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people); gender or sexually diverse identities (including trans and non-binary); and/or other disabilities.

To ensure good governance, meeting legal obligations and supporting the growth and development of LELAN to be a strong independent and sustainable organisation additional skill sets are sought by some Board members. These additional skill sets may be for a person who has: experience as a current practicing lawyer; financial or accounting qualifications; marketing, communications or media experience; governance and/or Board experience; policy, organisational development and/or strategic leadership experience; and so forth.

ABOUT LELAN

LELAN is the independent peak body in South Australia *by, for and with* people with lived experience of mental distress, social issues or injustice.

Our systemic advocacy targets the mental health and social sectors in South Australia, whilst our thought leadership and expertise on lived experience, leadership and governance is borderless.

By centring the experiences, collective insights and solution ideas of people with lived experience in all of our work, as well as being immersed in the lived experience community from grassroots to strategic and governance levels, we demonstrate the principles, practices and change dynamics that the social sector is calling for and desperately needs.

We have extensive experience and a proven methodology for leading lived experience-led and/or co-creation initiatives, frequently with a focus on sensitive issues and including groups that bring divergent perspectives to the conversation.

LELAN's vision of a world where people experiencing distress retain their dignity, autonomy and human rights – no matter what, will be achieved when:

- The capability, influence and expertise of people with lived experience and lived experience communities have grown.
- People with lived experience and lived experience communities have authentic partnerships within the mental health and social sectors.
- Lived experience led systems reforms that directly benefit people with lived experience and the community are common practice.
- LELAN's thought leadership and innovation are recognised as industry leading and are recognised as industry leading and influence best practice standards.
- LELAN is a strong, sustainable and impactful organisation.

LELAN was founded in 2017, pivotal pieces of work completed in partnership and/or led by us with the lived experience community include the groundbreaking *Model of Lived Experience Leadership* that launched in 2021, as well as *The Lived Experience Governance Framework* and *A Toolkit to Authentically Embed Lived Experience Governance* that were released in July 2023 (all available at www.lelan.org.au/shared-resources).