

THE OFFICIAL CANBERRA COMMUNITY EVENT FOR I-DAY 2025.
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I-DAY 2025

Showcase

EVENT



Halting **HATE**, Finding **Kindness**

*REBOOTING DIVERSITY, DISABILITY INCLUSION
AND EQUITY IN THE 2020S*

**WEDNESDAY 3 DECEMBER 2025
12:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

ONLINE



“I-DAY 2025 is our collective reboot. We recommit to diversity, disability inclusion, and equity not as corporate slogans, but as everyday behaviours, rules, and relationships.”



Showcase of art, words, sounds and images on the themes

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WHY THIS MATTERS NOW

In 2025, Australia stands at a crossroads.

While disability pride and participation have grown, public rhetoric has opened the door to casual ableism and coordinated hate. The rise of ableist hate speech is not a fringe issue – it is a corrosive force undermining safety, belonging, and the democratic values we all rely on.

This UN International Day of People with Disability, we refuse to accept hate as the new normal.

WHAT WE'LL EXPLORE TOGETHER

Join us for a powerful dialogue that confronts the scale of the problem head-on.

We'll trace the origins, sources, and escalation of harmful speech about disability, ask the hard questions about real-world consequences, and seek accountability from governments, businesses, and civil society.

We'll also chart a way to reboot public conversations about equity, diversity and inclusion.



KEY VOICES

HOST & MC

Ellen Fanning,

renowned ABC radio and television host



FEATURED LEADERS AND THINKERS

- **Professor Nicolas Levrat**, UN Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues
- **Professor Gerard Goggin**, international expert in digital media, disability & communication studies
- **Dr. Ashleigh Haw**, media & communication scholar specialising in inclusion, representation & digital access
- **Professor Nicole Asquith**, expert on policing, vulnerability & hate crime
- **Dr. Robin Banks**, discrimination law + human rights researcher & former Anti-Discrimination Commissioner
- **Craig Wallace**, AFI Head of Policy
- **C Moore**, HCCA Health Literacy Officer and activist

More speakers to be announced!

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