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lived experience expert panel

The Lived Experience Expert Panel (LEEP) brings together a diverse group of people with lived experience of MS to provide advice that strengthens the work of MS Australia, the MS research community and across disability, health and the pharmaceutical industry. LEEP members share their unique perspectives and insights to shape and strengthen the lived experience focus across these collaborations.



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ABOUT THE LEEP

“Being part of a volunteer group that genuinely values lived experience is incredibly empowering. Turning my weird, wonderful, and wobbly moments into something useful for others feels pretty great too.”

DEANNA, LEEP MEMBER

“It has been amazing to be surrounded by a group of such passionate MS advocates with remarkable experiences as well as inspiring visions for the future.”

KATE, LEEP MEMBER

“Volunteering with the LEEP gives me the opportunity to make a meaningful impact in the MS community. I have grown personally while contributing to a cause that really matters.”

JULIE, LEEP MEMBER

Why lived experience matters

- Centres people living with MS
- Brings authentic, experience-based insight to complex issues
- Reflects best practice across the disability and health sectors
- Strengthens engagement and impact with stakeholders and decision-makers

How the LEEP can inform and enhance your work

LEEP members engage in a wide range of projects, including research, policy development, media, education and healthcare initiatives. This has involved:

- Reviewing grant and funding proposals
- Providing input on study design and delivery
- Joining advisory and reference groups
- Taking part in focus groups and clinical trials

How the LEEP has made a difference

“Including lived experience through the LEEP has transformed the way we approach our research and grant applications. It grounds our work in the real priorities of the MS community and motivates us to make a tangible difference.”

DR SAMUEL KLITORNER, UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

“The insights provided by the MS Australia LEEP were invaluable in shaping our research on treatment de-escalation in older people with MS. They helped ensure our study addresses the real priorities, concerns, and decision-making challenges faced by people living with MS.”

PROFESSOR ANNEKE VAN DER WALT, MONASH UNIVERSITY

“The MS Australia Live Experience Expert Panel has revolutionised and streamlined the connection between researchers and consumers.”

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR YVONNE LEARMONTH, UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

“Collaborating with MS Australia’s Lived Experience Expert Panel (LEEP) has inspired us to think differently. Their lived experience has sparked new ideas and approaches that we may not have considered otherwise.”

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“The contributions of the LEEP have been transformative for our work... their insights help us better align our initiatives with the real-world experiences of people living with MS.”

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“Thank you ... LEEP members for the work you do, in giving back and helping raise awareness of MS in the community.”

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Could the LEEP support your research or an upcoming project?

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