

VICTORIAN PRIDE CENTRE **TiPS Program** 2025-2026





TELLING IT WITH **PRIDE** **SPEAKERS PROGRAM**

The TiPS Program is an initiative by the Victorian Pride Centre to empower LGBTIQ+ individuals to share their lived experiences through professional public speaking and storytelling. The program aims to promote understanding, empathy, and inclusion across Victoria. By the end of the program, participants will have the skills and experience needed to lead their own events and share their unique stories.





Open to LGBTIQ+ individuals across Victoria, including metropolitan, regional, and rural areas.

Inclusive of diverse backgrounds such as First Nations Peoples, the Transgender and Gender Diverse community, CALD individuals, people with disabilities, and various age groups and socio-economic statuses.

Accessible to community members from all parts of Victoria with in-person workshops and some financial support for regional and rural participants.

Program:

4 workshops held in October and November 2025, with an initial gathering of all participants before the program begins, plus two rehearsals in the VPC Theatre to prepare for the showcase event, which is part of our 2026 Midsumma program.



KEY ACTIVITIES

● STORYTELLING WORKSHOPS

Focus on crafting and sharing personal narratives for social change.

● PUBLIC SPEAKING TRAINING

Techniques for effective public speaking and audience engagement.

● MEDIA AND DIGITAL STORYTELLING

Learn about using digital platforms, podcasting, and social media for impactful advocacy.

● SELF-CARE AND COMMUNITY CARE

Strategies for practising self-care and caring for each other in community.

PROGRAM WORKSHOPS

23 OCTOBER

Workshop 1

STORYTELLING FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

Learn about the history and impact of sharing our stories. Exploring storytelling techniques and narrative frameworks to give shape to your story. With an aim to recognise that your message matters to begin to equip you for publicly telling your story.

28 OCTOBER

Workshop 2

SELF AND COMMUNITY CARE FOR STORYTELLERS

Focusing on the emotional aspects of sharing personal stories, including practicing self-care in parallel with community care.

5 NOVEMBER

Workshop 3

PUBLIC SPEAKING AND PRESENTATION SKILLS

Exploring how to use our stories effectively in public spaces, focusing on audience engagement, managing anxiety, and using body language and voice effectively.

11 NOVEMBER

Workshop 4

MEDIA AND DIGITAL STORYTELLING

Discover how to use various media platforms to share our stories. Covering the basics of digital storytelling, podcasting, and social media engagement.

An initial gathering of all participants is on **14 October** to meet, connect and get to know each other before the workshops.

REHEARSALS

To prepare for the TiPS Program Showcase, two rehearsals are included in the program and located in the VPC Theatrette.



PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

EMPOWERMENT

Equip LGBTQIA+ individuals with the skills and confidence to share their stories publicly.

EDUCATION

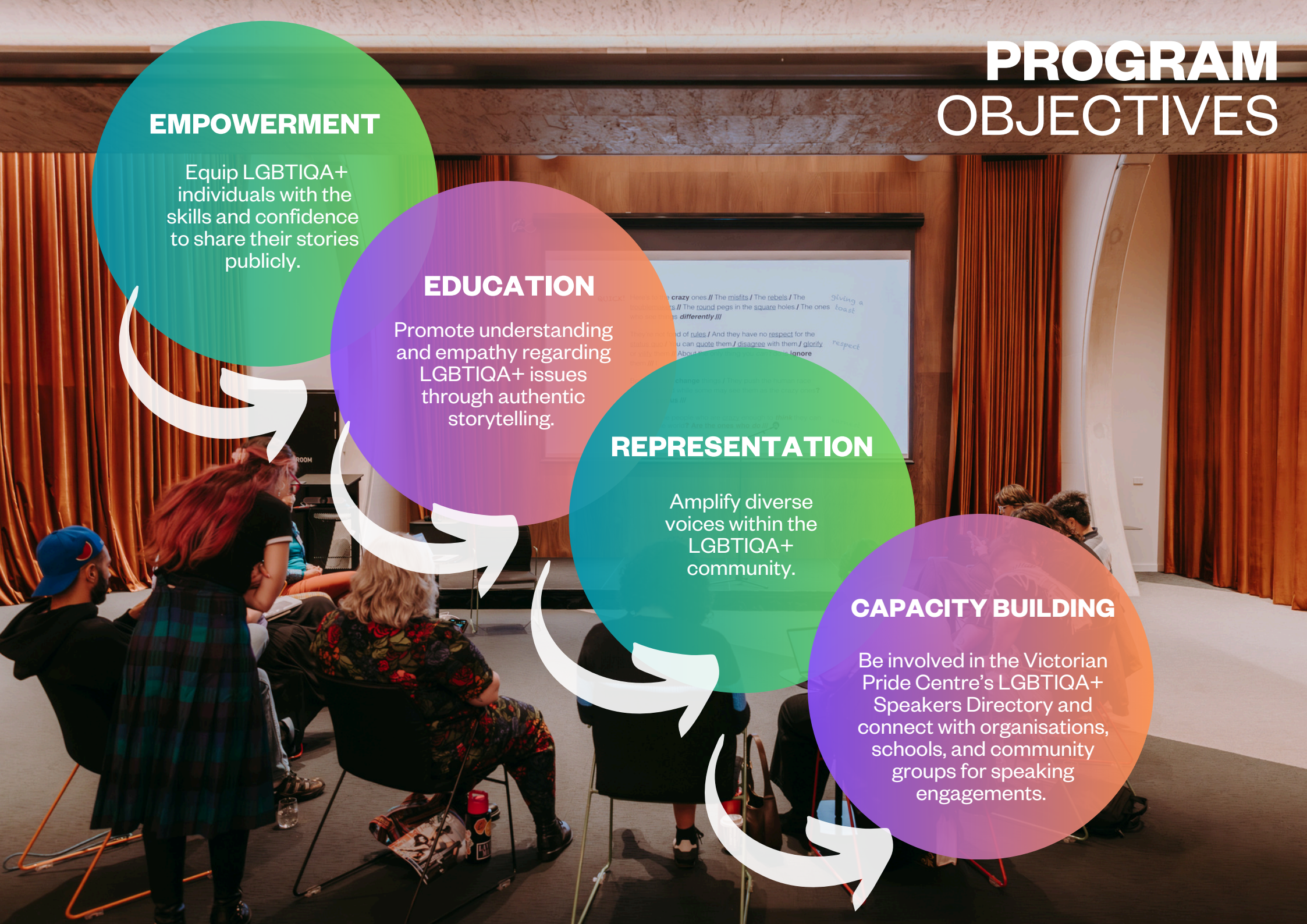
Promote understanding and empathy regarding LGBTQIA+ issues through authentic storytelling.

REPRESENTATION

Amplify diverse voices within the LGBTQIA+ community.

CAPACITY BUILDING

Be involved in the Victorian Pride Centre's LGBTQIA+ Speakers Directory and connect with organisations, schools, and community groups for speaking engagements.



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We strongly encourage applications from a wide range of backgrounds such as First Nations Peoples, the Transgender and Gender Diverse Community, CALD individuals, people with disabilities and various age groups and socio-economic experiences.

Applications close:
Midnight 6 September 2025.

The TiPS Program is free workshop series utilising an equity model to select participants. Please ensure you're available for all dates. Each session builds on each other. The VPC receives a high volume of applications. If you can't attend every workshop, please let us know prior - it won't hinder your application, though we prioritise applicants who are available for all program dates.

Participants are expected to attend 75% of workshop dates.

INTERESTED?

Visit pridecentre.org.au/tips-program to view all of the accessible ways you can express your interest.

For any questions, email
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