



Human library events

School and workplace human library events are run like a 'speed dating' forum, with groups of 4-6 people 'reading' a 'book' for 12 minutes then moving on to another book. Short introduction and debrief sessions ensure that participants have an opportunity to discuss the links between stereotyping and discrimination.

Librarians supervise all events and reading is based on mutual respect: all books must be returned in the same condition in which they were borrowed.

COST

Session costs quoted are for 90 minutes with 5 books (maximum of 25 adults or 30 students). Other group sizes and durations can be negotiated.

- **Workplaces, conferences & public events**
Member: \$1,000 (\$1,100 including GST)
Non-member: \$1,100 (\$1,210 including GST)
- **Schools & community groups** (subsidised by Tasmanian Community Fund)
Member: \$500 (\$550 including GST)
Non-member: \$550 (\$605 including GST)

The Hobart Human Library is a project of A Fairer World and community partners including Hobart Women's Shelter, Amnesty International, Anglicare Tasmania, Working It Out, LINC Tasmania and Equal Opportunity Tasmania.



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CREATING RESPECT IN A DIVERSE WORLD



Don't judge a book by its cover

Everyone should participate to broaden understanding of diversity, issues.

Imperative this is delivered in schools!

The Human Library is like any other library – except that the books are real, living people!

Human libraries are used around the world as a simple way for people to build understanding and face their prejudices. They do this by providing a comfortable space for 'readers' to speak informally with a 'book' who has encountered prejudice or stereotyping as a result of their culture, religion, refugee background, gender, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability.

The Hobart Human Library can be booked for public or private events, including conferences.

For workplaces, the human library is an excellent addition to anti-discrimination and diversity training.

Human books for schools is a workshop designed specifically to support the Respectful Schools and Workplaces Framework. For more information see the human books for schools brochure.

I have found these sessions to be engaging and very personally inspirational. This is such priceless, rich learning that gets to the heart of what it means to be loved and accepted by everyone in a tolerant world.
Janet Johnson, Teacher, Claremont College

A FAIRER WORLD program for:



Responses to the Hobart Human Library 2015-16

Relationships Australia Tasmania – 2015 Staff Conference

Average rating of enjoyment: **9.6/10**

Average rating of increased understanding of the lives of others: **8.5/10**

*Relationships Australia, Tasmania... engaged the Hobart Human Library to be part of the 2015 RA Tas Staff Conference... Staff were given the opportunity to engage with people (library books) from diverse backgrounds and hear their stories of courage and resilience. Feedback from staff in relation to the Human Library workshop was incredibly positive with many staff identifying it as the highlight of the conference. **Mat Rowell, CEO, Relationships Australia, Tasmania***

City of Hobart – staff diversity training workshops (9 workshops with over 240 staff)

Average rating of enjoyment: ranged from **8.8/10**

Average rating of increased understanding of the lives of others: ranged from **8.0/10**

- *Coming here today I honestly thought it would be another boring training session but I completely loved it and enjoyed these beautiful people opening their hearts to me.*
- *Today has broadened my understanding of the feelings of the [human books] as well as broadening my own perceptions.*

Partners in Recovery 2016 Statewide Conference

Average rating of enjoyment: **9.8/10**

Average rating of increased understanding of the lives of others: ranged from **9.3/10**

- *Wonderful, interesting, sad, provocative, educational, absorbing, emotional.*
- *[I will] Try to interact more fully with others and look for opportunities to try to reduce stereotyping in myself and others.*

Anglicare Tasmania – staff diversity training workshop

Average rating of enjoyment: **9.2/10**

Average rating of increased understanding of the lives of others: ranged from **8.4/10**

- *People abusing & discriminating others for looking different really makes me angry and ashamed.*
- *Working in a diverse employment area, we hear stories all the time, nice to be able to openly ask questions you may normally not ask.*

Students

- *I learned that people are all very different but all are equal at the same time. **Hobart College student***
- *I was challenged by the [positive] attitudes of those who have been through adversity in comparison to my privileged life. **Hobart College student***
- *The people were just like you and me, everyone just wanted to be treated respectfully. **Grade 9/10 student Clarence High School***
- *I will stick up for any people who are being bullied. **Grade 7 student Rose Bay High School***
- *I've judged so many people by their looks, I've forgotten that they're people too. **Grade 7 student Rose Bay High School***
- *This was an eye opening experience I loved it. I will always remember talking to these people and learning from them. **Grade 9/10 student Clarence High School***
- *I will remember everybody has a story and you never know what people have been through until you get to know them. **Salamanca Arts Centre SPACE student***
- *It's a great format, not too confronting but life changing. **Salamanca Arts Centre SPACE student***

In-service teachers

- *Brilliant program! Closes the gap and promotes acceptance and understanding. Thank you! **Hobart College teacher***
- *I have received very positive feedback from [our] staff. [They] admired the courage and the resilience displayed by each of the books... There is great interest...in incorporating the [Human] Library into the school's teaching program. **New Town High School Principal***
- *[I was surprised/challenged by the] Details of impacts of discrimination - tiny picture examples one hadn't thought of. [I will] Think about being a minority, especially in my class when I'm teaching. **Jordan River Learning Federation teacher***

Pre-service teachers (Master of Teaching, UTAS)

- *I learnt that every single first impression I made was wrong..., and will try harder to ensure I have an open mind when meeting someone new.*
- *I feel that hearing these experiences will help with awareness of wellbeing.*
- *Every teacher can learn from this... Inclusion is essential in every subject.*