



**4TH** WORLD CONGRESS

# **Mental Health and Deafness 2009**

**October | Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre**

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## **Letter of Invitation**

Dear International delegates,

On behalf of Deaf Children Australia and Deaf Services Queensland, we are pleased to invite you to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Mental Health and Deafness to be held at The Brisbane Exhibition and Convention Centre (BCEC) in Brisbane, Australia, 28-30 October 2009.

The work of the 4<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Mental Health and Deafness, including the consensus statement of mental health and deafness has been endorsed by the World Federation of the Deaf, Hands and Voices, Deaf Australia and many more.

This conference aims to provide an environment in which consumers and mental health professionals and experts from all over the world can meet to address current issues in mental health and deafness.

This will be the first consumer focused congress specifically (and uniquely) oriented towards the prevention, awareness and appropriate management of the mental health and wellbeing of deaf and hard of hearing people.

Combining a broad range of sessions within the congress theme, '*A Life to be Lived*' the event will be focusing on the mental health and deafness issues through life stages, a unique learning opportunity.

Please consider this letter as an official invitation to help facilitate the processing of obtaining a visa or other travel documents needed to enable you to attend the conference. It is important to note however, this is a letter of invitation only, encouraging your attendance but does not offer any financial assistance or express any commitment by the conference organizers' to registrants. It does not guarantee an entry visa. The 4<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Mental Health and Deafness Secretariat will not contact embassies or consulates on your behalf.



If an entry visa is required, please allow sufficient time for the application procedure. We recommend that you allow at least twelve weeks time prior to the conference. The process may take longer in certain countries so we therefore suggest that you contact your nearest Australian embassy or consulate to determine the appropriate timing of your application.

Due to the large number of international delegates expected, we kindly ask the embassies and consulates to accept the signature on this letter in conjunction with the official conference letterhead and consider this Letter of Invitation as a valid document originating from the 4<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Mental Health and Deafness hosts organizations Deaf Children Australia and Deaf Services Queensland.

Any inquiries relating to this Letter of Invitation should be directed to the Congress Organiser of the 4<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Mental Health and Deafness on email; [info@mhd2009.org](mailto:info@mhd2009.org)

We look forward to welcoming you to Brisbane!

Yours sincerely,

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