

Dear Principal

17/05/2023

This is an invitation from the National Council of Women of Victoria (NCWV) for your students to take part in our annual **My Vote My Voice** event and to make a brief presentation in the Legislative Council Chamber, Parliament of Victoria on the morning of **Monday 7th August 2023**.

This year's theme is **My Vote My Voice: What are the barriers to Human Rights in Australia? How can we begin to overcome them.** Students may carry out research, and gain insights from their peers and others to inform their views on the theme. Students are invited to make a **group presentation** of their findings in the Legislative Council Chamber.

Part of their research could include investigating jurisdictions who have, or are in the process of developing, a Human Rights Charter and how appropriate they are. The United Nations and Victoria already have a Human Rights Charter and there are moves to create an Australian Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms.

Although places are limited, we would welcome up to six students from your school (male and female in co-educational schools), with no more than **three** to be in the group presentation, with accompanying staff and parents welcome to attend.

We have arranged the program with photographs commencing at 9.15am in the Queen's Hall, an initial welcome, then students and guests will move to the Legislative Council Chamber for a program of speeches, student presentations and panel comments that will conclude at 12:30pm. There will be a refreshment break at 10:30am.

My Vote My Voice 2023 has the support of the President of the Legislative Council, and the Education and Community Engagement Unit, Parliament of Victoria; Australian Local Government Women's Association (Victoria); the League of Women Voters Victoria's Bessie Rischbieth Trust and the Victorian Electoral Commission.

The young members of NCWV – YoungNCWVic, are keen to hear from students who may be interested in joining this group. Some of the YoungNCWVic members are past speakers at this event.

Sincere regards

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Patron: The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Sally Capp

My Vote My Voice Monday 7th August 2022

Theme: *What are the barriers to Human Rights in Australia? How can we begin to overcome them.*

Please **express interest in participating** in event by **June 23rd** via info@ncwvic.org.au.

Registering the school group, using this form, **before Friday July 21st**

REGISTRATION FORM for the National Council of Women Victoria event on the morning of Monday 7th August at the Parliament of Victoria – 9.00am for 9:15am start to 12:30pm

Name of school, address and contact person:

Please complete with names and year levels of the students, and return when confirming attendance of students and staff/accompanying adults. ***Please asterisk the names of students who will be part of the group presentation.** Email to info@ncwvic.org.au

Accompanying staff member(s) Name and mobile	
Student 1	Year
Student 2	Year
Student 3	Year
Student 4	Year
Student 5	Year
Student 6	Year
* Student Presenters	