

Melbourne for All People

The Melbourne for All People Strategy 2014-17 sets out the ways in which the City of Melbourne will connect, support and engage people throughout their lives from 0 to 100+. By making the shift to a life course approach the City of Melbourne aims to develop more resilient, healthier and better connected individuals and communities.

It consolidates and progresses four previous strategic plans: Our Disability Action Plan 2010-13, The Children's Plan: Children's Rights, Children's Voices 2010-13, Empowering Young People: Young People's Policy 2010-13 and Life Long Melbourne 2006-2016.

The City of Melbourne has a growing and diverse population across all ages and abilities. Our city, our environment and our community are constantly changing and Melbourne for All People will guide how we respond to these changes.

As a global capital city, we need to be responsive and flexible in our planning to meet the needs of all people who live, work, study, visit or play in the city. This strategy aims to ensure specific needs are considered and addressed such as equity of access for people with a disability, culturally responsive services for Aboriginal and cultural and linguistically diverse communities, and support and services for people experiencing domestic violence and those who are homeless.

This strategy rests on six key principles that were validated during the first round of consultation: Connection; Access and inclusion; Safety, Health and Wellbeing; Life-long Learning and Having a Voice. It is our vision to build upon our expertise and improve how we plan and provide services, programs and activities to meet the needs of all people across their entire life course.

The first draft of the strategy has identified specific actions aligned to the above principles that the City of Melbourne, in partnership with the community, could implement over the next four years.

Connection: Strengthen connections between people of different ages and abilities and across places by providing a broad range of services, programs, events and facilities.

Access and inclusion: Champion improved access and inclusion through our urban, social, built and informational environments.

Safety: Work in partnership across Council and with the community services sector to prevent violence in all forms and support people of all ages and abilities to be physically and emotionally safe.

Health and wellbeing: Support health and wellbeing by planning and providing the right services in the right places to meet the needs of our growing population.



Life-long learning: Support life-long learning to develop or enhance individual skills through programs or services in formal and informal settings, including knowledge exchange, training, employment, volunteering and education.

Having a voice: Provide the community with opportunities to participate and express their needs, views and aspirations through civic engagement and acknowledge, value and respond to those views.

There are 51 specific actions listed in the draft Melbourne for All People Strategy across the six principles.

One action from each principle outlined below demonstrates a broad but very practical approach from the City of Melbourne:

- Ensure planning and redevelopment of facilities, spaces and places meet the needs of people of all ages, abilities and diverse backgrounds
- Strengthen City of Melbourne strategies that support employment of people with a disability, older people and people from diverse backgrounds
- Support the work of Preventing Violence Against Women Strategy 2013-16 by addressing sexist, negative and stereotyped representation of women and girls across the life course
- Deliver high quality health and wellbeing services including Children's and Family Services, Home and Community Care and Youth Services
- Work with libraries to support a culture of learning and literacy through formal and informal programs such as children's story time, youth activities and programs for older people when visiting libraries
- Promote and support events and programs that celebrate the unique and rich diversity of the people of the City of Melbourne, such as the Indigenous Arts Festival and International Day of People with Disabilities

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The next phase of public consultation on Melbourne for All People will take place from 13 May to 6 June 2014. During this phase, we will be seeking feedback and input on the draft actions listed in the strategy, challenges to consider for implementation of the actions, and how we can monitor and provide feedback to the community about the implementation of the strategy. We look forward to receiving your thoughts and contributions.

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