

A HEALTH & WELLBEING SEMINAR: Exploring Loss of Sight & Loss of Hearing

EVENT DETAILS

This in-person seminar explores loss of sight and loss of hearing, with presentations by Rolf Geerlings of Vision Australia, Elvis Dsouza of Hearing Australia, and Religious who have personal experience with loss of sight and/or hearing.

Date: Wednesday, 17 May 2023

Time: 9.30am – 3.30pm

Venue: Peter Cosgrove Centre
Australian Catholic University
Level 18, 8 Napier Street
North Sydney

Speakers: Rolf Geerlings
Helen Merrin OP
Phil Mulhall
Larissa Williams
(See page 2 for speaker biographies)

Audience: Leaders, health and wellbeing leaders, coordinators and related staff, and carers for Religious

REGISTRATION

Fee: \$150 per person

RSVP: Monday, 8 May 2023

Register online:

<https://events.humanitix.com/health-and-wellbeing-exploring-loss-of-sight-and-loss-of-hearing>

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“In 1985 I became a member of L’Arche in which people without and without disabilities choose to make home together. This is such a rich part of my journey. After more than a decade there, I lost my vision, mostly over a weekend and years later most of my hearing. I now have no vision and have two cochlear implants to assist with hearing. Many lessons have been learned, theories tested, challenges face, and they continue to be. There are also many points of gratitude for all that has been and is being lived, each moment.”

Helen Merrin OP



Phil Mulhall is a Patrician Brother and lives at The Entrance NSW. Phil has been in religious life for some 64 years and during that time has been heavily involved in education as a teacher and Principal in several schools run by the Patrician Brothers. Phil has also ministered as Province Leader, Deputy Congregation Leader, and Congregation Leader. He has lived and worked in Australia, Ireland, India, and Papua New Guinea. He also worked for several years in Professional Standards, being a member of the National Committee for Professional Standards. He has both vision and hearing disabilities which began in 2017.

Phil Mulhall



“I used to be a pastry chef, but as my eyesight got progressively worse, I had to end my career. With the assistance of Vision Australia, I learned how to use a computer with special software that speaks and to touch type so I could get an office job and provide for my family again.”

Rolf Geerlings



Larissa Williams is an Audiology Australia Accredited Audiologist working in the northern Sydney area. Graduating from Macquarie University in 2018 with a Master of Clinical Audiology, Larissa has been working with Hearing Australia for over four years. She works with d/Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals from all walks of life, ranging from 5 to 107 years old! Larissa works closely with clients and their families to best meet their communication goals beyond just hearing aids.

Larissa Williams

