

ISAD FORUM

23rd September 13

ISAD: International Stuttering Awareness Day

FORUM TITLE: **Stuttering – the elephant in the classroom.**

PRESENTED BY: The Australian Stuttering Research Centre, Speak Easy NSW/ACT and Sydney University

WHEN: Monday 23rd September, between 1 and 2 pm.

WHERE: the Broadway Campus of Sydney University, Lecture Theatre 351 in the Education building
A map will be sent to those who respond to Bruce Richmond, below.

Final year teaching students will be in the audience, so stutterers get the chance to tell teachers about their experiences at school and help them plan to make school better for children who stutter.

We need lots of you to come along on the day, and really make an impact on the campus.
And we need a few of you to participate in the Forum.

Please send in your responses to the questions below, to help inform the Forum about issues to be raised, and to help select participants.

‘The walls were bigger than me but I tore them down’. This is a great line from a song written by this year’s winner of ‘The Voice’, Harrison Craig. Harrison was open about his stutter, during the course of the show.
So:

What obstacles (walls), related to your stutter, faced you as you were growing up?

(Thinking about a career you could handle, talking with the opposite sex, speaking up in class to ask a question, taking part in family conversations . . .)

Did you ‘tear the walls down’? How?

(Battle through the difficult times, attach yourself to an out-going friend, show no fear in the face of teasing, excel in sport, . . .)

What help did you receive?

A speech pathologist, a friend who didn’t care if you stuttered, a helpful teacher . . .

If you could go back to that time, and face that child, struggling to say what (s)he needed to, what would you say to them?

Yes, I am willing to participate in the Forum,
and I am available from noon till 2 pm on Monday 23rd Sept.

Yes, I am willing to participate in the Forum,
and I am available from noon till 2 pm on Wednesday 16th October.

Or

Yes, I’d love to come along to support this project, telling teachers about children who stutter.

Reply ASAP to Bruce Richmond bruce.richmond50@gmail.com Phone 02 9520 6913

News Flash! On 16th October the Forum will also be held at the Macquarie University
Stay tuned for further details.