



Group Relations Conference Director

Call for expressions of interest

Applications close 15 September, 2024.

We are writing to invite practitioners to submit your application to direct the next Group Relations Australia (GRA) Group Relations Conference.

GRA has conducted biennial group relations and mini-conferences since 2007 and our membership and community is spread across the Asia Pacific region.

GRA's conferences are based on the Tavistock / systems psychodynamics tradition but GRA conferences have, over the years, explored and developed a range of innovations in the themes, internal events and processes for conferences.

It is planned that the 2026 conference will be conducted virtually and will be scheduled in a time zone sympathetic to the Asia Pacific region. It is proposed that the event will be held in June or July of 2026. It is also anticipated that the conference be conducted as a five-day experience. The Directorate will explore with the appointed director the option of directing up to two subsequent conferences.

The GRA Directorate are interested to explore the conference design with the new director, who must be comfortable working in online and in-person settings. GRA's vision, at this time, is to provide a conference that is accessible to a wider and more diverse audience.

In a rapidly changing world facing many profound challenges, the GRA Directorate is interested to hear from applicants about innovative ideas in the design and implementation of a conference. These ideas could explore the myriad of challenges in contemporary society, the decline in the popularity of experiential (group relations) conferences and/or how innovative design might address what appears to be a reluctance to learn from experience.

Conferences run by GRA are important opportunities to support the development of emerging consultants from this region, so thoughts about how the process of design and implementation can meet this objective will be also of interest to the Directorate.

All practitioners of Group Relations who have served on staff of at least four (4) group relations conferences are invited to express interest in assuming the Director role. Currently, we are soliciting applications for the role of Director for one conference in 2026, with the possibility of extending to an additional two conferences.



How to submit your EOI:

Prospective applicants for the role of Group Relations Australia Conference Director should send the following to conference@grouprelations.org.au

- Preliminary thoughts about your vision for the conference(s) including possible themes and approach to design.
- A description of your motivation to apply for this role;
- The challenges you anticipate if you take on the director role;
- A list of your personal qualities and competencies which suit you for the director role, including experience in recruiting members to group relations events;
- A summary of your group relations conference experience;
- Details of training in Group Relations;
- Examples of leadership roles you've held in organizations, especially those relevant to conference directing;
- a Resume

Your application is due no later than 15 September, 2024.