



Chief Executive Officer

Amaze seeks to build better lives for Autistic people, through promoting understanding of Autism in the community, influencing government policy, and providing independent, credible Autism information and resources to Autistic individuals, their families, and professionals.

Founded in 1967, Amaze operates the national helpline Autism Connect in collaboration with partner organisations across Australia, as well as offering workshops, training and professional development, and information services. Its *Strategic Plan 2022-2026* sets as goals improving access to timely diagnosis, encouraging change so Autistic people of all ages can thrive in education and employment, and promoting Autistic health and wellbeing. Amaze is supported by major grants from the Federal and Victorian governments, as well as from corporate sponsors and philanthropic donors. With over 30 staff, Amaze operates from modern premises in Victoria St Richmond.

As its next Chief Executive Officer, Amaze seeks a proven leader who will further develop its programs, sustain the association's medium-term financial performance, and develop measurable impacts to achieve its vision. Reporting to the Board, the successful candidate will ideally have:

- A record of senior leadership identifying, managing and clearly communicating strategic and operational goals.
- Experience leading a not-for-profit organisation, ideally in the disability and/or social service sectors.
- An informed understanding of the challenges, complex issues and changing environment facing Autism organisations and a genuine empathy for the Autistic community.
- Ability to motivate staff through a culture of collaboration, inclusion and transparency, building an autism-friendly workplace and a sense of working towards a common purpose.
- Demonstrated capacity to engage, influence and negotiate at senior levels with business, government and community stakeholders.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills, including the ability to engage effectively with staff and externally with the media.

Lived experience of autism is highly desirable and an appropriate tertiary qualification would be an advantage.

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Applications should be forwarded to Dr Davies by **19 August 2024**.

