

# Kiama Winter Street Festival



Uniting Local Area Coordination

## **A Social Story about going to the Kiama Winter Street Festival**



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## **Introduction**

This story helps me learn about a new place before I go.

Reading this story can help me feel ready.

It is good to read this story 2 or 3 times before the festival.

This story was made by Uniting Local Area Coordination, an NDIS partner in the community.

# Getting Ready

- I am going to the Kiama Winter Street Festival.
- The festival is outside in the streets and parks of Kiama.
- The festival will be busy and loud.
- There will be music, dancing, and many people.



## Getting Ready

- I can bring things to help me stay calm.  
I might bring headphones.  
I might bring sunglasses.  
I might bring a favourite item that helps me feel calm.
- I will wear warm comfortable clothes and shoes.
- I might walk or stand a lot.
- It will be dark later, so I can bring a small torch for light if I want.
- I can wear my Sunflower lanyard.  
This shows people I may need help.



## Arriving at the venue

- It might be crowded when I get there.
- People in bright vests or staff shirts can help me.



# At the Festival

- I will hear loud music.
- I might hear singing, clapping, and cheering.
- I might hear people talking on loud microphones.
- I can choose if I want to dance or sit down.



# At the Festival

- There will be lots of activities happening during the event.
- I might see different performers walking around.
- I can choose what I want to do.



# At the Festival

- I will smell lots of different food.
- I can choose what I want to eat.



## Taking Care of Myself

- If the festival is too loud, I can wear my headphones.
- If the crowd feels too busy, I can move to the back.
- I can find a quiet space to take a break.
- If I need help, I can find a staff member.
- It is okay to take a break if I feel overwhelmed.
- It's ok to leave the festival at any time if I want to.



# Leaving

- When the festival is over, it will be time to go home.
- If I use the bus, I might have to wait in line.
- I can be patient.
- I can think about the fun I had.



## About Uniting Local Area Coordination

Uniting Local Area Coordination (LAC), an NDIS partner in the community, supports over 63,000 people with disability in Southern NSW, the Illawarra-Shoalhaven, Nepean-Blue Mountains, Northern Sydney and Western Sydney regions and Hunter New England.

We engage with communities to promote the strengths of people with disability and facilitate greater inclusion.

Our team is committed to employing people with a disability, carers and people with lived experience.

## About Uniting

Uniting NSW.ACT is responsible for the social justice, community services and chaplaincy work of the Uniting Church in NSW and the ACT.

We provide care and support for people through all ages and stages of life, with a focus on people experiencing disadvantage and vulnerability.

Our purpose is to inspire people, enliven communities and confront injustice.

We value diversity and always welcome everyone exactly as they are.

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