



Australian Government

Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications
Office for the Arts

International Decade of Indigenous Languages Directions Group

Expression of Interest (EOI) Request

Closes 11:59pm AEDT, Sunday 6 March 2022

Overview

This is an invitation to express your interest in a paid role with a group that will partner with and advise the Australian Government.

The group is called the International Decade of Indigenous Languages Directions Group (the Directions Group). The Directions Group will assist the Australian Government on activities for the [International Decade of Indigenous Languages](#) (the International Decade).

This invitation is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people only. There are up to 12 roles available.

The Indigenous Languages Policy Taskforce team sits in the [Office of the Arts](#). We manage this expression of interest process and will support the Directions Group.

We're committed to sharing decisions with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. We do this in a similar way to how government works with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people on [Closing the Gap](#).

About the opportunity

The International Decade is a United Nations initiative running from 2022 to 2032. Australia is a member of its Global Taskforce. We're leading the Government's involvement.

We're asking for people to tell us they're interested in being in a Directions Group. The group will:

- help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and government decision makers work together for Australia's involvement in the International Decade
- set priorities with the Government during the International Decade that preserve, rejuvenate and celebrate Indigenous languages.

This opportunity would suit you if you:

- identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- have experience with, or a passion for, supporting Indigenous languages.

Things you might do include:

- guiding and endorsing a National Action Plan for the International Decade
- sharing your own experiences on language policies and activities
- flagging cultural sensitivities in programs and activities
- giving ideas about getting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people involved in the International Decade
- talking with government officials and others on priorities for languages
- advising on an Australian logo for the International Decade

- working in partnership for long-term action on language
- promoting languages and the International Decade
- working with us to give advice to the Minister
- leading working groups with us and the Chair of the Directions Group
- reporting to the Secretariat and Chair on actions with stakeholders.
- Who's eligible
- This is an identified opportunity. You must be Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander to apply.
- When you express your interest to be in the Directions Group, you must show you have:
 - strong interest for advancing Indigenous languages or experience working with Indigenous languages
 - experience partnering with others to develop activities, programs or initiatives
 - an ability to represent community members and engage with them.

We'll select a membership to represent a balance of location, gender, age, interest and experience.

What to expect

- This commitment is for 12 months, which may be extended.
- The Directions Group will meet at least 4 times in 2022. At least one meeting will be in person.
- You may need to contribute to and review documents outside of these meetings.
- A Secretariat will support the Directions Group.

You'll be paid in line with Table 2A—Other office holders (page 5) in [Remuneration Tribunal \(Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Part-time Public Office\) Determination 2021](#). Your travel and accommodation will be covered.

Lodging your EOI

Email IndigenousLanguages@arts.gov.au with your interest in being in the Directions Group, including:

- a completed [EOI response document](#)
- a current resume (up to 3 pages) that shows your professional or lived experience with Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander languages.

You must send in your EOI before **11:59pm AEDT, Sunday 6 March 2022**.

If you'd like to talk about expressing interest in a different way, or need an interpreter, contact Pauline Halchuk.

Contact

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Or, for more information, visit [our website](#).

Privacy

We collect personal information, like your contact details and resume, under the *Privacy Act 1988*. We store this information securely.

We give your resume and EOI to a selection panel for assessment only. The panel has government representatives and Indigenous language experts on it.

If you don't provide your information, we can't process your EOI.

For more information, contact the Privacy Officer: privacy@infrastructure.gov.au.