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Board, Governance and Leadership Workshop Guidelines



Introduction

In February 2022, Arts South Australia launched its first Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts and Culture Strategy (Strategy). Its main objective is to 'champion Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts and culture whilst creating awareness and support to artists and art workers to create a culturally safe environment for all to thrive and achieve'.

A cohesive and holistic approach and a comprehensive implementation plan sits alongside the Strategy to ensure the government can be timely and responsive to the changing needs of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts and cultures sector and communities.

Delivering a Board, Governance and Leadership workshop for South Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists and arts workers is an important action item from the implementation plan to fulfill.

Purpose

Arts South Australia is providing up to 30 South Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals working in or actively engaging with the arts and culture sector to participate in a two day in-person Board, Governance and Leadership Workshop. The Workshop will be co-facilitated by a First Nations person from the Institute of Community Directors Australia (ICDA) to teach governance skills and knowledge to support First Nations arts leaders.

Arts South Australia is excited to offer this Workshop to increase the governance skills and knowledge of South Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people interested in becoming a member of an arts organisation board or management committee. Through tailored governance training we aim to strengthen and grow the voice and influence of First Nations people across the South Australian arts and culture sector.

Workshop Details

The Board, Governance and Leadership Workshop will take place over two full days at Nexus Arts, on Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 June 2024.

Themes of discussion within the Workshop will include:

- responsibilities of board members
- fiduciary duties
- governance versus management
- acts, regulations, constitutions, and policies
- codes of conduct
- conflicts of interest.

Desirable Attributes

Expressions of Interest (EOIs) are being sought from South Australian based Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals who possess:

- general industry knowledge of local and national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts and culture sector, including networks
- commitment to supporting South Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts sector
- advocacy skills for Aboriginal community development, empowerment, and outcomes

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- community minded collaborative approaches
- strong leadership skills
- a willingness to attend the duration of the workshop across two full days.

Key Program Dates

Activity	Date
Workshop dates	Wednesday 26 – Thursday 27 June 2024
BoardingCall profiles completed	26 July 2024

Eligibility and How to Apply

Arts South Australia welcomes Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from South Australian based Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists, arts workers and other individuals to participate in the Board, Governance and Leadership Workshop.

EOIs must include:

- Full name and Nation group/s
- Biography – to include relevant cultural knowledge, expertise and experience
- CV/Resume – a summary of expertise, skills and achievements
- A supporting statement outlining why you wish to do governance training and what you wish to gain out of it.

Expressions of interest from individuals with no board or committee experience are welcome. Current board and committee members wanting to refresh or strengthen existing skills and knowledge are also welcomed to apply.

Applications for EOIs will be open for a minimum of two weeks.

Eligible individuals should submit their EOI through [SmartyGrants](#).

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