Welcome

The Uluru Statement from the Heart is a profound call from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples for constitutional change and structural reform in their relationship with Australia. The Uluru Statement calls for three fundamental changes: Voice, Treaty, Truth. The success of any future referendum on enshrining a First Nations Voice into the Constitution will depend on gaining the support of the majority of Australians, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous. Your support is essential!

This tool kit has been created to help Local Reconciliation Groups, organisations and individuals host events to increase knowledge about what The Uluru Statement from the Heart is and what it calls for, and how all Australians have a role to play in showing their support.

This kit provides an easy and accessible guide to create an event that is as big or small as you wish to make it. A morning tea in the staff room, an afternoon tea in your home, a workshop in your workplace, or a town hall gathering with a panel discussion or distinguished speaker.

We have provided ideas, templates, and access to resources both in hard copy and downloadable files.

Thanks for taking the time to explore this toolkit and we wish you great success in hosting an event in support of the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

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The Journey

How the Uluru Statement from the Heart was created

In May 2017, First Nations forged a historic consensus around the Uluru Statement. This consensus followed a ground-breaking process of engaging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from across Australia through deliberative dialogues in 13 regions. Joining each dialogue were approximately 100 representatives drawn from local Traditional Owners, Indigenous community-based organisations and Indigenous leaders. These dialogues selected representatives to attend the First Nations Constitutional Convention at Uluru. At the Convention, in an overwhelming consensus more than 250 delegates adopted the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

The Uluru Statement calls for three fundamental changes: Voice, Treaty, Truth. The first reform is the constitutional enshrinement of a First Nations Voice. The Voice will empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples politically. It will be a permanent institution for expressing First Nations’ views to the parliament and government on important policy decisions affecting their rights. The next reform after the Voice is established is Treaty, followed by Truth. These reforms would involve establishing an independent Makarrata Commission to oversee the negotiation of treaties and truth-telling processes.