

Ideas for speakers, panellists and videos

Depending on your event you may wish to engage a speaker or provide a panel discussion and perhaps include a facilitator or MC.

If you are hosting a smaller event or even as part of a larger event it's a good idea to showcase a video from our list supplied. These range from explainers about the Uluru Statement from the Heart and as explorations of Truth Telling that can help inform and engage an audience.

Speakers, panellists and videos all provide a more engaging point of view to begin your own conversations and can be used as a catalyst for discussion and deepening an understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples history, culture, beliefs and opinions.

Mabo Oration 2021



Image: Professor Megan Davis' Mabo Oration 2021 discussing the importance of taking advantage of the reform opportunity before us. Indigenous Law Centre, UNSW.

Much has happened over the past four years since the Uluru Statement was gifted to the Australian people. There are a growing number of resources available online to help you introduce and explain the Uluru Statement and its reforms.

A perfect starting place is Professor Megan Davis' Mabo Oration for 2021. Professor Davis has been at the forefront of constitutional reform for Indigenous peoples for the past decade, first having served on the Expert Panel to Recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples that reported in 2012 and most recently leading the work of the Indigenous Law Centre, UNSW and the Uluru Dialogue. Professor Davis led the team that designed and ran the regional dialogues and the First Nations Constitutional Convention in 2017 that led to the Uluru Statement.

Professor Davis' Mabo Oration explains in great detail where the Uluru Statement reforms are at after four years and the importance of taking advantage of the opportunity we have before us to realising a First Nations Voice to Parliament protected by the Constitution. You can find the Mabo Oration here:

<https://vimeo.com/manage/videos/558805140>

Contacting Speakers

There are a number of key figures who can be approached to lead a discussion on the Uluru Statement from the Heart. However, they are often extremely busy and hard to get hold of. The Uluru Dialogue and the Indigenous Law Centre, UNSW (ilc@unsw.edu.au) may be able to help put you in contact with an Uluru Dialogue member for your event. From the Heart may also be able to help you.

We also recommend that you connect with your Local Aboriginal Land Council, Local Reconciliation Group and even your Local Council to discuss possible speakers for your event. You may also wish to get in touch with your local University's Indigenous Departments as they too have speakers who may be willing to attend a community or workplace event.

Other sources

Educational videos hosted by the Indigenous Law Centre, UNSW and the Uluru Dialogue. The Uluru Dialogue and the Indigenous Law Centre, UNSW have a number of important videos available online that you can share with your networks and use to help encourage others to support the Uluru Statement from the Heart. These include videos that explain the different reforms of Voice, Treaty and Truth to videos that analysis the most recent Interim Voice Report process and the responses of the Australian community. You can find these videos and more here: <https://vimeo.com/ulurustatement>

Dean Parkin's TED Talk - Duration: 19 mins 47 secs

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xB-31jD4XcA>

In May 2017, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, coming from all points of the southern sky, made the Uluru Statement from The Heart. Building on decades of activism in pursuit of constitutional reform and self-determination, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples reached out to the nation in a heartfelt effort to create a movement for a better future. An experienced independent management consultant, Dean has worked across the public, corporate, not-for-profit and political sectors. He has advised a range of clients on strategy, engagement and co-design, including the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, Palladium, Coles, the Referendum Council and Jawun. In addition to extensive experience in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs, he has commercial experience both in Australia and the UK. Dean is from the Quandamooka peoples from Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island) in Queensland. He was involved in the negotiations leading to a Native Title determination in 2011 and continues to work with his community on this journey. Dean has a Bachelor of Arts (Politics and Journalism) from the University of Queensland. This talk was given at a TEDx event using the TED conference format but independently organised by a local community. Learn more at <https://www.ted.com/tedx>

Thomas Mayor speaking at the Emanuel Synagogue - Duration: 1 hour 13 mins 22 secs

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-x0xJcbL9w>

Thomas Mayor in conversation with Rabbi Jeffrey Kamins - The Uluru Statement from the Heart at Emanuel Synagogue. March 3, 2019.

Thomas Mayor is a Zenadth Kes man who lives on Larrakia land in Darwin. He is the elected branch secretary for the Northern Territory Branch of the Maritime Union of Australia and the President of the NT Trades &

Labour Council. Thomas was elected from the Darwin Dialogue on Constitutional reform to participate in the Uluru Convention.

Megan Davis reading the Uluru Statement from the Heart - Duration: 3 mins 45 secs

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zREKuT6GUqU>

Referendum council member Megan Davis presents the National Indigenous Constitution Convention's statement at the closing ceremony in Mutitjulu, Northern Territory.

Occupation: Native (You will need an SBS on demand account – free to sign up) - Duration: 52 mins

<https://www.sbs.com.au/ondemand/video/1023810627953/occupation-native>

This is a film that depicts how in this country, the Aboriginal story is often buried deep beneath the accepted 247-year Australian historical narrative. It's not that the Australian story is wrong, it's just that it's a wee bit one sided. Getting all historical, Aboriginal filmmaker Trisha Morton-Thomas, bites back at Australian history.

NITV- The Point, episode 19 – Our Voice (You will need an SBS on demand account – free to sign up) -

Duration: 55 mins 01 secs

<https://www.sbs.com.au/ondemand/video/1522818627972/the-point-our-voice>

The Point unpacks the complexities of Voice, Treaty & Truth across six episodes, two years on from the Uluru Statement from the Heart. In this episode we explore how our voice is heard through politics, sport and the arts. Reporter Douglas Smith examines some of the iconic stands Indigenous sportsmen and women have made. Ella Archibald-Binge investigates the perception that Indigenous Australians have either a radical or delegitimised voice. Hosted by Rachael Hocking and John Paul Janke.

NITV – The Point, episode 20 – Statement From The Heart (You will need an SBS on demand account – free to sign up) - Duration: 52 mins 49 secs

<https://www.sbs.com.au/ondemand/video/1526118979660/the-point-statement-from-the-heart>

The Point joins a special panel of guests to examine the process of national consultation undertaken by the Referendum Council and forums held around the country which culminated in the historic Uluru Statement. Reporter Ryan Liddle examines what the Sami peoples Voice to Parliament in Norway looks like. Madeline Hayman-Reber visits Uncle Talgium in Melbourne and hears how he found his voice as a member of the stolen generations. Hosted by Rachael Hocking and John Paul Janke.

NITV – The Point, episode 21 – Makarrata (You will need an SBS on demand account – free to sign up) -

Duration: 49 mins 07 secs

<https://www.sbs.com.au/ondemand/video/1529348163749/the-point-makarrata>

Michael Mansell, Leah Cameron and Richard Frankland join The Point to explore the treaty process across the country and the potential impact to native title. Reporter Rangi Hirini breaks down what's already underway across the country and Rachael Hocking investigates exactly what a Makarrata Commission could look like. Hosted by Rachael Hocking and John Paul Janke.

The History of Advocacy Video - Duration: 18 mins 20 secs

<https://vimeo.com/346347606?ref=em-share>

Understand how the Uluru Statement from the Heart is connected to the advocacy of generations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Watch "Uluru Statement from the Heart - Secondary Education Tool V5 CURRENT" on Vimeo.

Prof. Megan Davis | A new path to reconciliation - Duration: 12 mins 30 secs

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6J01MLokVy0>