

Ideas for speakers and panellists to host your own event

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 one of the EXPERT videos from our list supplied. These range from explainers about the Uluru Statement from the Heart to 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 opportunity before us. Indigenous Law Centre, UNSW.

Much has happened since 2017 when the Uluru Statement was gifted to the Australian people. [There are a growing number of resources available](#) 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 the proposed Uluru Statement reforms 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 Dialogues Team](#) 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

There are a wealth of educational videos, articles and books in our [Resource Kit](#) that you can watch, read and share with your networks 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 analyse what the Voice may look like and the responses of the Australian community.