

# 10 Positive Ways to Engage with Indigenous Issues

## 1. Educate Yourself



Learn about the cultures, histories, and lived experiences of First Nations peoples.

- Explore [AIATSIS](#) for resources on First Nations history, knowledge, and culture.
- [Common Ground](#) centres Indigenous Australians through storytelling.
- Read the [Uluru Statement from the Heart](#) and understand its significance.

## 2. Donate



Support First Nations-led charities and not-for-profits.

- [GO Foundation](#): Scholarships and wrap-around support for Indigenous students.
- [NASCA](#): Aboriginal-led charity connecting youth to culture to build confidence and strengthen education.
- [Aboriginal Legal Service](#): Legal representation and community support for Aboriginal people in courts and custody.

## 3. Engage with First Nations Media



Amplify First Nations voices by following and sharing Indigenous-led content.

- [Indigenous X](#): 100% Indigenous-owned media platform challenging stereotypes and sharing community voices.
- [NITV](#): Free-to-air network celebrating Indigenous culture and facilitating debate.
- [Koori Mail](#): Fortnightly national Indigenous newspaper covering issues that matter to communities.

## 4. Learn About Your Local Country



- Use the [AIATSIS Map](#) of Indigenous Australia to find out whose Country you are on.
- Acknowledge Country in everyday life- at meetings, events, and in written communications.
- Visit local [Aboriginal sites of significance](#) respectfully.
- Connect with your local Aboriginal Land Council.

## 5. Acknowledge Culturally Significant Dates



- Display and acknowledge the [Significant Dates](#) of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
- Attend or host events for NAIDOC week, National Reconciliation Week, and National Sorry Day.

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## 6. Build Cultural Competency at Work or University

- Centre for Cultural Competency Australia: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Competence training for individuals and organisations.
- BlackCard: Cultural capability training delivered with the authority of Elders.
- Advocate for a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) in your workplace or university.



## 7. Volunteer and Attend Community Events

- Join your Local Reconciliation Group.
- Attend Indigenous-led exhibitions, such as at The Australian Museum
- See Indigenous performances: Bangarra Dance Theatre, Australian Theatre for Young People (ATYP), BlakDance.



## 8. Support Indigenous Businesses

- Use Supply Nation: national directory of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses.
- Advocate for Indigenous procurement policies in your workplace.
- Buy art and cultural products directly from Aboriginal artists or verified First Nations-owned galleries.



## 9. Read Welcome to Country by Marcia Langton

- Professor Marcia Langton's Welcome to Country is a practical guide to respectful engagement with the First Nations communities.



## 10. Support organisations to fight for the rights of Indigenous people

- NACCHO: National peak body representing 143 Indigenous health services.
- ANTAR: National advocacy for First Nations rights, justice, and respect.
- AbSec: NSW peak body for the welfare of Aboriginal children, young people, and families.
- Literacy for Life Foundation: Community-led adult literacy campaigns in Aboriginal communities.