



Darebin Welcoming Cities Reference Group

Expression of Interest

Background

Welcoming Cities is a national network of cities, shires, towns and municipalities across Australia and part of a global network of more than 135 globally with a focus on knowledge sharing, peer support and membership exchange. An initiative of the Scanlon Foundation and Welcome to Australia, Welcoming Cities aims to support local councils to become more welcoming and inclusive of new communities through application of the Australian Standard for Welcoming Cities (The Standard).

Darebin Council signed up to the Welcoming Cities framework on the 7th of August 2017 with the Welcoming Cities Reference Group established to facilitate and monitor Council's progress towards achieving the principles and criteria in the Welcoming Cities Standard.

Objectives

Welcoming Cities is implemented through the application of the Australian Standards of Welcoming Cities to enable a systemic approach to:

- Benchmark cultural diversity and inclusion policies and practices across the organisation;
- Development and implementation of an annual Darebin Council Welcoming Cities workplan;
- Identify where and how further efforts could be directed;
- Assess their progress over time.

Terms of Reference

The operation of the Welcoming Cities Reference Group will be guided by Terms of Reference to be drafted, discussed and approved in consultation with Committee members.

Detailed information about the operation of the Welcoming Cities Reference Group, including membership duties and governing process, can be found in the attached Darebin Welcoming Cities Terms of Reference and at:

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Meeting dates

The Welcoming Cities Reference Group will meet formally on a quarterly basis.

How to nominate to be a member of the Welcoming Cities Reference Group

- You can nominate to be a member by completing the attached **Expression of Interest** form.
- Submissions close 5pm, Sunday 6 January 2019
- Return your completed form by:
 - **Email:** diversity@darebin.vic.gov.au
 - **In person:** Darebin City Council Customer Service, 274 Gower Street Preston
 - **By Mail:** Darebin City Council, PO Box 91, Preston 3072
- For further information phone Mandy Bathgate, Coordinator Equity and Diversity on 8470 8365

How your Expression of Interest will be considered.

- Assessment will be through an internal panel with consideration of diversity (gender, age), experience and expertise and representative balance.
- A report with recommendations will then be made to made to Council for endorsement of membership,
- Applicants will be notified of outcomes after the Council meeting to be held on Monday the 4th of February, 2019.
- Thank you for expressing your interest in being a member of the Darebin Welcoming Cities Reference Group

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Personal information

First name:

Last name:

Organisation name: (If applicable)

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Are you a current member of another Council Committee? Yes No

Please respond BRIEFLY to the following questions:

1. Do you live, study, work or have links with the Darebin community?

Yes No

2. Are you able and available to commit to attending all Darebin Welcoming Cities Reference Group meetings on a quarterly basis, and to be an active Committee member?

Yes No

3. Please outline briefly why you would like to be on the Darebin Welcoming Cities Reference Group

4. What are the skills and attributes you would contribute to the Reference Group?

I, the undersigned, would like to express my interest in being selected as a member of the **Darebin Welcoming Cities Reference Group**.

Signature of nominee

Date signed

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