

IC Open Access Program – Expression of Interest

Darebin Intercultural Centre (IC)

Acknowledgement of Country

Ngarrgma Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Guljin gurringanyinu bik wenerop Darbin dharri. Ngarri yana ngarnga Bik, Baan ba Ngarrgu. Gahgook-al Nanggit bambuth, yalingbu ba gama-dj.

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung People who are the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the Land. We recognise their continuing connection to Land, Water and Culture. We pay our respects to Elders past and present.

IC Open Access Program

The IC Open Access program promotes the exploration, development, and critical discussion of intersectional, community-engaged practices.

Key Program Dates 2024-25

Applications open	Friday 2 August
Applications close	Monday 9 September - midday (12pm)
Participants announced	Friday 1 November
Program welcome session	Friday 1 November 2024 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Program debrief & closing session	Wednesday 18 June 2025 5:00pm – 8:00pm

What support we provide:

- A stipend payment of \$2000
- Up to 10 hours use of IC venues
- Support from program staff and peer-to-peer connections and learning opportunities
- Access supports available, including subsidy to complete any necessary checks, eg. Working with Children Check.

What we ask:

- To be available to participate in person across the key dates of the program
- To provide a short description and an image to help communicate your project
- To present at least one free, publicly accessible session, in the form of your choosing
- To complete our registration, induction and venue booking process
- To complete any necessary checks and abide by our Code of Conduct.

Who can apply?

IC Open Access is open to people who live, work or study in the City of Darebin. See [map of Darebin](#) boundaries. You may wish to collaborate with people who are not Darebin-based.

We strongly encourage applications from people who are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, Deaf, disabled, culturally and linguistically diverse, women, gender-diverse, experiencing financial hardship and LGBTIQ+ community members. We are seeking to engage with community members and groups who are not already engaged with the IC. Council employees are ineligible.

What can you do?

Do you have an idea which engages one or more communities, cultures or identities that you would like to explore? We would love to hear from you. IC Open Access encourages experimentation, research and development, rather than polished outcomes.

As part of the IC Open Access program, you are invited to present a free, publicly accessible session. This can be an informal way of sharing your ideas, inviting people into your process, or experimenting with community participation. It can take any form of your choosing and it is ok if you don't know what that might be yet.

Some examples of the types of activities that may be supported include:

- Takeover of an IC Nights, our monthly social evening (Feb-Jun)
- Activation of the IC Ganbu gulin ganbu wilam lounge
- Digital offering online or onsite
- Creative community-engagement
- Creative development with open rehearsal
- Local responses to place
- Critical thinking and discussion
- Climate action
- Cooking demonstrations, food-based workshops or communal meals
- Intercultural performance, music, dance, comedy, poetry or open-mic ideas
- Traditional / international games
- Curated screening and discussion
- Interfaith / intercultural events or celebrations
- Intersectional self-care and community care practices
- Craft / making workshop
- Spiritually inclusive responses to the IC Reflection Room
- Intergenerational processes
- Opportunities for learning and knowledge sharing
- Facilitated mini-bus tours to cultural institutions

How will participants be selected?

At the IC we are guided by the principles of the Darebin Intercultural Centre's [Programming Framework](#). We are seeking proposals which support the underpinning values of respect, kindness, curiosity, care, belonging and understanding between and across cultures and identities.

Participants will be selected by a panel based on how well your project:

- Develops intercultural understanding and cultivates mutual respect between people from different cultures, genders, generations, faiths and/or identities
- Involves members of communities who may experience discrimination and disadvantage
- Is accessible and engaging for Darebin's communities
- Practically fits within the venue and broader program

What spaces and facilities are available?

The Darebin Intercultural Centre (IC) is located at 350 High St Preston, on the corner of High St and Gower St.

Our Ganbu guljin ganbu wilam lounge area is open to the public Mon-Fri 10am-4pm and has free Wi-Fi, basic tea and coffee and kitchenette, including a microwave, fridge, dishwasher, cups, plates and cutlery.

Our two function rooms, Wilam-nganjjin and Djerring ganbu, can be booked when the IC is open and outside of these hours, as available. These spaces each have a projector with screen (HDMI compatible) and audio system with access to two roving microphones.

Our dedicated Reflection Room can be used for prayer, meditation, or as a sensory quiet space. The venue has an accessible, all gender bathroom and two Augmented Hearing Loops.

We also have limited shared access to the adjacent [Shire Hall](#), which can accommodate larger events and commercial kitchen needs. Use of spaces will be negotiated with each program participant and after-hours use is limited. Please give some indication of your ideal times on the application.



Wilam-nganjin
'Our Place'
(Yellow room)



Djerring ganbu
'Gather as one'
(Orange room)



Ganbu guljin ganbu wilam
'One people One Place'
(Lounge area)

How do I apply?

A short application form will be available [online](#) from 2 August 2024. Please [contact us](#) to arrange an alternative format.

Short-listed applicants will be invited in to have a chat with us about your idea before the final participants are announced.

If successful, you will need to provide a tax invoice with ABN for the stipend. Project reporting will be via participation in a group debrief session on 18 June 2025.

How can I find out more?

We will be holding three information sessions -

Online: Friday 9 August 1pm-2pm &
Wednesday 14 August 5:30-6:30pm

In person: Monday 19 August 4:30pm-6pm (including venue viewing)

Register on Eventbrite to attend an information session: [Online sessions](#) or [In person session](#)

Contact us:

In person [350 High St Preston 3072](#) Open 10am-4pm Mon-Fri

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