

IC OPEN ACCESS

Seeking Expressions of Interest.
Culture | Identity | Intersectionality



Darebin
Intercultural
Centre



Information Session

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 Overview

IC Open Access V2.0 2024-25 aims to promote the exploration, development, and critical discussion of intersectional, community-engaged practices

IC Open Access encourages a community of practice (investigation into and curiosity about what interculturalism and intersectionality mean) at the venue through exchanges between participants and informal peer-to-peer learning opportunities.

The program will run from Nov 2024 -Jun 2025 and will support 3-5 participants, selected via an open call-out.

IC Open Access Program Details

The program is open to:

- People who live, work or study in the City of Darebin
- Proposals from people who identify as members of our focus communities, as outlined in our Programming Framework, will be prioritised.
- In particular, 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.



IC Programming Framework

Vision

The Darebin Intercultural Centre (IC) is a place where people cultivate mutual respect for each other's cultures and identities and can equally participate in life.

Mission

The IC is a place where everyone is invited to explore and celebrate their own and other cultures. We value and promote the connections that happen within and between diverse communities, generations and identities. We create the space, time and opportunity for friendly and courageous exchanges, for individuals and groups to reflect on how they differ and what they share. Our programs inspire insight, encourage understanding and open-up new worlds.

IC Programming Framework - Guiding Principles & Priorities

Guiding Principles

1. People
2. Place
3. Participation
4. Partnerships
5. Evaluation and Planning

Focus Communities

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- Children
- Older people
- People from Culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, migrants and refugees
- Woman and girls
- LGBTIQ+
- Deaf / Disabled people
- Young people
- People experiencing poverty, including intergenerational disadvantage

IC Open
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Participants
will receive:

\$2000 stipend

up to 10 hours use of IC venue spaces

Peer-to-peer connections and learning opportunities

Support from program staff

Access supports available, including for people experiencing financial hardship

What we ask from you:

To be available to participate in person across the key dates of the program

To provide a short description, bio and an image to help communicate about your project

To present at least one informal, publicly accessible session, in the format of your choosing

To complete our registration, induction and venue booking process

To complete checks required (eg. Working with Children) and abide by our Code of Conduct.

Proposal Selection:

Participants will be selected based on how well the proposed 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 or marginalisation
- Is accessible and engaging for Darebin's communities
- Practically fits within the Centre and existing programs

Available Spaces & Current Programs





Djaring ganbu

Wilam nanjin

Ganbu guljin ganbu wilam

Ganbu guljin ganbu wilam lounge

The IC Ganbu guljin ganbu wilam lounge is the heart of the IC. Currently open weekdays from 10am-4pm, the lounge offers free tea, coffee and wifi and is a space where spontaneous connections can occur.

The kinds of activities that currently take place here are:

- informal gatherings, discussions and conversations
- incursions by students, artists and community members
- targeted information sessions and drop in services
- client meetings by community services



Reflection Room



Reflection Room



Afterhours: IC Nights

IC Nights is a program of regular, community-focused social evenings.

Returning by popular demand, the second season of IC Nights will run on the third Wednesday of the month 6pm-8pm Feb-Jun 2025. These social nights are free, inclusive, intergenerational events, designed to celebrate different identities and cultures.

The program promotes social connection and encourages intercultural exchange within an informal setting. The pilot Feb-Jun 2024 featured games, music and food with a different cultural focus each month.



Weekly Programs

Weaving Classes (Partner Program) –
Mondays 10am-1pm

Drop in Services (Partner Program) –
Wednesdays 11am-3pm

StARTalking creativity & health workshops (Partner Program) –
Thursdays 2pm-4pm

English Pronunciation Program (Volunteer Program)–
Fridays 11am-12:30pm



IC Programming

Arts & cultural workshops

Cultural Celebrations

School holiday programs

Film screenings

Talks & panels

Cultural community groups







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



As part of the IC Open Access program, you are invited to present an informal, publicly accessible session. This is a 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.

What can you do?

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

Takeover of an IC Nights event, our new monthly, social evening

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

International games

Curated screening and discussion

Intersectional self-care and community care practices

Craft / making workshop

Interfaith / intercultural events or celebrations

Spiritually inclusive responses to the IC Reflection Room

Intergenerational processes

Opportunities for learning and knowledge sharing

Facilitated mini-bus tours to cultural institutions

How do I apply?



A short application form is 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.

IC Open Access Key Dates

ACTIVITY	DATE
Applications open	2 August 2024
Applications close	9 September 12pm (midday) 2024
Meetings with shortlisted applicants	21 - 31 October 2024
Participants announced	1 November 2024
Participant welcome session	1pm – 4pm Fri 1 November 2024
Program debrief & closing session	5pm – 8pm Wed 18 June 2025

Contact Us

We are Open Monday – Friday, 10am-4pm

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