4TH NATIONAL INDIGENOUS CAREER ADVANCEMENT FORUM

FUNDAMENTAL STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT AND ADVANCE INDIGENOUS CAREER PROSPECTS

15 - 18 JUNE 2020MELBOURNE

LEARN FROM



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TOGETHER TOWARDS TOMORROW

Indigenous employees bring diverse perspectives, experiences and knowledge, which can generate long-term value through diversity. To create mutually beneficial Aboriginal employment strategies, you must first understand the fundamental role inclusivity plays. In doing so, you'll create a workplace of choice for Indigenous people and the wider community.

Support First Nations people by learning how to bridge the employment gap and provide pathways for career development in an open environment where everyone feels free to have a yarn. Explore practical strategies to guarantee the development and equality of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander talent in the workplace.

- ► Reflect on & maintain a cultural safety in your office
- ► Innovative strategies to advance your RAP
- Stretch your organisation's boundaries & develop strategic frameworks
- ► Elevate your Indigenous employees to their full potential

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PRE-SUMMIT WORKSHOP

15 JUNE

EFFECTIVE INDIGENOUS ENGAGEMENT & CAREER ADVANCEMENT WORKSHOP

Explore the maturity of your organisation's Indigenous engagement program

- Understand your organisation's business imperative and how it is working to meet requirements
- ► Treating targets as a starting point for the conversation (including targets informed by the IPP)
- ► Normalising diversity and inclusion into your organisation's

Recruitment strategies and pre-employment training

- Identify and access the right talent pool for your organisation
- Indigenous media, online and other platforms for engagement
- Choosing culturally appropriate interview and induction environments and processes

Retention and development of Indigenous talent

- ► Developing culturally appropriate mentoring frameworks
- Secondment opportunities that are effective and yield positive long-term results
- Using technology to support engagement initiatives (delivering training to remote areas)

Creating a culturally safe workplace

- Accentuating and accelerating natural leadership strengths
- Move from understanding to execution, from 'what' to 'how'
- ► Code-switching to improve cross-cultural communication

How do we know when we get there? Going beyond tokenism

- Explore different metrics and measures to track performance
- ► Learn how to communicate successes to your business and its leaders
- Reflection on core themes and ideas addressed over the two days
- Practical takeaways and action plans to take back to your workplace



EXPERT FACILITATOR

John Briggs
Director
John Briggs Consultancy

12:45 - 1:45

WELCOME TO COUNTRY

INDIGENOUS CAREER ADVANCEMENT

HELP BRIDGE THE EMPLOYMENT DIVIDE & SECURE

CASE STUDY 9:15 - 9:50

Employment is central to bridging the gap between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous employees, providing the autonomy that allows Indigenous people to explore their aspirations. Increasing employment rates reduces Indigenous disadvantage through RAP initiatives and support programs. Join Cinda as she discusses the value of closing the employment gap and what you can do as advocates for Indigenous career advancement.

Cinda Viranna

Head of Indigenous, Diversity & Inclusion **Australian Broadcasting Corporation**



9:00 - 9:15

EFFECTIVE MENTORING PROGRAMS FOR INDIGENOUS CAREER DEVELOPMENT

EXPERT COMMENTARY

9:50 - 10:40

Many Indigenous people who seek jobs must cope with personal, social and cultural pressures in contrast to their non-Indigenous peers. These pressures place the Indigenous employee at risk of failing to complete accredited training programs or remain in the workforce. Early intervention through a structured mentoring relationship may give Indigenous people the tools and support they need to deal with conflicting demands. Dennis will discuss how you can develop and deliver a successful mentoring program that will assist in retaining your Indigenous employees and support their career progression.

Dennis Batty

Chief Executive Officer
Indigenous Employment Partners



MORNING TEA

10:40 - 10:55

SOCIAL INCLUSION STRATEGY - A COMMITMENT TO SOCIAL INCLUSIVITY

CASE STUDY 10:55 - 11:55

Without social inclusion, diversity will reap no benefit. Innovation will halt, leaving your organisation as an echo chamber of outdated norms. Join Margot as she discusses how you can support Indigenous career pathways by fostering social inclusivity through inclusive strategies and programs.

Margot Eden

Associate Director, Indigenous Strategy & Social Inclusion

University of Melbourne



EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES IN LAUNCHING YOUR RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

EXPERT COMMENTARY

11:55 - 12:45

RAPs assist organisations in creating a workplace culture that understands, values and respects the histories, cultures and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. They transform attitudes through action to develop cultural awareness and foster relationships between employees and First Australians. But how do you create the foundations for your organisation's reconciliation journey? How do you establish strategies to ensure the success of your RAP, and what RAP best suits you? Join Seona as she discusses how you can design a RAP, as well as identify what RAP best suits you.

Seona James

Founder, Director

Indigenous Cultural Connection



LUNCH

SETTING THE SCENE - ESTABLISHING A CULTURALLY SAFE & AWARE ENVIRONMENT

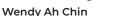
PANEL 1:45 - 2:35

A safe and culturally responsive workplace environment acknowledges, respects, and accommodates difference. Cross-cultural training programs and strategies can bring traction in the private and public workplace domain. Join our panellists as they discuss methods, strategies and critical points in creating an office culture that is aware, informed and safe.

Bron Rose

District Manager, Aboriginal Mental Health Service & Workforce

Hunter New England Local Health District



Branch Manager

National Indigenous Australians Agency

Jodie Clarke

Indigenous Development Coordinator

Armadale City Council





STRATEGIES FOR STRENGTHENING CAREER DEVELOPMENT JOURNEYS

CASE STUDY

2:35 - 3:25

Career development plans are imperative to beneficial employment outcomes for Indigenous Australians. However, the inclination for 'identified' and 'designated' positions is a common error in this pursuit, creating frustration for the employees who plan to progress beyond the position. Join Nathan as he discusses how you can create authentic growth opportunities for your employees.

Nathan Lovett

Chief Executive Officer

National Indigenous Culinary Institute



AFTERNOON TEA

3:25 - 3:40

KEEPING YOUR EMPLOYEES ENGAGED THROUGH A YIELDING RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

CASE STUDY

3:40 - 4:30

Companies tend to roll out intensive cultural training regarding RAPs, overwhelming and disengaging staff. So how do you ensure you're keeping employees informed about the value of your RAP? Join Vanda as she discusses how you can secure the success of your RAP through a strategic rollout.

Vanda Strange

National Indigenous Engagement Lead **nbn Australia**



NETWORKING CANAPÉS

4:30 - 5:30

Continue to network while you enjoy complimentary refreshments.



CREATING TRACTION IN ATTRACTING INDIGENOUS **CANDIDATES**

CASE STUDY 9.00 - 10.00

To support and increase Indigenous employment, you must also support the underlying methodology. You can only achieve this through an embedded understanding of how to promote growth within the Indigenous community. Join Gningala as she discusses how UGL has managed to resolve their employment targets through identifying barriers to employee attraction and working in partnership with Indigenous businesses to support and develop Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander candidates.

Gningala YarranMark

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Co-ordinator **UGL Limited**



GETTING IT RIGHT - KEY SUCCESS FACTORS FOR **INDIGENOUS EMPLOYMENT & RETENTION**

CASE STUDY 10:00 - 11:00

Success isn't measured by the number of Indigenous people employed, but rather by retention and contribution. Unfortunately, retention is a challenge, attributed to the lack of cultural awareness within the organisation, a deficit in support from senior management, and inadequate support for Indigenous employees.

Coles is the largest private-sector employer of Indigenous Australians and has implemented an employment model that resulted in a dramatic improvement in Indigenous employment and retention. Join Topaz as she discusses the strategic elements and methods you can execute to boost the retention of your workforce.

Topaz McAuliffe

Indigenous Business Development Manager **Coles Group**



MORNING TEA

11:00 - 11:15

HARNESS THE STRENGTHS OF THE INDIVIDUAL - THE VALUE OF PATHWAY PROGRAMS

PANFI 11:15 - 12:20

You might have heard of the words "bridging", "enabling" or, most commonly, "career pathways". These are terms used to describe structured programs in which Indigenous candidates can build their skills, helping them launch a long-term career. But what works? How should you implement these pathways? Join our group of panellists as they discuss alternative pathway programs, which pathways work better than others, and thoughts on how we can harness the strengths of our Indigenous employees.

Luke Bishop

Manager, Diversity, Inclusion Program Strategy & Delivery



Peter White

Senior Manager, Aboriginal Strategy & Engagement

Create NSW

Michael Frangos

Chief Executive Officer

Indigenous Energy Australia

Gningala YarranMark

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Co-ordinator **UGL Limited**

Lesley Jackson-Lopa Bishop

Aboriginal Recruitment Business Partner

Department of Justice and Community Safety













AFFIRMATIVE MEASURES IN INDIGENOUS TALENT **ACQUISITION**

CASE STUDY 12:20 - 1:20

Australian businesses are committed to improving and sustaining employment outcomes for people from diverse backgrounds by recognising the knowledge, insights and capabilities of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Applying recruitment provisions tailored to Indigenous peoples for job vacancies will succeed in asserting your organisation's cultural competency. Discover how you can strengthen your Indigenous employment strategies for attracting and employing Indigenous talent for your business.

Cassimah Hodgman

Senior Adviser, Aboriginal Employment Unit Victorian Public Sector Commission



LUNCH 1:20 - 2:20

EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT SELF-DETERMINATION OF ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES

CASE STUDY 2.20 - 3.20

The Government acknowledges that Aboriginal Victorians hold the knowledge and expertise about what is best for themselves, their families and their communities. Aboriginal self-determination is driven by communities, while the Government is responsible for the supporting systems and structures. Cross-examine the initiatives undertaken at the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, and learn how you can infuse these strategies throughout your organisation.

Paul Paton

Manager, Aboriginal Partnerships & **Engagement Support Unit**



Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning

AFTERNOON TEA 3:20 - 3:40

TOGETHER TOWARDS TOMORROW

ROUNDTABLE 3:40 - 4:30

Summarise the takeaways from the event and share ideas for taking the next step in your career.





POST-SUMMIT WORKSHOP

18 JUNE

A HAND GUIDE FOR COLLABORATION TO FOSTER CULTURAL SAFETY IN YOUR OFFICE

Creating partnerships with Indigenous communities is critical to ensuring the cultural safety of your Indigenous employees. A culturally safe environment provides cultural awareness to your non-Indigenous employees and will support the satisfaction and retention of your Indigenous staff.

Attending this workshop will provide you with the skills to understand how to impact cultural safety in a positive manner through collaboration, supporting and enhancing diversity of thought, cultural awareness and organisational effectiveness.

Create successful engagement and participation across your organisation

- Understand how cultural awareness contributes to an inclusive workplace
- Promote effective leadership to drive Indigenous initiatives
- Normalise diversity and inclusion into your organisation's DNA

Develop a culturally competent workplace that supports your organisational values

- ► Embrace an organisation-wide understanding of Indigenous culture
- ► Manage and promote cross-cultural conversations
- ► Design and maintain a values-based culture

Successful approaches to Indigenous Cultural Awareness

- ► Build sustainable partnerships with the community
- Enhance cultural competency through internal and external skills training
- Understanding the importance of a Reconciliation Action Plan

Manage potential blockers

- Manage personal and professional morale in potentially challenging environments
- Get comfortable with uncomfortable conversations when needed
- Identify and develop strategies to handle potential roadblocks



EXPERT FACILITATOR

Michelle Dunscombe
Community Development Consultant &
Community Emergency Plan Facilitator
Jeder Institute

ALSO AVAILABLE

LEADERSHIP PSYCHOLOGY WORKSHOP

APPLY THE TOOLS OF PSYCHOLOGY TO DEVELOP RESILIENT LEADERS & BOOST ORGANISATIONAL EFFICACY



15 - 16 APRIL 2020

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WHO WILL ATTEND?

Directors, Managers, Coordinators and Consultants in volved in:

- Indigenous Employment
- Aboriginal Workforce Development
- Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)
- ► Indigenous Liaison / Engagement
- Indigenous Coaching / Mentoring
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- ► Diversity & Inclusion
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