



First Nations Governance and Financial Literacy Workshop Guidelines

Introduction

CreateSA is providing an opportunity for up to 25 South Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals working in or actively engaging with the arts and culture sector to participate in a three-day, in person, Governance and Financial Literacy Workshop. The workshop will be co-facilitated by a First Nations person from the Institute of Community Directors Australia (ICDA) to teach governance and financial skills and knowledge.

CreateSA is excited to offer this workshop as a core initiative of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Strategy for South Australia.

The workshop is designed to increase the governance and financial skills and knowledge of South Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people interested in becoming a member of an arts organisation board or management committee. Providing participants with essential knowledge and skills to govern effectively, understand their financial responsibilities, and confidently interpret financial reports. Catering to new to board roles or those looking to deepen their understanding, this workshop ensures participants can fulfil their duties with clarity and confidence.

Through this tailored training CreateSA aims to strengthen and grow the voice and influence of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across the South Australian arts and culture sector.

The [Institute of Community Directors Australia \(ICDA\)](#) is an independent social enterprise, dedicated solely to serving the community.

Workshop Details

The Governance and Financial Literacy Workshop will take place over three full days from 15 to 17 September 2026 at Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute, Adelaide. The workshop will be delivered in person, and participants must be available and commit to attending the full three-day workshop.

Workshop themes:

- Foundational Governance and Risk



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- A comprehensive introduction to governance and risk, ensuring all board members understand their roles and responsibilities.
- Deep dive into Governance and Finance
- Building on the foundational knowledge, these sessions will take a more strategic and analytical approach to governance, leadership and financial management.

Desirable Attributes

Registrations are being invited from South Australian based Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals who possess:

- general industry knowledge of local and national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts and culture sector, including networks
- commitment to supporting South Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts sector
- advocacy skills for Aboriginal community development, empowerment, and outcomes
- community minded collaborative approaches
- strong leadership skills
- a willingness to attend the duration of the workshop across three full days.

Key Dates

Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis till 25 places are filled.

Date	Registration Timeline
Registration Opens	10 August 2026
Registration Closes	4 September 2026
Workshop dates	15-17 September 2026 (three days)

Eligibility and How to Apply?

Individuals with no previous board or committee experience are encouraged to register. Current board and committee members seeking to strengthen their governance and financial literacy skills are also welcome.

To register, participants must complete the online registration form through SmartyGrants and provide the following information:



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- Full name.
- Residential address.
- Which Nation(s) Group/s they belong to.
- Phone number and email address
- Information about their governance experience.
- Details of any current board, committee or advisory group membership, including organisation name, position held and length of service.
- A brief description of their previous governance or leadership experience.
- Information about their motivations for participating in the workshop.
- Confirmation that they can commit to participating in the full three-day workshop.

Eligible individuals should complete the online registration form through SmartyGrants [here](#).

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