



Connecting Communities Conference

19 & 20 August 2024
Aerial UTS Function Centre
Ultimo NSW

Conference Program

Monday 19 August

MASTERCLASSES

Registration

Location	Aerial Foyer & Terraces
12.30pm	Registration opens

Masterclasses

Location	Broadway	Jones	Harris
1pm – 4.30pm (includes Afternoon Tea at 2.30pm)	Community Development in Taiwan <i>Presented by:</i> <i>Dr. Yi-Yi Chen & Dr. Ying-Hao Huang</i> Learn about the role of a community development approach to address homelessness in Taipei and working with Taiwanese First Nations people in their journey to self-determination.	Exploring the International Standards for Community Development <i>Presented by:</i> <i>Michelle Dunscombe</i> Explore how the International Standards for Community Development can serve as a comprehensive guide for practitioners.	Are you ready? Grant Writing Workshop <i>Presented by:</i> <i>Annette Cairnduff & Stephen Morse</i> Build your confidence in applying for grants and broaden your outlook about which grant opportunities exist.

Free evening to connect, socialise and dine at local restaurants.

Tuesday 20 August

Registration

Location	Aerial Foyer & Terraces
8.15am	Registration. Arrival tea & coffee. Trade exhibits

Plenary Sessions

Location	Plenary Room
9am	WELCOME & CONFERENCE OPENING
	Introduction & Acknowledgements <i>Can Yasmut, LCSA Executive Officer</i>
	Welcome to Country <i>Binowee Bayles</i>
9.15am	PLENARY SESSION
	Opening Address <i>The Hon. Kate Washington MP</i>
	Official Launch: LCSA Neighbourhood & Community Centre Policy <i>Can Yasmut, LCSA</i>
	Keynote <i>Robert Fitzgerald AM</i>
10.30am	Morning Tea & Trade Exhibits - Aerial Foyer & Terraces
Location	Plenary Room
11am	PLENARY SESSION
	Panel Discussion: Grassroots Community Development In this session we will hear from local community development practitioners about how their work has had a positive impact in their community. The panelist will talk about community-led projects and activities that resulted in a lasting change. Conference delegates will have the opportunity to ask questions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Julie Williams, Mullumbimby and District Neighbourhood Centre</i> • <i>Natalie Jacobi, The Parks Community Network</i> • <i>Kate Maclean, Canterbury City Community Centre</i> • <i>Krystle Daley, Ngroo Education Aboriginal Corporation</i>
	Sponsor Spotlight <i>Mable & Social Planet</i>
	Challenges and Opportunities for the Community Strengthening Stream within TEI <i>Can Yasmut, LCSA</i>
	Social Prescribing <i>Dr. J.R. Baker, ASPIRE</i>
	12.30pm

Workshops

Location	Jones	Broadway	Thomas	Wattle
1.30pm – 2.25pm	Social Prescribing <i>Presented by:</i> Dr. J.R. Baker, ASPIRE	Using AI in Community Development Work: Potentials and Pitfalls <i>Presented by:</i> Navin Doloswala, WSU	Cost of living crisis in New South Wales - NCOSS Research <i>Presented by:</i> Ben McAlpine, NCOSS	Building Ecosystems for Social Impact <i>Presented by:</i> Kerry Grace, Evolve Network
2.25 – 2.35pm	Short Break			
Location	Jones	Broadway	Thomas	Wattle
2.35pm – 3.30pm	Transitioning ACCOs to self-determination <i>Presented by:</i> Gretchen Young, SNAICC & Miranda Edwards, SNAICC	A community development online platform co-designed for Neighbourhood Centres <i>Presented by:</i> Michael Hillier, Social Planet	Balancing power and connection – exploring our relations with community <i>Presented by:</i> Mark Riboldi, UTS	Connecting Communities: LCSA's Role in Global Networks <i>Presented by:</i> Paul Sekfy
3.30pm	Afternoon Tea - Aerial Foyer & Terraces			

Plenary Session

Location	Plenary Room
4pm – 5pm	Conference Wrap Up and Close Can Yasmut Keynote Nevo Zisin

Cash Bar

Location	Aerial Bar & Terraces
5.30pm	Cash Bar

CONFERENCE DINNER

Location	Plenary room
6.30pm – 9.30pm	Arrival drinks. Entrée. Main course. Celebration dessert Join us for an evening of celebration and acknowledgement of LCSA's 50th Anniversary including musical performance by Hamani Tanginoa and guitarist Konstantine Ana.