

Participant Feedback

SECTION 1: General Feedback

Please provide some general feedback on your experiences at the **Indigenous Peoples Human Rights and Advocacy Training Program**.

1. What was the best part of the program for you? Why?

	Comments
1	I thoroughly enjoyed every part of the course from the info sessions to undertaking the role plays. The presenters were appropriate and did not claim to be experts on human rights. There was an exchange between the presenters and participants.
2	Yes because I wanted to know more about our rights (indigenous)
3	All of it was great networking with regional/local participants, learning about the 2 declarations and media and John and Josie's experience.
4	Learning, networking, becoming familiar with human rights.
5	Knowing our rights as IP are known internationally. I didn't have that broad knowledge of HR.
6	Understanding the UN Declaration. To my knowledge I never knew such rights existed beside R.D.A.
7	Understand how the house of representatives works and the UN processes if you wish to make a complaint.
8	Lobbying and advocate. How know what you want. Phone or email to arrange meeting. Focus on issues and not personalities.
9	Josie and John's presentation. They are so knowledgeable and so passionate and yet so respectful, strong but in no way offensive.
10	It was hard at the start but it got easier at the end I enjoy all the session and learnt hard. It was a understanding of human rights.
11	The program overall was great- the best part being the first two days as it has made me aware of human rights and the different avenues/ services available.
12	CAAMA with Jim. It gave an inside on what the media really does with indigenous issues.
13	The whole lot increased my need to get my 'social care' systems out to the community.
14	The best part of the program was the whole program. An eye opener on what has gone on and what is going on.
15	The best part was to participate with a 'grass roots' type of advocates, generally, such programs are targeted at CEOs, academics etc.
16	All of it- it was all so good- I can't decide- Sarah's or Josie's or John's or Jim's etc-
17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN Declaration of the Human Rights of Indigenous Peoples • International Human Rights Framework and Australia's obligations

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic campaigning- integrating media into advocacy
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2. What was the most useful session or sessions for you? Why?

	Comments
1	All of it. For me in my line of work experience the course has been confirmation that I am on the right path for applying the various methods of advocacy, lobbying and campaigning for a cause with a focus on human rights. The networks which I've created- very useful.
2	For me was how to go about planning, but haven't got access in emailing.
3	I found it all great intend to read material and remain in contact/ network for local issues. Hope this course goes everywhere throughout NT, especially since the intervention is happening.
4	All sessions useful, tactics to advocate for country men.
5	Our lecturers explaining why they have spared their time for this training.
6	I enjoyed the session by Dr. Sarah Pritchard. The way she explained things to us was so clear and understanding of it opened the doors of my mind. Very challenging.
7	Diplomacy (not much skills in this area) Advocacy (getting better)
8	Indigenous human rights network of Australia. It will be launched in mid December which is excellent.
9	Dr Sarah Pritchard taught me so much about the whole idea of human rights and indigenous rights. However I learnt from each day something new and useful. Feel that what I've learnt can be used in many facets of my life.
10	The media with Jim cos he show us a short film of the living side of the centre people because of the intervention.
11	Lobbying and advocacy session was very easy to understand. Doing the exercise gave me more of an idea of how to go about lobbying and I'm sure with more practice it would be done successfully.
12	Lobbying governments in Australia- Josie and Chris they gave a good thing with the government back in the days- going to places sharing the journey with other indigenous people within Australia.
13	All of it, will be able to use it in my interaction with NGO's, GO's.
14	Advocacy and lobbying. In the line of work I'm in along the way I'll have to be an advocate on behalf of our people.
15	Lobbying and advocacy- because it is my main role in employment but have not had any training in it, so was grateful to be able to see the structure and value of an action plan.
16	Learning the lobbying on the 3 rd afternoon- brought out many issues and good lobbying ideas, tips and info.
17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing media skills • Lobbying governments in Australia- Where and how discussions are made • The international Human Rights Framework and Australia's Obligations

3. How will the knowledge of human rights and the UN system influence your work or your approach to the particular issues you are working on? Could you give an example?

	Comments
1	It has definitely heightened my conscious awareness of human rights issues and the various levels (everyday to dealing with govt etc) and also that with this knowledge and training I am obligated to step in and assist/support witnessed human rights infringements on behalf of others that have no way to deal with it.
2	By knowing our human rights through our declarations rights of being human in rights.
3	I know that it is there and we (all Ind's) have rights that should be considered/committed by government to support our people who are trying/addressing issues will be useful for lobbying issues or next time rapporteur is visiting to make contact.
4	The course has given me a lot more empowerment to advocate on issues but not only indigenous.
5	I could explain to my people what their rights are in Australia and internationally. Most of our people don't know about their rights.
6	This will help in so many ways, now that we know what we are able to do. The knowledge of human rights and the UN system is able to take me further in my work for my people on indigenous issues.
7	It has made me more political aware and now I understand the importance of why you should know your rights/ power and know how if you wish to take any complaint further e.g. PROCESS
8	I cannot answer this.
9	I feel I will be more aware and feel empowered. That I have knowledge of a process that an issue can be followed up if it indeed is a human rights issue e.g. discrimination. In my role as a health worker I will be working everyday in a advocacy role.
10	Should focus on Australian indigenous people with their living arrangements.
11	It won't have much effect on my line of work however it has given me the knowledge of UN system that I could share with other community family members.
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13	More insight into international issues
14	By looking at the big picture and knowing the rights. Giving choices.
15	Will also be mindful of all the articles during daily life, whether it be reading the newspaper, observing society etc.
16	To lobby for more training/education of Aboriginal health workers and for positions of employment in hospitals (in clinical case and cultural brokerage)
17	Now I can challenge when there are infringements on our human rights and our indigenous human rights. I can refer back to the declarations and shame people who try to deny these rights. Will always be a point of reference where relevant or applicable.