

Purpose ACTCOSS works collaboratively with organisations and individuals who support our vision and goals for positive social change. We advocate to government on social policy, encourage individuals and groups to take action, and provide capacity building services and resources to community organisations. We do all this with support and input from our membership.

Objectives

Build capacity



Assist and support organisations to build their capacity so they can provide a service that best meets the needs of Canberrans living in difficult circumstances by:

- Providing affordable, relevant, timely and effective organisation and workforce development services and resources
- Promoting the value and importance of locally grown solutions and services
- Stewarding implementation of the ACT Community Services Industry Strategy 2016-2026.

Promote social justice



Make explicit and pursue a social justice agenda for the people of the ACT by:

- Representing the views and priorities of our constituency and our members
- Getting new issues into policy and service reform agendas
- Influencing public debate and decision makers
- Holding the ACT Government to account
- Monitoring progress towards our vision for Canberra.

Be an effective peak body



Function as a peak body for the ACT community sector by:

- Securing sufficient resources to sustain a strong staff team, fulfil our mandate and deliver on our ambitions
- Renewing our ICT infrastructure
- Ensuring most effective use of resources
- Expanding our membership reach and engagement
- Building strong alliances and partnerships with people's voice, service provider and business organisations
- Maximising and monitoring our impact on decision makers.

Strengthen COSS network



Participate as part of the national COSS network by:

- Contributing to and supporting social justice advocacy and capability development at the national level
- Sharing information and resources that will increase the reach and impact of COSS.

Ambitions

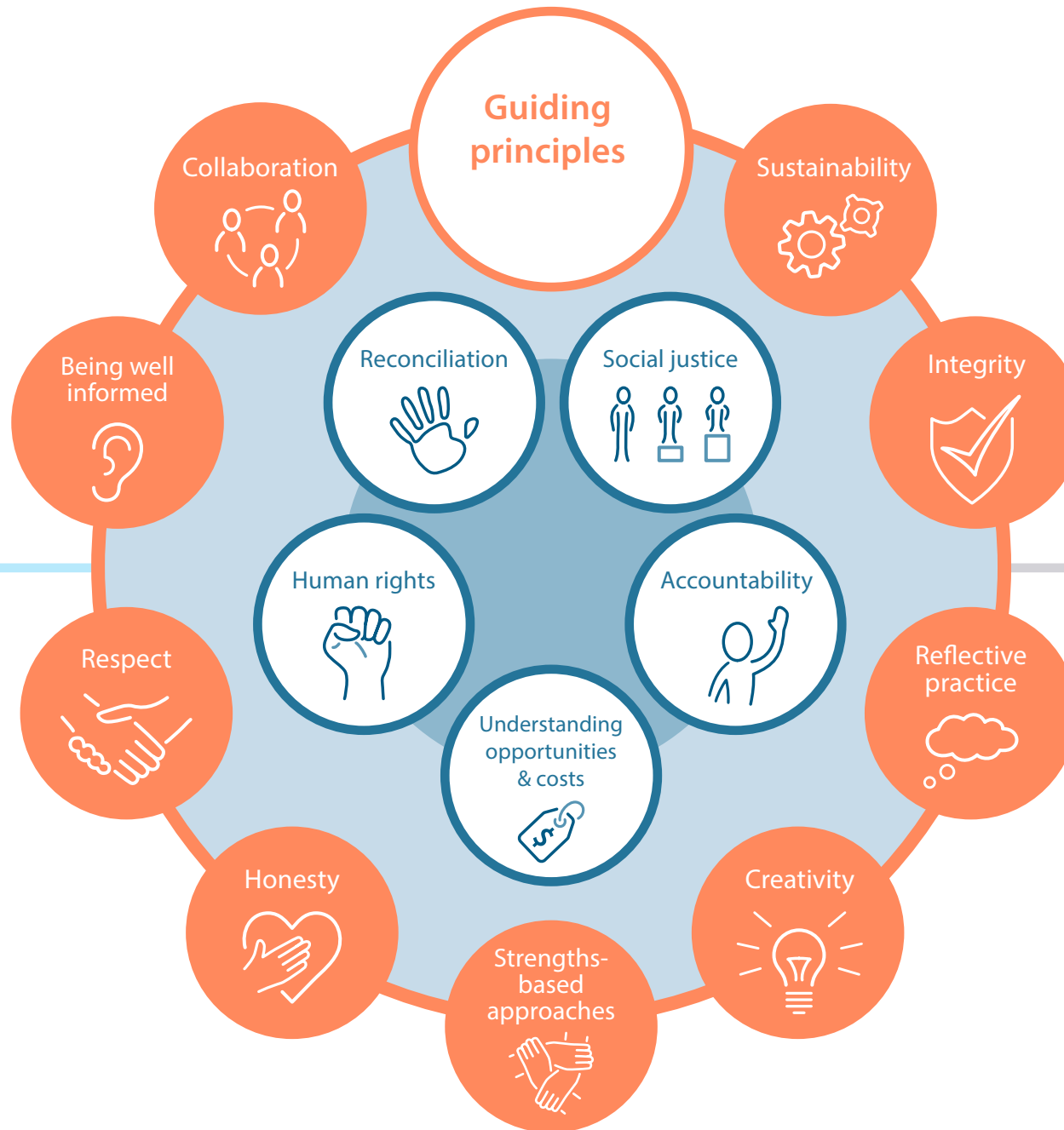
Social and economic policy reduces inequality

Advocacy agenda is relevant beyond election-led decision-making cycles

Not-for-profit organisations prioritise collective value generation and strong collaborations

Funding for community services ensures sustainable, effective service delivery

Growth of human capital is part of the economic agenda



Guiding documents

ACT Community Shared Statements for ACT Elections

ACT Community Services Industry Strategy 2016-2026

ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Agreement 2019-2028

2017 Uluru Statement from the Heart

2016 Congress of Australia's First Peoples Redfern Statement

2016-2030 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals