

## Communique: Industry Strategy Steering Group Meeting – 29 June 2022

This communique is sent on behalf of the Industry Strategy Steering Group (ISSG) to keep you – the ACT community sector informed about key issues discussed and current work in progress.

The ISSG meeting on 29 June 2022 was provided with an update on **Commissioning**, discussed ACTCOSS's **Community Sector Careers Gateway Project** and the **Monitoring and Evaluation Capacity Building Project**, and received several sector updates.

CSD's **commissioning** update noted progress in Peaks Commissioning, and ISSG members recognised the genuine goodwill and trust in the consultation process. There is also discussion in CSD on updating the [ACT Commissioning Roadmap](#), which is a living document, but the timeframe for such an update is unknown at this stage. Reference was also made to an imminent announcement on the community sector indexation rate which was later announced on 30 June at 4.43% for 2022-23.

ACTCOSS gave a briefing to the ISSG on the **Community Sector Careers Gateway Project** which is funded through federal funding. The project is developing an information portal for recruiting and retaining workers in the community sector, both younger people and those joining the sector later in their careers. The project team has recruited over 30 Career Ambassadors to engage with a wide range of audiences such as at careers exhibitions or schools. Survey results from both young people and the broader workforce are providing useful information to inform the scope of the project. This includes identifying the benefits and challenges of a community sector career, and how the Gateway can assist in attracting people into the community sector through Career Ambassador short career stories.

Following agreement at the April meeting of the Joint Community Sector Reference Group (JCGRG), the ISSG discussed the parameters of the **Monitoring and Evaluation Capacity Building Project**. Key questions such as the scope and target audience for the training (frontline staff, middle managers, executives) were discussed. ACTCOSS will undertake further work to scope out the project and bring a paper to the August ISSG meeting.

The June meeting also had updates from the Education Directorate on a new [Head Start program](#), the Canberra Institute of Technology on the [Diploma of Community Services](#) and the Government's new [Skilled to Succeed](#) program.

The ISSG will next meet on Wednesday 24 August 2022.

### About the ISSG

The ISSG monitors the implementation of the ACT Community Services [Industry Strategy 2016 - 2026](#) (the Industry Strategy). The Industry Strategy sets a 10-year vision for the ACT community services industry and identifies priority areas for response and outcomes to be achieved. The ACT Council of Social Service (ACTCOSS) chairs the ISSG.

The Steering Group is a working group of the Joint Community Government Reference Group (JCGRG). The JCGRG is a consultative forum focused on progressing social and sustainability issues impacting the Canberra community between ACT Government and the ACT community sector. The JCGRG is co-Chaired by the Deputy Director-General Community Services Directorate (CSD), ACT Government and the CEO of ACTCOSS.

### **Current ISSG Membership**

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