



# **Enhancing Climate Justice and Disaster Resilience in WA Community Services:**

## Invitation to co-host workshops

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# Introduction



**Kaya (hello),**

My name is Joanne Hill, I am a Project Officer (Community Engagement) with Edith Cowan University, and I'm involved in a project about supporting Community Service organisations in WA to improve and strengthen community-led resilience to climate impacts and disasters. Part of this project involves offering free workshops across WA to staff and volunteers from community service organisations, and to do this, we are looking for local Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations to co-host the workshops. This document and today's presentation will provide you with more information about the project. If you think co-hosting a climate justice and disaster resilience workshop is right for your organisation we would like to discuss this further with you.

## **Climate Justice and Disaster Resilience Workshops**

These free workshops are being offered to staff, volunteers and key people who work at any organisation that provides social, community or health services in WA. It is an opportunity for people to come together, learn, and explore practical ways to bring climate justice and disaster resilience into their work and their organisations policies, services or advocacy. The workshops are based on the [Climate Justice and Resilience Toolkit](#), a free online resource created especially for community service organisations. It includes tools, templates, and real-life examples to help services collectively plan and respond to climate injustices and impacts in ways that are fair, inclusive, and grounded in social justice.

## **Co-Host Invitation**

To ensure the workshops are culturally responsive and place-based we are inviting organisations with strong community relationships to co-host the workshops. Please read the information pack attached for full details. In short, the role of the co-host would be to assist with local logistics such as venue, catering, co-facilitation and if appropriate a Welcome to Country. We also hope that co-hosts can help us prepare by influencing the workshop content and delivery to ensure that it addresses local climate change and social justice issues. We expect co-hosts to ensure that Elders and people with Lived Experience are involved in the workshop preparation and delivery process and that they are taken good care of. *Funds will be provided to co-hosts* to cover these expenses, including honoraria/remuneration for Elders and people with Lived Experience.

If you are interested or know of another organisation that might like to get involved, please contact the Project Officer (Community Engagement), Joanne Hill at [joanne.hill@ecu.edu.au](mailto:joanne.hill@ecu.edu.au) . If co-hosting a workshop with us is not for you, your staff and volunteers are still welcome to attend.

We also have other *funded partnership opportunities* for climate justice and resilience projects which you can find out about here: [climatejusticetoolkit.org.au/activities-opportunities](https://climatejusticetoolkit.org.au/activities-opportunities)

**Regards, Joanne Hill**

# Project Overview



Across Western Australia, communities are increasingly facing the severe impacts of climate change and natural disasters. These challenges do not affect everyone equally; they disproportionately harm already marginalised and discriminated communities, deepening existing social and economic inequalities. For community service organisations, the impacts of climate change also pose significant barriers, disrupting daily operations and the essential services they provide.

This project, led by Edith Cowan University's Centre for People, Place and Planet (CPPP) in collaboration with key partners, aims to integrate climate justice within the WA community service sector by developing practical tools, research, and organisational frameworks. The project is structured in two phases:

## Phase One – Co-designing the Climate Justice and Resilience Toolkit

- Developed with Aboriginal Traditional Owners, People with Lived Experience, and community service organisations.
- Provides public resources supporting advocacy, disaster resilience, and embedding climate justice in organisational policy and practice.
- Covers community-led disaster resilience, deep listening frameworks, shifting power structures, and strengthening frontline communities.
- Supports implementation of the toolkit through **state-wide workshops** and a community of practice with organisational staff.

## Phase Two – Implementation through Participatory Action Research

- Distributes \$300,000 to the sector through **funded partnerships** with community service organisations (up to \$50, 000 each).
- Participatory Action Research methodology guides ongoing cycles of action and reflection to document challenges, enablers, and systemic shifts for integrating climate justice and resilience into programs, policies, and practices.

This project is governed by an Aboriginal Steering Group (thanks to Healthy Environments and Lives Network WA) and a Lived Experience Advisory Group (thanks to Climate Justice Union). Ethics approval for the project is overseen by the WA Aboriginal Health Ethics Committee.

We thank and acknowledge the Elders, Traditional Owners, people with Lived Experience for guiding the strategic direction of the project and acknowledge all the people, partners and funders for supporting and contributing to the project.



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# Climate Justice and Disaster Resilience Workshops

## Information for Co-hosts

**Is your organisation interested in learning more about Climate Justice and Disaster Resilience - the impact it may have on your clients, staff, business and community, as well as how you can be more prepared and build resilience?**

We are seeking co-hosts across Western Australia to support the delivery of **free** workshops to Community Service Organisations on Climate Justice and Disaster Resilience. We are looking for Aboriginal organisations to help us co-host a one-day workshop for Community Service Organisations in your region to attend.

**As the project coordinator, ECU will:**

- Provide staff to support logistics, a co-facilitator and all workshop materials.
- Promote the workshops to local community service organisations.
- Provide funding for the co-hosts to undertake their role.

**As a co-host you will:**

- Provide staff to support logistics, co-facilitate and if appropriate organise a Welcome to Country.
- Provide a venue with presentation equipment and catering for up to 50 people.
- Help prepare the workshop content and delivery by reviewing and influencing to ensure that it addresses local climate change and social justice issues while being trauma-informed (during 2-3 online meetings before the workshop).
- Engage Elders and People with Lived Experience in the workshop preparation and delivery process.
- Support promotion of the workshops to staff and local organisations.
- Be available to co-host between August 2025 to mid 2026.
- Optional - provide a co-facilitator to be upskilled in climate justice and disaster resilience to become a regional contact.

**Funding:**

There is funding up to \$5,000 per co-host organisation. This allocation can be used for:

- Welcome to Country
- Elder and People with Lived Experience Honorarium
- Venue and catering
- Other (please discuss with our team)

**If your organisation is interested in being a co-host please contact Joanne Hill at [joanne.hill@ecu.edu.au](mailto:joanne.hill@ecu.edu.au) or 08 6304 3762.**

# Funded partnerships

## Information for Organisations

We are thrilled to invite community service organisations across WA to collaboratively develop and undertake a project that integrates climate justice and disaster resilience into their organisation and service provision.

Funding up to \$50,000 is available for projects, which should be completed during 2026.

The learnings from the project will feed back into the Toolkit with the aim of strengthening climate justice and resilience in the sector.

### **Partner organisations contributions:**

- Aboriginal cultural governance and/or Lived Experience advice from people who access services and/or have relevant Lived Experience.
- Organisational and local knowledge including staff and practitioner experiences, insights, and stories of climate injustices and how these affect Country, community, and staff.
- Negotiating Research and Indigenous Cultural Intellectual Property protocols and agreements.
- Informing and following an ethical process.
- Collaborating in documentation and reviewing resources and outputs created.
- In-kind contributions, including staff, volunteers, and matched funds.

### **ECU contributions:**

- Provide up to \$50,000 to support these projects.
- General knowledge of climate justice and disaster resilience issues and responses.
- Experience in Participatory Action Research process and activities.
- Aboriginal and Lived Experience Governance.
- Negotiating Research and ICIP protocols and agreements
- Organising and following ethics process approved by the Western Australian Aboriginal Health Ethics Committee.
- Support for documenting information and translating learnings (as agreed) into accessible resources for the organisation and for the sector, including tools in the Toolkit, videos, reports, publications, policy advocacy, presentations, etc.
- Connection with other organisations on similar journeys.

For more information, read the **Expression of Interest (EOI) guidelines** on the toolkit website: **[climatejusticetoolkit.org.au/activities-opportunities](https://climatejusticetoolkit.org.au/activities-opportunities)**

Please contact Kylie Wrigley at **[k.wrigley@ecu.edu.au](mailto:k.wrigley@ecu.edu.au)** to discuss your EOI.





# CLIMATE JUSTICE AND RESILIENCE TOOLKIT

The Climate Justice and Resilience Toolkit is a free online resource for Community Service Organisations. It aims to support the community sector to infuse climate justice and disaster resilience into core practices, policies and programs.

Access the toolkit and find out more about the project online:

[CLIMATEJUSTICETOOLKIT.ORG.AU](https://climatejusticetoolkit.org.au)



# What is the Toolkit?

The Climate Justice and Resilience Toolkit is an online resource that offers a comprehensive approach for Community Service Organisations (CSOs) to incorporate climate justice and disaster resilience into their core practices. By recognising the interconnected nature of climate and social justice, the Toolkit provides a framework that supports CSOs in working alongside their communities more effectively and equitably.

The Toolkit is a living website that will be updated as we continue to collectively learn and respond to our changing and increasing challenges. Currently, the Toolkit includes a Process Hub, a Resource Library, as well as information on activities and opportunities to help apply the tools.

The Process Hub includes guides for equitable processes of engaging communities climate justice and disaster resilience. It aims to equip CSOs with tools to understand how to embed climate justice into their work through practical application and transformative action. These process-oriented tools to assist CSOs in undertaking just climate practices, including climate justice principles workshops, engaging with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, Lived Experience engagement, identifying climate injustices in local communities, and much more.

The Resource Library is a comprehensive collection of tools, case studies, and practical templates, all designed to provide actionable steps for creating impactful change. It includes resources on governance, policies, finance, programs, advocacy, and reducing organisational footprints, alongside strategies for disaster resilience.

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# Process Hub

The tools in the Process Hub are designed to guide community service organisations (CSOs) in integrating climate justice and resilience into their work. This structured approach covers four key areas: Building Relationships, as a foundation for trust and genuine partnership; Collective Learning, to build a foundational understanding of climate justice; Collectively Assessing, to reflect on current practices and identify areas for improvement; and Collective Integration, to embed inclusive, community-led principles into your programs. Together, these tools provide practical steps and resources for meaningful climate action tailored to the needs of communities.

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## Building Relationships

The Building Relationships section supports CSOs in establishing trust and genuine partnerships to build a strong foundation for meaningful climate justice and resilience work. It centres the expertise of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and People with Lived Experiences while also exploring diverse concepts of time in relationship-building.

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## Collective Learning

The Collective Learning section supports CSOs in developing a foundational collective understanding of climate justice and resilience with an intersectional approach. It also provides resources that highlight climate impacts on social injustices.

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## Collectively Assessing

The Collectively Assessing section supports CSOs in discovering tangible opportunities to adopt climate justice practices and helps to identify climate injustices in local communities. It guides organisational reflection and positioning and includes a climate risk assessment.

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## Collective Integration

The Collective Integration section supports CSOs in embedding climate justice principles into their work to ensure actions are inclusive, community-led, and transformative. It facilitates implementation through workshops, dialogue, and collective planning.



# Resource Library

The Resource Library is designed to provide community service organisations (CSOs) with a wealth of information on key topics related to climate justice and resilience. It offers practical materials, guides, and tools to deepen knowledge and support transformative processes in governance, policies, programs, campaigns, and advocacy. The hub focuses on equipping CSOs with resources to advance climate action while ensuring inclusivity and community-led principles, ultimately fostering a shared understanding of climate justice and its intersection with social issues.

RESOURCE LIBRARY				
GOVERNANCE, POLICIES & FINANCE	PROGRAM AND PRACTICE	ADVOCACY, CAMPAIGNS, COMMUNICATIONS	REDUCING ORGANISATIONAL FOOTPRINT	DISASTER RESILIENCE
CLIMATE JUSTICE POLICY	CO-DESIGNING SERVICES PROGRAMS + ACTIVITIES	CLIMATE JUSTICE ADVOCACY + CAMPAIGNS	ASSESSING ORGANISATIONAL FOOTPRINT	DISASTER READINESS
PURCHASING, PROCUREMENT + CONSUMPTION	INTEGRATING CLIMATE JUSTICE INTO EXISTING PROGRAMS + ACTIVITIES	INTEGRATING CLIMATE JUSTICE INTO ADVOCACY + CAMPAIGNS	ENERGY	CLIMATE RISK + IMPACT ASSESSMENT
INVESTMENT + DIVESTMENT	FINANCIAL COUNSELLING + DISASTER	CLIMATE JUSTICE COMMUNICATION + FRAMING	WATER	COMMUNITY-LED DISASTER PREPAREDNESS
FUNDING + BUDGETING	LEGAL NEEDS FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE AND DISASTER	MEDIA RELEASE + STATEMENTS	FOOD SOVEREIGNTY	THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANISATIONS
FUNDRAISING + SPONSORSHIP	HEALTH	CLIMATE CONSCIOUS MEDIA	TRAVEL + VEHICLES	RECOVERY (PLANNING)
STAFF + VOLUNTEERS	CLIMATE EMOTIONS	FALSE CLIMATE SOLUTIONS + UNDERMINING TACTICS	WASTE	DISASTER RESILIENCE ADVOCACY
INSURANCE + CLIMATE RISK	MAINSTREAMING CLIMATE JUSTICE IN PROGRAMS + ACTIVITIES	REAL CLIMATE JUSTICE SOLUTIONS	SUSTAINABLE + CLIMATE RESILIENT BUILDINGS	CLIMATE IMPACTS ON SOCIAL INJUSTICES
COLLABORATING WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS		MONITORING, EVALUATION + RESEARCH		UNDERSTANDING DIFFERENT CLIMATE EXTREMES

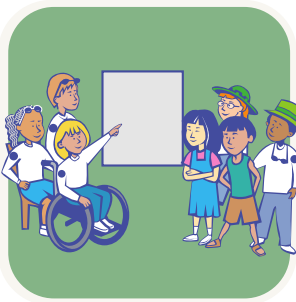
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## Governance, Policies and Finance

This section provides practical tools for integrating climate justice into governance practices, including mainstreaming climate justice policies and considering climate justice in budgeting, purchasing, and insurance decisions. These tools help build a strong foundation for CSOs to incorporate climate justice principles throughout their operations.

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## **Programs and Practice**

This section provides tools to address the intersection of climate justice within various programs and practices. It covers financial counselling and legal support for those impacted by climate change. It includes resources on food sovereignty, climate emotions and legal needs.

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## **Advocacy, Campaigns, Communications & Research**

This section provides essential tools for effective advocacy, campaigns, and communications on climate justice. It covers strategies for integrating climate justice into existing campaigns, crafting impactful media releases, and leveraging climate-conscious media and literacy. The section also explores the importance of monitoring, evaluation, and research in tracking progress, addressing false climate solutions, and advocating for real climate action.

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## **Reducing Organisational Footprint**

This section supports CSOs in addressing justice issues related to their organisational footprint, encouraging collective action for systemic change. It advocates for holding governments accountable, transforming systems, and ensuring that sustainability efforts are rooted in climate justice. When focusing on the disproportionate impacts of environmental issues on marginalised communities, organisations can push for policies that promote fairness, resilience, and social equity across the sector.

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## **Disaster Resilience**

This section supports CSOs in building disaster resilience through advocacy and action on climate impacts and social justice. It offers tools for collectively planning disaster readiness, assessing climate risks, and promoting community-led preparedness and adaptation. CSOs are playing a key role in disaster response and recovery and can advocate for just disaster responses.