



AIGI

Emerging Directors Program.

Developing the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander directors of tomorrow

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Emerging Directors Program will provide participants with the knowledge, skills, and network necessary to excel as a board director. Throughout the program, you will gain insights into contemporary governance practices, cultivate your leadership skills, and establish a strong network.

By participating in the program, you will have the chance to learn from accomplished Indigenous directors, engage in real-world boardroom scenarios, and develop a profound understanding of the critical opportunities and strengths within Indigenous-led organisations, addressing challenges with insight and cultural integrity.

THIS WILL BE ACHIEVED THROUGH:



Providing support, mentorship, and fostering professional development for emerging governance leaders and board directors.



Offering hands-on learning opportunities through observing and participating in effective governance practices.



Facilitating exposure to culturally empowering networks, with the guidance of your assigned mentor, and access to valuable networking opportunities.



Enhancing education and professional development through training and workshop content.

Key information.

Mentorship:

- 6 sessions with an experienced mentor, including pre- and post-meeting preparation and a career conversation.

Observership:

- Attend at least 2 board meetings to learn governance practices firsthand.

Workshops & Training:

- 2 in-person, two-day workshops (July 16-17th & April 15-16th).
- 7 online training sessions.

Networking:

- Engage with peers, mentors, and external partners.

Application process



For more information on our application process please visit our Emerging Director Program page on our website.

If you have any questions, please contact elise.lane@aigi.com.au

About you



You identify as Aboriginal and/ or Torres Strait Islander.



You want to develop governance skills and contribute to Indigenous communities, organisations, and nations.



You are ready to fully participate in sessions, mentoring, and workshops, including travel if needed.



You are eager to learn and apply governance skills.



Are over 18 years of age.



You are early in your governance journey i.e. little to no governance experience or new in a governance role.

As the program is still new, we currently have 10 spots available via this application process.

As the program continues we're hoping to increase the number of participants to ensure everyone who can benefit from this program has access to it.



2025

Induction
June 11

Theory Sessions
Aug 13 & Sept 10

Theory session
Nov 5



Program Launch
July 16-17

Practical Session
Oct 8

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Meet your mentor!

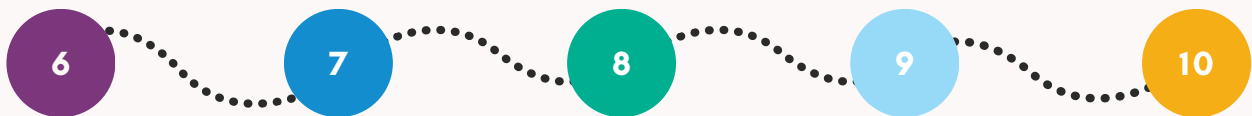
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Observe your first board meeting

2026

Theory Session
Jan 21

Theory Session
Mar 11

Alumni
Ongoing



Practical Session
Feb 11

Program Close
Apr 15-16

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Meetings with mentor
continue

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Observe your second board
meeting

Key dates.

AIGI will be supporting emerging directors with the following formal training:

Month	Date	Time	Activity
June	Wed 11 June (Online)	5pm-7pm (AEST)	Welcome & Introduction
July	Wed/ Thurs 16-17 July (Full days in person)	Full days	Program Launch
August	Wed 13 Aug (Online)	12-2pm (AEST)	Online education session and networking
September	Wed 10 Sept (Online)	12-2pm (AEST)	Online education session and networking
October	Wed 8 Oct (Online)	12-2pm (AEDT)	Online practical session
November	Wed 5 Nov (Online)	12-2pm (AEDT)	Online education session and networking
January	Wed 21 Jan (Online)	12-2pm (AEDT)	Online education session and networking
February	Wed 11 Feb (Online)	12-2pm (AEDT)	Online practical session
March	Wed 11 Mar (Online)	12-2pm (AEDT)	Online education session and networking
April	Wed/Thurs 15-16 April (Full days in person)	Full days	Program Close

***The location for in-person sessions will be chosen based on the major city that's most convenient for the majority of participants. AIGI will handle all travel arrangements and expenses.**

[For expressions of interest, please fill out the form at this link.](#)
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