

COMMUNITY MAPPING – FIRST NATIONS LENS

Building relationships with First Nations communities in your local area is an important first step in working towards culturally safe activism. This work needs to be ongoing and meaningful. Have a go at filling in the information below, and think of some ways that you might be able to start building/continue developing relationships with First Nations mob in your local area.

Your local community – name of town/area, postcode/s, First Nations place name (Country/Nation), demographics/what do we know about the community size/cultures/ages/etc:

Local issues – what are the most important local issues, what do the local First Nations community care about?

Key dates - Local holidays, community events/festivals, human rights related dates, NAIDOC week, National Reconciliation Week, Invasion Day/Survival Day

Decision makers and influencers – Elders, First Nations community leaders, Aboriginal Liaison Officers at council/schools/hospital/police:

Physical spaces – Aboriginal controlled/maintained bushland, significant sites and/or waterways, public parks/gardens, community halls, Blak markets, etc:

Blak businesses – catering, cultural businesses, Elders who conduct Welcome to Country and smoking ceremonies:

Organisations and Groups – Elders groups, First Nations community groups/consultative groups, First Nations youth groups, Local Aboriginal Lands Council (LALC), Native Title Holders groups, First Nations disability support providers, First Nations activist groups/campaigns, ACCO's (Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation), Indigenous schools or language nests: