



This is an informal network of community, academia, practitioners and government to continually improve the practice and understanding of deliberative engagement in the ACT.

**Outcomes:**

Together we:

- Encourage and support improved practice, understanding, reflection of experiences and culture change across the ACT
- Connect community practitioners, academia and government
- Develop skills and capability in delivering and participating in deliberative engagement
- Support an informal network that provides communication and feedback about improving deliberative engagement between government, academia and the community.

**Membership:** Open to interested members of the community, academia, professional practice, public servants and government (both ACT and federal).

**Governance:** A small committee with a rotating chair every six months that includes representatives of the community, academia, government, professional practice (practitioner) and supporting partnership. Foundation membership includes:

- 2 x members of Canberra Alliance for Participatory Democracy (Community)
  - Beth Slatyer and Mark Spain
- 1 x member or associate of the University of Canberra/Centre for Deliberative Democracy (Academia)
  - Dr Simon Niemeyer
- 1 x member ACT Government Strategic Engagement Unit (Government)
  - Karen Stewart Moore
- 1 x member from practice (Professional Practitioner)
  - Dr Wendy Russell, Double Arrow Consulting

Supporting function and observer membership includes:

- 1 x secretariat function – Catherine Russell, ACT Government
- 1 x optional venue observer – Museum of Australian Democracy

In January, then June, a Chair is appointed and the committee plans the meeting dates for each six month period. Meetings are organised every quarter at different times and locations to maximise the opportunity of committee participants to attend.

**Resourcing:** Committee members bring to the Community of Interest resources and skills at their disposal that may include emcee/facilitation, venue, digital support, rsvp and speaker management.

- Eventbrite.com.au will provide the invitation platform for the Community of Interest
- Deliberate ACT will have a [LinkedIn](#) to provide a neutral forum for information, resources, minutes, presentations and learnings from the Community of Interest
- Museum of Australian Democracy will provide a venue, audio visual and tea and coffee facilities



**Operations:**

- The initial meet-up at the beginning of each calendar year is a deliberative or facilitated activity to determine what the community of interest is seeking to know and learn about.
- With set dates, venue and times, the Community of Interest develops a program of activity for a calendar year
- A forum for the Community of Interest occurs every month/six weeks in the months between February to November
- Secretariat promotes the program of activity, provides digital support and manages the RSVP's
- The final meet-up for the calendar year is a reflection of what has been learnt, discovered and achieved together.

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