

Awakening Democracy

CAPaD - The Canberra Alliance for Participatory Democracy

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Dear members and friends

CAPaD - making change in 2020

We are excited to share an introductory version of [Getting a Better Democracy](#) with ideas for how you can help CAPaD make the changes we all want to see.

Please get involved in one of our [action groups](#) and help get a better democracy!

What we have been doing

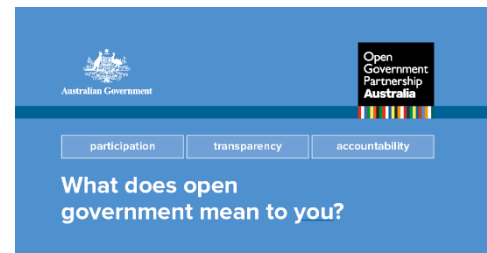
Claudia Chwalitz, from the [OECD Innovative Citizen Participation Project](#), visited the University of Canberra last week, and gave a fascinating presentation at MOAD. CAPaD was included in the panel discussion and it was great to see many of you there. CAPaD's Co-convenor [Beth Slatyer talked about how deliberative processes can improve democracy](#), and shared our lessons from the four recent deliberative processes.

What's coming up

Just a heads up for some action for 2020: we will be asking you to help collect people's ideas about what they think selection criteria they would have for candidates standing for the ACT election next October. We will send around more information in the new year, including in topic specific Kitchen Table Conversations. Meanwhile put your thinking caps on. For information about hosting a Kitchen Table Conversation, look [here](#).

What else is new

The Australian Open Government Partnership Forum is asking people what they think about government and how it can be improved. [Tell them what you really think](#) - the deadline is 15 December.



Seeking help

We have had success recently from our call for help with our website and curating our resources and library, but are still looking for a **Communications Assistant** to help with keeping members and supporters up to date with what's going on.

New stuff to read and look at

A couple of articles from the Canberra University Institute for Governance and Policy Analysis recently in The Conversation [contrasting parliamentarians and citizens views of how democracy could be better](#), and a second on [what young people think of democracy](#).

All agree, more active citizens are needed.

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This time we are asking you to send in the most inspiring pieces you have read or heard over the holiday period... so we can showcase them in the next newsletter. Send them to us at secretary@canberra-alliance.org.au.

Finally, we wish all our members a **safe** and **happy** holiday period and look forward to achieving great things together in 2020.

Your CAPaD Committee

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