

Education Strategy for CAPaD

Purpose of strategy

To support CAPaD to achieve its vision, mission and constitutional objectives:

To ***promote individual and community well-being and the common good*** in a healthy environment by:

- (1) *empowering people in Canberra and Australia more broadly to own and plan for our common future by developing and supporting citizen, community and civil society engagement in public decision making,*
- (2) *stimulating and facilitating opportunities for citizen and community input to government deliberation,*
- (3) *developing and assisting citizen and community capacity to hold government more directly accountable.*
- (4) *advancing education, and*
- (5) *any other purposes beneficial to the general public and analogous to the other charitable purposes*

by helping Canberrans and Australians who care about the public good, to connect with the knowledge and skills to organise and contribute to strengthening democracy for the benefit of all ACT voters, all Australians and public good in Australia.

The Strategy will be delivered within the following four outcome domains.

Outcome Domains

Outcome 1 – Government Systems

Canberrans and Australians will better understand the government system in Australia including the electoral system, how parliament operates, the role of MPs/parliamentarians, the role of the public service, the different levels of government and their responsibilities.

Outcome 2 – Influences on democracy

Canberrans and Australians will be able to identify the factors that influence effective democracy, in particular the role of these elements on influencing democracy and government:

- political parties
- elected representatives
- independent representatives
- local electorate community groups
- unelected players with power and money.

Outcome 3 – harnessing the political system

Canberrans and Australians will develop skills in harnessing the political system collectively in communities and electorates to engage their MPs effectively in working for the public good at the local electorate and national levels.

Outcome 4 – reforming the political system

Canberrans and Australians will develop knowledge and skills in in effectively reforming the political system so that it effectively delivers for the public good.

Please see the separate Implementation Plan for the Strategy.