

Education for Civics

Six attendees, two apologies.

Agreement that this is an important topic; lots of interest but time scarcity.

Themes emerging from the discussion:

- Low 'democracy literacy' in the adult population.
- Current curriculum neither accessible nor relevant to young people; eg learning about voting at age 10 not 17-18.
- Teachers busy.
- The group has a range of complementary and useful skills and experience.

Noted

The Deliberation in Schools program: pilot program to introduce deliberation into public schools,

<https://www.delibdem.org/new-projects-grants-and-awards/deliberation-in-schools>

as an example of what is possible.

Freire's Pedagogy of the Oppressed for a methodology of education as liberation.

Agreed

We need to involve teachers

We need to spend time defining and refining our understanding of the topic(s)

Any project proposal will have to follow this process being completed

We need to find out who is already working on this topic and what's out there

We can set up a Teams site, c/o Carolyn Hendriks at ANU to share ideas, information and resources and fuel discussion.

A Community of Practice would provide a space to "explore and share questions and topics re democracy education; provide some advice, resources, and maybe even training to teachers to support their civics teaching" (Wendy Russell)

To meet again.

Recognising that there is no best time for all the group, those present agreed 11 June 1400 to 1500 as a next step to discuss further what we mean by civics and education for civics, and what might be possible to do.

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