

2023-24 Implementation Plan for the Education Strategy

Note blanked out topics not a focus for this period.

Outcome Domain 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.

Topics	Activity	Outputs / Outcomes	Metrics	Comments
Background topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how the current Australian government system really works • how politicians and MPs can spend and distribute public money • how laws are created and made into law 	Provide information on the Resource Hub, updating this as possible. Ongoing support for the #OurDemocracy campaign (as below).	Visits and downloads. Emails forwarded.	Google Analytics data. Emails.	
Models of governance and democracy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous governance models and how they influence democracy • Existing Democratic Governance models 	Provide information on the Resource Hub	Visits and downloads.	Google Analytics data.	
Electoral systems used in Australia	Continue the Education for Civics group .	Group consolidated. Funding / project underway.	Number of meetings. Teams traffic. Outputs from meetings.	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federal parliament - the senate and House of Representatives systems State and Territory parliaments Local government 	<p>Plan an education campaign on voting and candidate selection for the 2024 ACT and 2025 federal elections.</p>	<p>Campaign plan finalised.</p>	<p>Plan finalised.</p>	
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Outcome Domain 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: elected representatives, political parties, independent representatives, local electorate community groups, unelected players with power and money.

Topics	Activity	Outputs / Outcomes	Metrics	Comments
<p>How community can organise to exert their own power into the political system</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The triangle of democracy – government, civil society and community organisations Lobbying and advocacy – individual and as a community Models of working with your parliamentarians 	<p>Provide information on the Resource Hub.</p> <p>Working with Active Democracy Australia to maintain their website.</p> <p>Promote the Canberra Forum and work with DemocracyCo</p>	<p>Visits and downloads.</p> <p>Website still functional and new material added.</p>	<p>Google Analytics data.</p> <p>Visit data from ADAus.</p> <p>The “Kit” is developed.</p>	<p>Intersects with MP accountability topic below.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petitions and letters • The role of civil society 	<p>to develop a "Kit" useable by MPs and electorate groups to run similar citizen's assemblies.</p>	<p>The "Kit".</p>		
<p>How people can be influenced to vote against their own interests</p> <p><i>Media</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the influence of the media and the goals of media ownership has on democracy • how the media makes choices about what stories and narratives are told • how the human brain reacts to different stories and how this • influences the stories media tells <p><i>Political Parties</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how parties and independents influence democracy <p><i>Business and Organisations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the influence of the think tanks, lobbyists and who 				



<p>sponsors them has on democracy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •the influence of the people who have power and money have on democracy •how the role of public institutions including the public service can be compromised or undermined by people with power and money 	<p>Continued support for the Australian Democracy Network’s #OurDemocracy campaign and promoting their activity about commercial determinants and the Fair Play Bill campaign.</p>	<p>Difficult to measure what members and supporters do with the notifications.</p>		
<p>How good government and democracy can be undermined or strengthened</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •how popularism works •how deliberative democracy works to influence democracy •how public figures can use the media to undermine the integrity of public institutions that protect and strengthen democracy •how laws can be made impotent or ineffective 	<p>See above about the Canberra Forum.</p>			

Outcome Domain 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 and national levels.



Topics	Activity	Outputs / Outcomes	Metrics	Comments
Skills for active citizens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •how collective wise decision-making works and how collective ignorant decision-making works •how people can learn critical thinking to determine their own reasoning on contested views 	Information in the Resources Hub.			
Helping your MP work for you <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •what is the role of the MP •what an MP can do for their community •Being clear on the level of government to approach •how communities can work with their MP •how communities can hold their MP accountable 	<p>Information in the Resources Hub.</p> <p>Working with Active Democracy Australia and promoting their website and process through publications and our newsletter.</p> <p>Supporting an Active Democracy group in the ACT (Active Democracy Bean).</p> <p>Promote the Canberra Forum and work with DemocracyCo to develop a "Kit" useable by MPs and electorate groups to run similar citizen's assemblies.</p>	<p>See above.</p> <p>An expanding ADBean group.</p> <p>See above.</p>	<p>As above.</p> <p>Increasing numbers and activity of ADBean.</p>	

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Outcome Domain 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.

Topics	Activity	Outputs / Outcomes	Metrics	Comments
Making good government <ul style="list-style-type: none"> how to bring Australian Indigenous governance models into improving Australian democracy the role of public institutions that protect and strengthen democracy 	Promoting the #OurDemocracy campaign and the Australian Democracy Network’s Framework for a Fair Democracy and their Fair Play Bill.	Difficult to assess what the members and supporters do with this. Helping change the conversation and zeitgeist.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a new political system is possible and people power can make it happen. 	Continue the Living Democracy zoom series of conversations.	Number of zoom sessions and the number of views of the videos.	Zoom sessions held. Increase in views.	
Consolidating political change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Institutionalising reforms 	Promoting the #OurDemocracy campaign and the Australian Democracy Network’s Framework for a Fair Democracy and their Fair Play Bill.	Difficult to assess what the members and supporters do with this. Helping change the conversation and zeitgeist.		

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	Promoted the Genuine Evaluation Tool (GET).			
Theories and processes of change	Information in the Resources Hub.			