



Communiqué: Community Partnerships Roundtable

March 2021

Background

The Community Partnerships Roundtable is a forum co-chaired by the Director General Communities and the Chief Executive Officer of the WA Council of Social Service.

The Community Partnerships Roundtable's intent is to bring together the Department of Communities and the community services sector to identify and implement better ways of working together for the benefit of the Western Australian community.

This communique outlines the key items discussed at the second meeting in February 2021:

- A Strengthening Partnerships program of work is underway and comprises several
 initiatives, including development of a Partnerships Framework, which outlines the
 principles under which relationships can be built and sustained.
- This initiative will oversee ongoing consultation with a range of stakeholders on how best to implement the Framework principles.
- The secondment of key community services sector leaders into Communities is a signal of working differently to build partnerships.
- Priority focus areas were identified as:
 - 1. commissioning of services
 - 2. service integration within Communities and the community services sector
 - 3. building capacity in the sector to respond to emerging and unmet needs.

Plans and approaches will be developed to progress these areas.

Further information

To find out more about the Community Partnership Roundtable, please contact the Sector Partnerships Team.

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