



COMMUNIQUE – SEPTEMBER 2018

Multicultural Consultative Reference Group

The Chair outlined the purpose of the meeting, and provided information on current Tasmanian Government grant programs of relevance to the multicultural sector, including the Multicultural and Learning Grants programs.

Members reviewed multicultural policies in other jurisdictions and discussed common elements of the foundation principles. These included:

- the valuing of diversity;
- support for people to participate in the social, cultural and economic life of the community;
- freedom of belief (respect for culture language and religion) within the Australia's legal frameworks;
- the building of cross-cultural understanding; and
- the right to culturally accessible and responsive services.

Members reviewed the proposed approach to consultations and made suggestions, noting there were a number of ways that people could participate through completing an on-line survey, attending a regional forum; inviting Communities Tasmania to a community group meeting, or by providing a written submission.

Members provided feedback on the proposed on-line survey, and agreed to participate in pilot testing. Members also indicated their willingness to assist in promoting the Policy review, and supporting the consultation process.

Members also provided updated information about their services and programs.