



Mobilising climate just and resilient communities in Melbourne's West

Promoting better understanding how the Community Health and Social Services sector can work together in Melbourne's West to support and mobilise climate justice.

Context

It is well documented that climate change will exacerbate existing social inequities and disproportionately impact people experiencing marginalisation and disadvantage. Climate change will increasingly drive environmental, social, and economic change, exacerbating current injustices.

Community Health and Community Service Organisations are essential for strengthening resilience – these organisations provide critical support services, and have strong networks and relationships with the communities they work with. However, the Community Health and Community Services sector is itself vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, posing risks of flow-on implications to the communities they work with and support (for example, through disruption to services).

This project aims to take a first step towards shared action on climate change resilience, through supporting Community Health and Community Service

Organisations, and organisations who support health and wellbeing operating in the west of Melbourne, to build an understanding of:

- Key health, service, and climate change networks; and;
- Shared climate change risks, vulnerabilities, strengths, and needs.

Critically, this will help to identify shared priorities and opportunities to collaborate and mobilise climate justice (i.e. fairer outcomes as our climate continues to change) and community resilience in the west of Melbourne.

This project

Funded by the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation, this project will be delivered by Jesuit Social Services' Centre for Just Places, in partnership with organisations (see over page) supporting health and wellbeing in the local government areas of Maribyrnong, Brimbank, Melton, Wyndham and Hobsons Bay.



This project aims to mobilise collaborative action around climate justice and community resilience in the west through:

- Mapping organisations and networks: Mapping and connecting existing stakeholders in Melbourne's west, whose work supports the health and wellbeing of the community;
- Identifying opportunities and needs: Developing an understanding of opportunities, gaps and needs for collaborative work and learning;
- Identifying shared goals and priorities: Bringing together a range of stakeholders to build a shared understanding of climate change and its impacts on social equity, and identify priorities and opportunities for intervention; and
- Developing strategic actions: develop strategic actions for the Community Health and Community Services sector to support and mobilise climate justice and community resilience in the west of Melbourne.

Project dates

September 2021 - September 2022

Please get in touch

If your work supports health and wellbeing in the west of Melbourne, even if your work does not directly engage with climate change, please contact us to discuss getting involved in the project, staying in touch through a mailing list, and needs and opportunities you see for strengthened collaboration on climate justice.

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