

## ABOUT US

### North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA)

is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Legal Service that has been representing Indigenous people in the Northern Territory for 40 years. NAAJA delivers high quality and culturally competent legal services to Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory. NAAJA also delivers justice agency programs and forms partnerships to enhance the cultural competency of people involved in law.

### Winkiku Rumbangi NT Indigenous Lawyers

**Aboriginal Corporation** represents Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander lawyers and law students of the Northern Territory. Associate membership is available to encourage broader participation. Directors and members serve active roles across areas of law and legal practice and also in policy, justice program, legal education, corporate governance and contributions to their community.

**ANU College of Law** is Australia's national law school. We have committed to First Nations peoples of this land: to truth-telling about the past and present impact of state laws; to engaging deeply with Indigenous voices, perspectives and laws in the law curriculum; and, to work collaboratively to decolonise Australian legal education.

## Get involved

There are a number of ways you can support the *Justice Education on Country* project to continue to develop and grow on-country education programs to enhance cultural competency in the legal profession.



## Find out more

Visit our website or contact us to find out more about how you can get involved:

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# LEGAL EDUCATION FOR TRUE JUSTICE: Indigenous perspectives and deep listening on country





## LEGAL EDUCATION FOR TRUE JUSTICE



**Truly understanding law in Australia requires us to listen to First Nations voices.**

We must find new ways to incorporate these voices in legal education and provide opportunities for law students, lawyers and the judiciary to listen to people from different positions of experience and authority, including the voices of First Nations lawyers, elders, traditional owners, interpreters and academics. The development of this capacity to listen and respond is core to the development of Indigenous Cultural Competency for the legal profession.

The North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA) is seeking to transform legal education. This transformation begins with the development of opportunities for law students and academic staff to engage in deep listening to hear and respond to Indigenous voices.

To achieve this aim, NAAJA has partnered with the ANU College of Law to develop and run an intensive *Justice Education on Country* course for ANU law students and academic staff.

### Objectives

- To establish intensive, on-country programs which engage law students, legal academics, lawyers and judiciary in increasing Indigenous cultural competency.
- Enable future legal professionals, and those already involved in law, to engage with Indigenous perspectives and critiques about the nature and impacts of state laws and concepts of justice.
- Develop an understanding of what it means to listen, collaborate and ally themselves with justice for Indigenous peoples.
- Collaborate to innovate and grow the program to help recalibrate Australian legal education and the legal system for true justice for Indigenous peoples.

## ABOUT THE COURSE

The True Justice course will be piloted by NAAJA, Winikiku Rumbangi and ANU in September 2020 with ANU law students and academics.

The exemplar course will be delivered on country at Uluru with Anangu people speaking with cultural authority, Aboriginal interpreters and Aboriginal lawyers. The course will consider issues such as how justice as a concept, and as a practice, is presented

and rendered credible, strong and 'true'. Deep listening will support engagement with Indigenous perspectives. By equipping law graduates with a more critical and meaningful understanding of Indigenous perspectives, this course aims to achieve long-term changes to the legal system.

Find out more at:

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Deep listening means being open to learning from the perspectives of our elders and our people, in our space, on our terms. Respecting our knowledge and our ways is the pre-condition for all the changes that must happen, for true justice.

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#### Braedyn Edwards

National President, Union of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students; Bachelor of Arts/Laws (Hons) student at ANU