

Yarning circle: Indigenous protocols, messages, and research

A yarning circle (or a dialogue) is an important process that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people use to learn from one another, build respect, and share knowledge. It is also a method that engenders the building of robust, trusting, and caring relationships between people/s.

This yarning circle is an opportunity for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people to come together to talk (or 'yarn') about Indigenous protocols, message, message sticks and research. By engaging in the yarning circle, we hope to enact an Indigenous way of sharing knowledge through learning from one another.

This yarning circle is not about anyone giving a presentation of their research and talking at the group. It is a space for us to collectively come together to share ideas, concerns, passions, stories, knowledge about the work that we do as geographers with Indigenous people/s.

The initial focus of the yarning circle is on Indigenous protocols, messages, and research but that is just a place to start. The people who are present are free to talk about, or raise, whatever they want. The yarning circle space asks that people come with an approach of being mindful and caring towards each other during the yarn.

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