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Reporting Period: August 15 to July 16

Indigenous Leadership Development

Budget: \$15,000 – fully funded!

Update:

This project provides bursaries for emerging and current indigenous leaders to attend and present at a key development conference in Melbourne. This is our third year of supporting our indigenous leaders in this way and we are starting to see long term results from the investment.

Entrust support assisted 130 current and future leaders to attend the conference in 2016. 75 key indigenous and non-indigenous leaders attended an Indigenous Dinner as part of the event. This dinner was an opportunity for leaders from different community organisations to come alongside one another and share successes, innovations and challenges from both an indigenous and non-indigenous view-point, providing an informal space to learn from one another and bridge the divide which often exists between the two worlds.



A future leader teaching others her culture during a childrens event at the conference.

In the words of the event organiser

“Networking has occurred both across indigenous NGOs and with the wider organisations bringing encouragement and support to indigenous leaders whose experiences have largely been characterised by isolation, lack of resources and overworked personnel.”

One of the indigenous leaders has this to say about the impact of Surrender on them:



Teaching through culture

“It is with much joy that we write to you acknowledging the . . . encouragement that you have given us over the past few years. To be able to come aside [others in similar fields with similar hearts] is not only encouraging but refreshing. It allows us to be refreshed and reinvigorated to continue the work at the frontline of [service] in Aboriginal communities.”

Entrust has one final year remaining for this project and we are confident that our involvement will continue to allow indigenous leaders to be refreshed and reinvigorated, and for non-indigenous leaders to learn from them. We see this as key to a more equal shared future and want to thank you for your part in making this possible.

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