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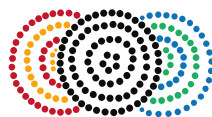
Update



Acknowledgement

- Indigenous nursing and midwifery is a unique **professional knowledge** system, at the core of which lies our culture.
- This knowledge system connects us physically, spiritually and socially to the land and each other
- Culture is central to our practice – guiding us in the delivery of holistic and culturally safe models of care for our people and communities

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- We work on a strengths based approach, understanding our communities' social and cultural strengths and utilising these in caring for our people
- Therefore, we believe our unique knowledge must be valued within the systems responsible for **educating and training** nurses.
- And that our voices need to be heard in the systems that make decisions responsible for our professions
- Indigenous nurses from across the world began talking together to discuss how the ICN could raise the recognition, value and voice of Indigenous nurses within the nursing profession at an international level.

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International Gathering 2014



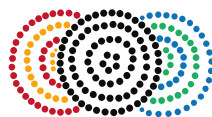
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Benefits

- 1) create a shared global identity and support structure for First Nations nurses and
- 2) increase the recognition, value and voice of First Nations nurses within the nursing profession at an international level.

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Activity of the Alliance since 2016

- We continue to meet every 2-3 months
- ToR and Workplan developed
- Drafted a journal article on our Alliance
- Written to ICN on 2 occasions expressing :
 - there is a unique opportunity for the ICN to become a leader in recognising Indigenous peoples across the globe and the positive contributions Indigenous nurses make to the nursing profession and the health and wellbeing of our families, communities and nations.
 - This work could create an enduring legacy within the ICN for the benefit of Indigenous nurses worldwide and the nursing profession in general.



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- Abstract to present to the ICN
- Shared resources, research partners
- Book Deal, conference
- Under the ICN Constitution article 7
- Remit amendment
 - 1.i. (a) Indigenous Alliance - under this category, national indigenous nursing groups in the country decide to form an international indigenous nursing alliance, the Alliance becomes the full ICN member. The Alliance determines its own makeup and may include national generalist and specialist groups.

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"...Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.

Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.

It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us.

We ask ourselves, Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?Actually, who are you not to be?

You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world.

There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you.

We are all meant to shine, as children do.

We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone.

And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others."

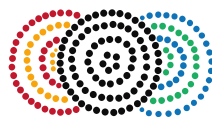
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Thank you for listening



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