

CLOSING THE GAP

CTG was introduced following a decades-long ground swell of support for change by First Nations peoples who fought alongside non-Indigenous allies and advocates for positive change- including the famous Sydney Harbour Bridge Walk.

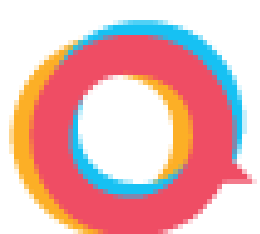
Originally introduced in 2007, the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) pledged that, within a decade key gaps in life expectancy would be closed, the gap in mortality rates for Indigenous children would be halved, as would the gap in literacy and numeracy. Sadly, the results showed that little was achieved against the outcomes.

The dialogue then shifted, well overdue, to introducing First Nations people as true and genuine partners in this conversation and not as stakeholders.

The refreshing of the initiatives includes important new targets, including addressing all forms of family violence and abuse against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and children (Target 13) and includes strengthened accountability for government implementation.

Learn more here

<https://www.closingthegap.gov.au/>



CONVERSATION STARTERS

CLCQ are hosting an internal morning tea for Closing The Gap Day on Thursday 17 March 2022.

Here are some conversation starters for your teams:

- **DO YOU KNOW THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE WORDS 'CLOSE THE GAP'?**
- **HOW LONG HAS CLOSING THE GAP BEEN IN EXISTENCE?**
- **DO YOU KNOW ANY OF THE TARGETS/OUTCOMES?**
- **WHAT HAVE THE LEARNINGS BEEN FOR YOUR INDIVIDUAL PRACTICE AND YOUR ORGANISATIONAL RESPONSES?**

Resources:

1. <https://www.closingthegap.gov.au/>
2. <https://humanrights.gov.au/our-work/aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-social-justice/projects/close-gap-indigenous-health>

