

Investment Dialogue for Australia's Children – 4 December Roundtable Outcomes



The first Investment Dialogue for Australia's Children Roundtable was held in Canberra on 4 December 2023 – bringing together leaders from philanthropy and Government to discuss new ways of working to improve the wellbeing of children, young people, and their families, by working with communities to reduce intergenerational disadvantage in Australia.

The Treasurer, the Hon Jim Chalmers MP, and the Minister for Social Services, the Hon Amanda Rishworth MP signed a Working Together Agreement on behalf of the Australian Government, with 20 philanthropic organisations.

Government and philanthropic Investment Dialogue members have made a ten-year commitment to work together and with communities to improve outcomes for children, young people and their families. Agreed initial priorities include:

- Community and First Nations Leadership Councils will be established to elevate community and First Nations voices and to guide the Investment Dialogue process. These Councils will embed the lived experience of communities and First Nations peoples in all facets of the Investment Dialogue. These Councils will be chaired respectively by Catherine Liddle and April Lawrie. An open Expression of Interest process for members will be run in early 2024.
- The establishment of four Working Groups:
 - **Data Working Group** – to prioritise improvements to data practices, including community access to data. This will help identify priority areas for reform, enable effective investment decisions, and support community decision making. This Working Group will be established in early 2024.
 - **Place Working Group** – to deliver targeted, place-specific solutions that are community-led, and to collaborate on work underway across government and philanthropy. This Working Group will be established in early 2024.
 - **Integration and Investment flows** - to bring greater coherence to investment at the local level and support design, funding and delivery of integrated and holistic services and solutions.
 - **Evaluation and Learning** - to collaborate on work to evaluate the impact of the Investment Dialogue, continually improve efforts and share learnings widely.

Further roundtables will be held in 2024 to progress this shared agenda to improve outcomes for children, families and communities.