



Making Western Australia Safer for Children

Healing Past Hurts

Protecting Children Now

Preventing Further Harm

National Principles for Child Safe Organisations Micro-events Guide

WA Children's Week 2025

For WA Children's Week 2025, held between 18 – 26 October, organisations where children and young people are engaged, are encouraged to host a micro-event focused on the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations (National Principles).

Micro-events provide opportunities for sustainable and ongoing ways to have conversations about the National Principles. This ongoing investment of time, without additional cost¹, allows organisations to commence important conversations on prioritising children's safety.

What is a micro-event

Micro-events are small gatherings tailored for a specific audience or subject matter. This style of event brings people together to connect and have a shared focus. Types of events can include:

- Morning tea
- Short presentations
- Stand-up meetings
- A local walk
- Utilising a regularly scheduled meeting
- Webinar
- Networking for small groups

Micro-events can occur anywhere where people can connect with each other, creating greater localised connection or focussed discussion on a specific theme. Events create an environment where knowledge sharing and communication between guests is a lot easier and more spontaneous.



¹ The Department of Communities is coordinating an online calendar of small micro-events for organisations to build awareness of National Principles. If you are hosting a larger event for Children's Week 2025, you may be eligible for the Children's Week WA Community Grants Program. Please go to www.childrensweekwa.org.au/grants to find out more.

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What are the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations?

The <u>National Principles</u> are a set of 10 standards aimed to provide a nationally consistent approach to creating organisational cultures that foster child safety and wellbeing.

A key component of the National Principles is the engagement of children, young people and their families in an organisation's policies and practices. The National Principles aim to inspire preventative and positive action to reduce the risk of child abuse and harm to children and young people in organisations.

Child safety and wellbeing is everyone's responsibility – children and young people should feel safe, protected and valued by the organisations they interact with.

What can I do?

If you are planning to host a micro-event on the National Principles, visit the <u>Child Safe</u> <u>Organisations events page</u> and <u>register your event with Department</u>.

You can then access the downloadable resources developed by the Department of Communities, including posters, a short PowerPoint presentation and promotional text, to support your event.

If you are using this time to start engaging with the children and young people who participate in your organisation, consider <u>requesting copies</u> of the National Principles feedback postcard to start the conversation.

Please contact <u>csaroyalcommission@communities.wa.gov.au</u> with further enquiries.



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