

Climate Justice and Resilience Toolkit



Across Western Australia, communities are increasingly facing the severe impacts of climate change and natural disasters. These challenges do not affect everyone equally; they disproportionately harm already marginalised and discriminated communities, deepening existing social and economic inequalities. For community service organisations (CSOs), the impacts of climate change also pose significant barriers, disrupting daily operations and the essential services they provide.

The Climate Justice and Resilience Toolkit is an online resource that offers a comprehensive approach for CSOs to incorporate climate justice and disaster resilience into their core practices. By recognising the interconnected nature of climate and social justice, the Toolkit provides a framework that supports CSOs in working alongside their communities more effectively and equitably.

The Toolkit offers process-oriented tools to assist CSOs in undertaking just climate practices, including climate justice principles workshops, engaging with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, Lived Experience engagement, identifying climate injustices in local communities, and much more.

The Resource Library is a comprehensive collection of tools, case studies, and practical templates, all designed to provide actionable steps for creating impactful change. It includes resources on governance, policies, finance, programs, advocacy, and reducing organisational footprints, alongside strategies for disaster resilience.

The Toolkit is a living website that will be updated as we continue to collectively learn and respond to our changing and increasing challenges.

What is Climate Justice?

Climate change is increasingly recognised as a human rights issue with significant social justice impacts, referred to as climate justice.

Climate justice highlights how climate change disproportionately impacts people and groups who may already experience structural inequalities, marginalisation and discrimination. These groups are also leading actions for just responses to climate change. Some of these groups include people experiencing homelessness, remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, women, older people, culturally and racially marginalised (CARM) peoples, and children.

Community service organisations play a crucial role in supporting those communities and groups and in advocating for and leading just approaches to climate action.

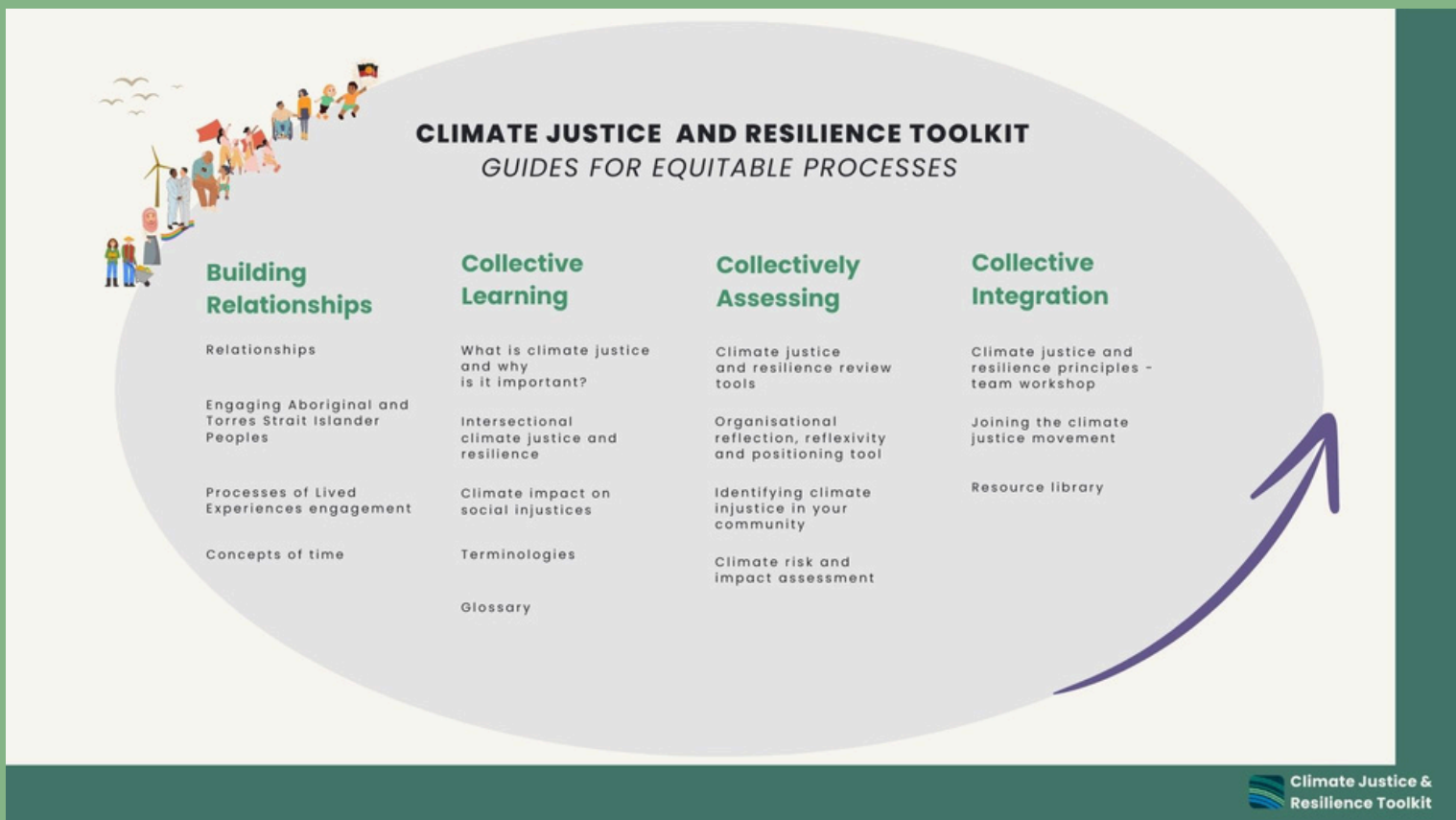
What is in the Toolkit?

The Climate Justice and Resilience Toolkit consists of a Process Hub, a Resource Library, a Glossary and Terminologies.

The **Process Hub** equips CSOs with tools to understand **how** to embed climate justice into their work through practical application and transformative action. The **Resource Library** offers information on specific topics, such as climate justice policy, health and legal advice. It provides practical materials to deepen knowledge and support transformative change across governance, policies, programs, campaigns, and advocacy.

Process Hub

The tools in the Process Hub are designed to guide community service organisations (CSOs) in integrating climate justice and resilience into their work. This structured approach covers four key areas: Building Relationships, as a foundation for trust and genuine partnership; Collective Learning, to build a foundational understanding of climate justice; Collectively Assessing, to reflect on current practices and identify areas for improvement; and Collective Integration, to embed inclusive, community-led principles into your programs. Together, these tools provide practical steps and resources for meaningful climate action tailored to the needs of communities.



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Building Relationships

The Building Relationships section supports CSOs in establishing trust and genuine partnerships to build a strong foundation for meaningful climate justice and resilience work. It centres the expertise of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and People with Lived Experiences while also exploring diverse concepts of time in relationship-building.

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Collective Learning

The Collective Learning section supports CSOs in developing a foundational collective understanding of climate justice and resilience with an intersectional approach. It also provides resources that highlight climate impacts on social injustices.

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Collectively Assessing

The Collectively Assessing section supports CSOs in discovering tangible opportunities to adopt climate justice practices and helps to identify climate injustices in local communities. It guides organisational reflection and positioning and includes a climate risk assessment.

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Collective Integration

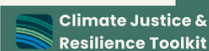
The Collective Integration section supports CSOs in embedding climate justice principles into their work to ensure actions are inclusive, community-led, and transformative. It facilitates implementation through workshops, dialogue, and collective planning.

Resource Library

The Resource Library is designed to provide community service organisations (CSOs) with a wealth of information on key topics related to climate justice and resilience. It offers practical materials, guides, and tools to deepen knowledge and support transformative processes in governance, policies, programs, campaigns, and advocacy. The hub focuses on equipping CSOs with resources to advance climate action while ensuring inclusivity and community-led principles, ultimately fostering a shared understanding of climate justice and its intersection with social issues.

RESOURCE LIBRARY

GOVERNANCE, POLICIES & FINANCE	PROGRAM AND PRACTICE	ADVOCACY, CAMPAIGNS, COMMUNICATIONS	REDUCING ORGANISATIONAL FOOTPRINT	DISASTER RESILIENCE
CLIMATE JUSTICE POLICY	CO-DESIGNING SERVICES PROGRAMS + ACTIVITIES	CLIMATE JUSTICE ADVOCACY + CAMPAIGNS	ASSESSING ORGANISATIONAL FOOTPRINT	DISASTER READINESS
PURCHASING, PROCUREMENT + CONSUMPTION	INTEGRATING CLIMATE JUSTICE INTO EXISTING PROGRAMS + ACTIVITIES	INTEGRATING CLIMATE JUSTICE INTO ADVOCACY + CAMPAIGNS	ENERGY	CLIMATE RISK + IMPACT ASSESSMENT
INVESTMENT + DIVESTMENT	FINANCIAL COUNSELLING + DISASTER	CLIMATE JUSTICE COMMUNICATION + FRAMING	WATER	COMMUNITY-LED DISASTER PREPAREDNESS
FUNDING + BUDGETING	LEGAL NEEDS FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE AND DISASTER	MEDIA RELEASE + STATEMENTS	FOOD SOVEREIGNTY	THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANISATIONS
FUNDRAISING + SPONSORSHIP	HEALTH	CLIMATE CONSCIOUS MEDIA	TRAVEL + VEHICLES	RECOVERY (PLANNING)
STAFF + VOLUNTEERS	CLIMATE EMOTIONS	FALSE CLIMATE SOLUTIONS + UNDERMINING TACTICS	WASTE	DISASTER RESILIENCE ADVOCACY
INSURANCE + CLIMATE RISK	MAINSTREAMING CLIMATE JUSTICE IN PROGRAMS + ACTIVITIES	REAL CLIMATE JUSTICE SOLUTIONS	SUSTAINABLE + CLIMATE RESILIENT BUILDINGS	CLIMATE IMPACTS ON SOCIAL INJUSTICES
COLLABORATING WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS		MONITORING, EVALUATION + RESEARCH		UNDERSTANDING DIFFERENT CLIMATE EXTREMES



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Governance, Policies and Finance

This section provides practical tools for integrating climate justice into governance practices, including mainstreaming climate justice policies and considering climate justice in budgeting, purchasing, and insurance decisions. These tools help build a strong foundation for CSOs to incorporate climate justice principles throughout their operations.

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Programs and Practice

This section provides tools to address the intersection of climate justice within various programs and practices. It covers financial counselling and legal support for those impacted by climate change. It includes resources on food sovereignty, climate emotions and legal needs.

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Advocacy, Campaigns, Communications & Research

This section provides essential tools for effective advocacy, campaigns, and communications on climate justice. It covers strategies for integrating climate justice into existing campaigns, crafting impactful media releases, and leveraging climate-conscious media and literacy. The section also explores the importance of monitoring, evaluation, and research in tracking progress, addressing false climate solutions, and advocating for real climate action.

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Reducing Organisational Footprint

This section supports CSOs in addressing justice issues related to their organisational footprint, encouraging collective action for systemic change. It advocates for holding governments accountable, transforming systems, and ensuring that sustainability efforts are rooted in climate justice. When focusing on the disproportionate impacts of environmental issues on marginalised communities, organisations can push for policies that promote fairness, resilience, and social equity across the sector.

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Disaster Resilience

This section supports CSOs in building disaster resilience through advocacy and action on climate impacts and social justice. It offers tools for collectively planning disaster readiness, assessing climate risks, and promoting community-led preparedness and adaptation. CSOs are playing a key role in disaster response and recovery and can advocate for just disaster responses.