

Public Forum

Panel Discussion on Treaty

You are invited to attend a Forum on the theme 'A Treaty with the Original People'. The Forum will be an opportunity to hear from a number of Aboriginal speakers and to participate in a discussion afterwards.

The Forum will be held from 1.30pm to 4.30pm on SUNDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2019 at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, 15 Blackall Street, Barton ACT. All are welcome.

The Canberra Quakers, the Quaker associated Committee on Racial Equality (CORE) and the Uniting Church* are hosting this event. Following recent events including the Uluru Statement from the Heart and moves in several States and Territories to initiate Treaty conversations, this Forum will be timely in hearing Aboriginal perspectives. It will be held in the overall context of the continuing dispossession and disadvantage of First Nations Peoples. There will be 4 panel members (see information on page 2).

Refreshments will be available from 1.30pm, and the formal proceedings will begin at 2pm.

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Please let one of these contacts know by Friday 8 February if you wish to attend to help us with organising the seating and refreshments.

*the Uniting Church Social Justice Group (Canberra Region Presbytery) and the Reconciliation and Multicultural Action Group of City Uniting Church

There will be four panel members:

Pastor Ossie Cruse

Aboriginal elder Ossie Cruse grew up with extreme racism at a time when much was being done to destroy Aboriginal culture. His response has been to seek reconciliation and to preserve what is left of Aboriginal culture for his people, and to educate younger generation.

While many Aboriginal activists took to the streets in protest, Uncle Ossie Cruse worked behind the scenes, gently persuading politicians to recognise the cause of his people. Decades on, Uncle Ossie Cruse continues to seek justice for his people, attending the landmark Constitutional Convention at Uluru in May 2017.

Along the way he has been awarded both an MBE and Member of the Order of Australia for services to Aboriginal people.

Dr Noritta Morseu-Diop

Dr Noritta Morseu-Diop received a PhD from the University of Queensland in Criminal Justice and Social Work where she received the Deans Commendation for outstanding Higher Degree PhD research and is a recipient of the 2018 UQ Alumni Award for Indigenous Community Impact. Her research specialised in understanding the experiences of incarcerated Indigenous people & in terms of bringing healing into the prisons and community. The thesis was recently turned into a book: Healing in Justice: Giving a Voice to the Silent and Forgotten People. Noritta is the co-founder and Director of Gallang Place Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Counselling Services, and the founder and current Managing Director of Malu Mai Wellness Consultancy. She is a Senior Lecturer at the Australian College of Applied Psychology in the School of Social Work.

Judith Kelly

Judith is a Stolen Generation Yamatji woman from WA. She is a storyteller, actor, poet, songwriter, singer. Judith is also an activist for true justice and change for Stolen Generations and First Nations Peoples and advocates for reform in the areas of juvenile justice, education, housing and depopulating the prison system that holds a lot of Aboriginal men women and children. Also of interest to her are Treaty talks, reparation for stolen wages and stolen children, self government and self determination.

Judith currently lives at the Tent Embassy in Canberra.

Guumaal Ngambri Mingku (aka Shane Mortimer)

Mingku's allodial origins are in the Guumaal Nation Ngambri Country. Canberra derives from Ngambri. He was born in Sydney, which makes him indigenous to Sydney, although his allodial roots are Canberra.

Shane has worked in international management in the corporate world in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, New Bremen/Ohio and Chicago/Illinois as well as Singapore and Kuala Lumpur. After leaving international management, he produced radio commercials in Sydney, Hong Kong and Los Angeles. Then he worked as a publicist and producer of theatrical productions in Sydney.

Over 20 years ago fate brought Shane to his allodial home, Canberra, to reside. He is passionate about his ancestral connections to Ngambri country since the beginning of time.