



JUST REINVEST NSW

2020-2024 Strategic Plan

Just Reinvest NSW (JRNSW) formed as a coalition in 2012, united around wanting to take action to reduce the number of Aboriginal children and young people being locked up. In 2013 we formed a partnership with the Bourke community in north-west NSW to support the first major justice reinvestment initiative in Australia, Maranguka Justice Reinvestment.

There are now more than 20 organisations actively engaged in Just Reinvest NSW as members or sponsors, with additional individuals and organisations providing in-kind or volunteer support. Building on positive results in Bourke, we're looking to support Aboriginal community-led justice reinvestment initiatives and advocate for related systemic policy and legislative improvements.

WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO:

Reduce the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are incarcerated in NSW.

THE VALUES AND PRINCIPLES THAT UNDERPIN OUR APPROACH

Community-led	Place-based	Data-driven	Collaborative	Economically Sustainable
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • supporting First Nations self-determination • supporting communities to achieve their goals • prioritising community voices and culture. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • working directly with communities • finding local solutions to local problems • building and facilitating powerful networks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • supporting Indigenous data sovereignty • making informed decisions • measuring our activities so we can learn and grow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • working in partnership towards collective goals • convening networks and making new connections • creating deep and strong relationships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • highlighting economic impacts of social change • developing community funding mechanisms • reinvesting savings back into communities

THE STRATEGIES AND ACTIVITIES THAT WILL HELP US ACHIEVE OUR GOALS

Support, advocate for and promote self-determination through Aboriginal community-led justice reinvestment.

- 1 Support the continuing operation of Maranguka, where required.
- 2 Work with community members in Moree to establish a justice reinvestment initiative.
- 3 Work with community members in Mt Druitt to explore a justice reinvestment approach.
- 4 Support other communities in NSW exploring readiness for justice reinvestment initiatives.
- 5 Develop and share a strong justice reinvestment narrative at a state and community level.
- 6 Update the JR Calculator and Community Toolkit and continue to develop physical and online resources to support communities engaging in justice reinvestment.
- 7 Explore and support new funding pathways with communities engaging in justice reinvestment.
- 8 Support the work of Justice Reinvestment Network Australia (JRNA) and other justice reinvestment bodies and communities around the country.

Advocate for systemic policy and legislative reform, including a shift of decision-making power from government to community.

- 9 Prioritise policy development in five key areas: school attendance & suspensions, expanding police community partnerships, smarter orders, rethinking youth justice, and pre- and post-release support.
- 10 Develop and generate discussion around potential reinvestment mechanisms and other models for funding justice reinvestment.
- 11 Work to ensure the voices and stories of communities in public and political discourse and decision-making.
- 12 Produce discussion papers, convene events and promote spokespeople to influence public and political opinion in core policy areas.
- 13 Develop and implement a policy and advocacy framework to guide strategic prioritisation.
- 14 Strengthen links with academics and policy experts through research projects.

Ensure we are a strong organisation that convenes dynamic networks to support Aboriginal community-led justice reinvestment.

- 15 Create and convene networks in key areas of work: e.g. for communications activities, in identified policy priorities, and around reinvestment models.
- 16 Develop partnerships with a variety of organisations to support justice reinvestment work in communities.
- 17 Obtain additional and secure funding for current and projected activities.
- 18 Develop a contact database to coordinate contact with members, supporters and potential allies.
- 19 Develop a strategy for engaging and expanding our supporter base: our members, supporters, champions and Strategic Directions Committee.
- 20 Develop a justice reinvestment narrative / story that our champions and supporters can use to advocate for our shared goals.
- 21 Train youth ambassadors, champions and spokespeople in public speaking and using the JRNSW story.