



Presentations and Workshops Expression of Interest

The [Goldfields Aboriginal Language Centre](#) (GALCAC) invites submissions for presentations and workshops for delivery at the three day [Language Sovereignty: Reclaim the Rights Aboriginal Languages Conference 2025](#), 21-23 October 2025, in Kalgoorlie, Western Australia.

Presentations and workshops are to be presented in person with pre-recorded or virtual presentations permitted only in extenuating circumstances.

Presentations and workshops may be filmed or audio recorded by GALCAC. Photographs will be taken during the presentation. Presenter's papers will be published to the Conference website. Submission of your expression of interest means you agree to be filmed, photographed, and the paper published on the Conference website.

All proposals must enhance one of the Conference themes. A theme expansion document can be found [here](#).

Presentations and workshops should address the conference themes:

1. Defining Language Sovereignty

- a. What is language sovereignty?
- b. What legal rights does a speech community have to their language sovereignty in Australia?
 - i. What differences are there between states?
 - ii. Between State and Federal rights?

2. Impact of colonisation on First Nations language sovereignty

- a. Reasons for the loss of language sovereignty.
- b. Current impacts and trends on language sovereignty rights.
- c. Exoticisation of language.
- d. Contemporary data loss/process that remove rights e.g. native title process, education and language in schools, GLSC case study?

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- e. Gatekeeping and archived legal access problems affecting language sovereignty.
- f. Archives and language sovereignty.
- g. Impact of native title on language sovereignty.
- h. Impact of language projects on language sovereignty.
- i. Impact of WA Aboriginal Languages Legislation on language sovereignty.
- j. Language sovereignty as a decolonisation tool.

3. The Value of Language Sovereignty

- a. Language as the mouth of culture.
- b. Creating data sets and sovereign rights.
- c. Re-claiming sovereign language rights.
- d. Policies to ensure sovereign language rights are upheld.
- e. Language economies
 - i. The economic value of language reinvigoration and language sovereignty.
 - ii. Traditional language economies – how they worked.
 - iii. Contemporary language economies – how they work, could work.
 - iv. The economic cost of the interruption of intergenerational language transfer.

Key Dates

Call for papers	30 May 2025
Close of call for papers	29 August 2025
Author notifications	5 September 2025
Conference registrations open	29 May 2025
Conference	21-23 October 2025
Conference papers released online	10 November 2025

Presentations

Presentations are 40 minutes in length with an additional 10 minutes for questions. Presentations may be talks, a paper presentation, a virtual tour, slideshow, or include visual and audio elements. Bring your presentation on a USB for projection.

Presentations must:

- be original to the presenter.
- contain a title, author's full names, author's organisational affiliation, author's contact email address.

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- include an abstract suitable for the conference booklet.
- be presented in digital paper form suitable for publishing in the online conference book.
- include permission on behalf of all authors and affiliations associated with the abstract submission, for the abstract to appear on the Conference website, app and in printed material if it is accepted for presentation.
- be accompanied by a presenter's photo and up to 100 word bio.

Workshops

Workshops are to be hands-on and attendees must complete an outcome, product or resource as a result of the workshop, which they may take with them.

Workshops are 50 minutes in length. Presenters must provide all materials and resources for the workshop of a maximum of 20 attendees. The workshop room must be cleaned and ready for the next workshop 10 minutes after the workshop's finish.

Workshops must:

- be original to the presenter.
- include an abstract suitable for the conference booklet.
- be accompanied by a presenter's photo and up to 100 word bio.
- be suitable for people who speak English as a second language.

Presenter Registrations

Presenters registering for the full 3 days of the conference will pay a discounted rate. The full 3-days of the conference is normally \$650. Presenters can register for \$450. If registering before a paper or workshop is accepted, a refund will be issued. Registration and ticket sales are open now.

QR takes you to the Conference Page on GALCAC Website



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