Are you ready to change the world?

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2025 Leaders and Change Makers Round

The community sector thrives on fearless advocates and dynamic leaders whose passion for change paves the way for a more compassionate, fair, and sustainable future. While advocacy groups are vital for getting the message across, true impact requires both grassroots energy and strategic knowledge in the boardroom. The *Leaders and Change Makers* round of the ICDA diversity scholarships supports both passionate advocates and emerging leaders who work or volunteer with organisations driving positive community change. This scholarship empowers individuals to improve governance, drive innovation on boards, and help shape the future of their respective sectors.

Apply today and be part of a new movement of governance leaders. Help us change the game.

Applicants must demonstrate:

1. their passion for improving their community
2. the main opportunities and challenges for improving diversity in the community sector
3. their reasons for wanting to improve their governance skills

Applicants must also agree to the terms and conditions. All information in this application remains confidential between ICDA and the applicant.

Please tick the box to confirm your agreement *
○   Yes, I agree to to the terms and conditions

Application Details

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Applicant *

Title   First Name   Last Name

Name of Organisation *
Organisation Name

This is the organisation that most benefits from your governance skills, not necessarily your employer

Website

Must be a URL.

Applicant Primary Address *
Address

Suburb	State	Postcode

Must be an Australian post code

Applicant Primary Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number

Applicant Primary Email *

Must be an email address

In what ways do you contribute to the Australian community sector as a leader? *

Word count:
Must be no more than 200 words

Provide an example of you leading in an ethical manner during the past 3 years. *

Word count:
Must be no more than 200 words

How would the Diploma of Governance change your world? *

Word count:
We're interested in where you think this course might take you, particularly in relation to your current or future management/governance roles. Must be no more than 200 words

Do you have a long-term health condition or physical disability which affects your participation in activities at work or home?
○ Yes
○ No
○ Would prefer not to say

Are you currently in a governance or management role? Or have been previously? Please tick all that apply. *
☐ Director/Committee Member
☐ CEO
☐ Senior Manager
☐ Aspiring for a governance/management role
☐ Chair
☐ Treasurer
☐ Secretary

Please explain your background in governance/management and/or your interest in completing the ICDA Diploma of Governance.

Word count:
This will help us gauge whether or not this course will meet your needs. Recommend around 100 words.

Please describe how you think this program will help you make a stronger contribution to your organisation and/or local community.

Word count:
This will help us gauge whether or not your participation in this course will be beneficial to you and your community. Recommend around 100 words.

Please outline your most senior or relevant business, community and/or governance roles, including the length of service in each role.

Word count:
This will help us understand how to tailor our training to your needs/experience. Recommend around 100 words.

Please list any education courses you have completed, or any academic qualifications you have obtained, including year of completion.

Word count:
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Please provide details of any other relevant achievements, appointments or awards that would support your application and completion of this course.

This will provide us with further context about your suitability for this course. Recommend around 100 words.

Do you have any learning needs we need to be aware of? If so, please specify.

Word count:
This will help us gauge whether or not this course will meet your needs. Recommend around 100 words.

PLEASE NOTE: The Diploma is currently being offered online only.

Confirmation

If your application is successful, are you happy for the Institute of Community Directors Australia to share the news of your scholarship through its social media channels (tagging you on Facebook and/or LinkedIn)? *

Where did you hear about the Diploma of Governance?
☐ Posted mail from Our Community
☐ Brochure from a colleague
☐ Email from Our Community
☐ Email from another organisation
☐ Email from a colleague
☐ Our Community website
☐ Other website
☐ "Community Directors Intelligence" newsletter
☐ Newsletter advertisement
☐ Facebook
☐ Twitter
☐ LinkedIn
☐ Word of mouth
☐ Other:

Have you previously attended an ICDA program? If so, please select from the list below.
○ I have not attended any ICDA training sessions before.
○ Advanced Leadership for Chairs
○ Cemetery Trust workshop
○ Certified Community Director (Advanced)
○ Community Sector Secretaries

- ○ In-house training
- ○ NFP Leadership Certificate
- ○ Self-paced course
- ○ Online Interactive (3h)
- ○ Webinar (1h)
- ○ Unsure/Would rather not say