

Senior Project and Strategy Officer, Aboriginal Independent Prison Visitor Scheme

- Do you have a strong understanding and connection to the Victorian Aboriginal community
- Do you have a passion to lead and coordinate Aboriginal community engagement?
- Can you provide cultural support to Aboriginal people within the prison system?

An exciting opportunity is now available to provide support to the volunteers of the Independent Prison Visitor Scheme.

About us

The Justice Assurance and Review Office (JARO) is a business unit in the Regulation Division which operates as an internal review and assurance function on the performance of the youth justice and corrections systems.

JARO coordinates the Minister for Corrections' volunteer Independent Prison Visitor (IPV) Scheme. The IPVs are appointed by the Minister for Corrections to provide independent, objective advice about the operation of Victoria's prison system from a community perspective. The IPVs are responsible for visiting their appointed prison on a monthly basis, and reporting back to JARO on their observations.

About the role

As the Senior Project and Strategy Officer, you will lead JARO's response to fulfilling its objectives under the Aboriginal Justice Agreement Phase 4.

Your primary role will include:

- providing support to the volunteers who work directly with prisoners and foster their development through professional programs to help them provide cultural support to those incarcerated
- assisting the volunteers in the IPV scheme with their administration and reporting requirements
- promoting the IPV scheme within the Aboriginal community to increase the involvement of community members as volunteers
- building and developing relationships with the Aboriginal community and actively contributing to continuous improvement initiatives in order to support and strengthen the Scheme.

About you

As our ideal candidate, you will have:

- demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the Victorian Aboriginal Community, both society and culture, and the issues impacting on it
- interest and experience in Aboriginal cultural issues, programs and services within the criminal justice system
- confidence in creating and maintaining strong working relationships with a diverse range of stakeholders, including the Victorian Aboriginal community
- the ability deliver innovative projects and outcomes in a dynamic environment.

How to apply

Please click on the **APPLY** link below.

Applications should include a resume and covering letter. Attachments can be uploaded in .doc, .docx, .pdf, .txt or .rtf formats.

Please note: When submitting your application online, there will be questions pertaining to a number of the position's Key Selection Criteria to which you are required to respond.

This is an Aboriginal Identified Position. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply. Applicants are welcome to utilise support from the Koori Employment Team throughout the recruitment process. Please visit justice.vic.gov.au/careers/koori+employment for further information.

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