


# Media Release

## ODPP First Nations Staff Attend National Indigenous Legal Conference in Naarm: Truth-Telling, Culture, and Healing at the Heart of Discussions

The ODPP proudly supported six First Nations staff to attend the National Indigenous Legal Conference in Naarm (Melbourne) from 3 – 5 December 2024. This significant gathering brought together First Nations law students, legal professionals and scholars from across the country, fostering a transformative dialogue on truth-telling, cultural representation, storytelling, and healing within the legal system.



The conference highlighted the critical role of embedding First Nations culture into our advocacy practices. Discussions focused on the importance of culturally informed legal frameworks and strategies, ensuring that advocacy not only upholds justice but also respects and integrates First Nations perspectives. Staff were also able to build a strong support network to drive systemic change and cultural advocacy within the legal sector.



Corey Blyth, Legal Intern, shared their thoughts on attending the National Indigenous Legal Conference as an ODPP NSW representative:

*'The National Indigenous Legal Conference allowed me to learn from several talented lawyers, advocates and community representatives about how elements of First Nations and non-First Nations legal systems can co-exist, and how incorporating culture into legal processes can strengthen outcomes for all participants in the justice system. Whilst it necessarily explored the historical and ongoing injustices affecting First Nations people, each speaker was refreshingly optimistic about the future and provided strategies for organisations – including the ODPP – to implement to strengthen their cultural advocacy. Embedding those strategies into my work is a key priority'*

The National Indigenous Legal Conference underscored the essential role of culturally grounded advocacy in building a more equitable legal system. Staff left inspired to continue their work with renewed commitment to Truth, Culture, and Healing in our work at the ODPP.