



# **RECLAIMING OUR PLACE**

## **A National Summit for NFP Reform and Renewal**

SUMMIT PROGRAM

23 October 2025  
Melbourne Marriott Hotel

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Time	Topic	Presenter/Facilitator
8.30	<b>Registrations and Networking</b>	
9.30	<b>Acknowledgement of Country</b> <b>Overview &amp; Housekeeping</b>	<b>Ben Vasiliou</b> MC, CEO of The Man Cave and Board Member Amplify Alliance
	<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Carmel Crouch</b> MD STEPS Group and Chair of Amplify Alliance
9.45	<b>Keynote Address and Q&amp;A</b>  The Minister will provide the Federal Government's view of the importance of the NFP Sector and its future. And then address questions from Members.	<b>The Hon. Tanya Plibersek</b> Minister for Social Services
10.30	<b>MORNING TEA &amp; NETWORKING</b>	
11.00	<b>Reimagining Social Service Delivery: The Case for Formal Relational Contracting</b>  Short-term (3-5 year), transactional contracts often limit social service providers' ability to deliver meaningful outcomes. This session explores formal relational contracting as a trust-based, long-term alternative. Andrew Downward will outline its legal framework and real-world applications, while Professor Mark Considine will explain its value for the sector, showing how relational contracts foster collaboration, innovation, and client-centred results.	<b>Professor Mark Considine</b> Director, University of Melbourne Welfare to Work Lab  <b>Andrew Downward</b> Lawyer & Partner, Ci-Advisory
1.00	<b>LUNCH</b>	
1.45	<b>The NFP Sector Development Blueprint: Understanding, Shaping, Delivering</b>  Professor Jo Barraket, architect of the Blueprint, will explore the Blueprint's 10-year roadmap to strengthen and future-proof Australia's NFP sector. This session will focus on sustainability reforms critical for providers, including a sector-specific Producer Price Index, workforce investment and capability development, and streamlined regulation with stronger government collaboration.	<b>Professor Jo Barraket</b> Professor of Policy Studies & Director, Melbourne Social Equity Institute

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<b>2.45</b>	<b>Mission Isn't Enough: Building the Next Advantage for NFPs</b>  Dafydd Roberts explores how not-for-profits can adapt to a competitive funding market where corporate providers match NFPs in impact and purpose. The session focuses on repositioning your value proposition, delivering measurable outcomes and strong user experiences, and building capabilities to compete effectively.	<b>Dafydd Roberts</b>  Director & Principal Consultant, i-exchange Australia
<b>3.45</b>	<b>AFTERNOON TEA</b>	
<b>4.00</b>	<b>Expert Panel Session</b>  <b>Shaping the Future of the NFP Sector: Insights from Leaders and Innovators</b>  This interactive panel brings together the day's presenters alongside two senior not-for-profit leaders to reflect on the key themes and challenges explored throughout the summit. Panel members will connect government priorities with emerging reforms and practical strategies for sustainability, innovation, and impact in the NFP sector. The session will be highly engaging, with opportunities for attendees to contribute directly through questions and discussion.	<b>Paul Miles</b> (Managing Director, The BUSY Group)  <b>Jacqueline Phillips</b> (Executive Director Policy & Research, ACOSS)  <b>Mark Considine</b> (Director, University of Melbourne Welfare to Work Lab)  <b>Dafydd Roberts</b> (Director & Principal Consultant, i-exchange Australia)  <b>Jo Barraket</b> (Professor of Policy Studies & Director, Melbourne Social Equity Institute)
<b>4.50</b>	<b>Recap of the day and Next steps</b>	<b>Ben Vasiliou</b> <b>Debra Cerasa</b> and <b>Bryan McCormick</b>
<b>5.00</b>	<b>SUMMIT CLOSE</b>	

All sessions will feature an in-depth Q&A with presenters and attendees, facilitated by Ben Vasillou, CEO of The Man Cave and Board Member Amplify Alliance and Bryan McCormick, Head of Government Relations & Policy, Amplify Alliance.

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