

# ARTS AND POLICY COMPETITION SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

## Policy Memo Competition

Across Australia, alternative first responder initiatives often hit a glass ceiling due to short-term funding cycles, programs remaining stagnant or stuck in pilot phase, and a lack of investment in the broader infrastructure needed for robust, thriving community-based services. One of the AFR campaign policy recommendations is for 'Long term success – investing in sustainability, impact and equity'.

Support for community-based response programs should go beyond the bare minimum for service delivery and factor in other resources and infrastructure needs so the work is sustainable, impactful and innovative. Particularly for remote areas across the nation. Here we will have the greatest impact in ensuring everyone's needs are met in the right way.

**Draft a memo for a policy recommendation that reflects the above aspiration. How can policy change drive long-term community investment, evaluation and impact? No vision is too ambitious, we want to hear your boldest ideas for transforming policy to deliver lasting community impact.**

## Submission guidelines

- Maximum three pages handwritten
- Maximum two pages typed
- Size 12 font, 1.25 spacing, normal margins
- Clear focus heading
- Support your memo with various referencing sources (not restricted to academic)

Please email submissions to [afr@justice.org.au](mailto:afr@justice.org.au) with the **Subject line:** *Policy Memo Competition Submission, Title of Work, Name.*

**Submission Deadline: Tuesday 16 September 11:59pm**

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## Art Competition

At Alternative First Responders, we're calling on every level of government to step up with policy courage, to drive bold action and deliver sustainable, long-term funding for the community-based solutions that are truly working.

Courage isn't just something we see in protests or parliaments. It's also found in quiet moments, when people show up, listen, learn, and act. It's the bravery to reimagine how we keep our communities safe, to invest in care over punishment, and to back community driven solutions that put people first. Now, We want to hear from you.

**What does courage feel like in your body? In your community? In your dreams for change? Join our competition and show us how you define courage—through words, images or stories.**

## Submission guidelines

You may submit one entry per medium in the following categories

- Written (e.g. poem, short story, personal essay – (PDF, 750 words max)
- Visual Art (painting, drawing, digital artwork, photography – (JPG 2MB, 300dpi)

Please email submissions to [afr@justice.org.au](mailto:afr@justice.org.au) with the Subject line: *Art Competition Submission, Title of Work, Name.*

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