



Immersions, Social Justice Congresses & Social Justice Weeks

What do these three programs have in common?

Each of these programs forms an important part of the first of the Institute's three major categories of activity. We call this first category *Invitation into Social Justice*.

The three programs variously invite participants into a basic understanding of social justice/injustice. Encountering the stories of real human beings is a significant part of these events. We hope that participants exit these programs with the beginnings of an ongoing, personal commitment to the work of social justice.

ERISJ Immersions

ERISJ Immersions provide a brief period of immersion (5 days – 3 weeks) in another place and culture, typically among folks who are fairly poor and generally 'doing it tough'.

An Immersion's purpose is to *build relationships*, and to *walk a mile in my shoes*. Participants often report life-altering, immensely enriching, experiences. We offer seven Immersions annually – within Aboriginal Australia (Broome), 2x Perth (one for upper secondary; another for over 18's), India, Maori NZ (for Indigenous women only), Tanzania and Timor-Leste. Our Timor-Leste Immersion is conducted jointly with *Edmund Rice Justice New Zealand*.

Visit the 'Immersions' page on our website for a comprehensive explanation of each immersion program (<http://www.erisj.org.au/immersions.htm>). Here you will find application forms, itineraries, objectives and method, dates and costs, insurance details, and much more.

The *Perth and Poverty Immersion* is open to 16-75 year olds and does not require an interview. All other Immersions are for 18-75 year olds, and require a Selection Interview.

There is always a post-Immersion debriefing. Participants stay in touch with all those to have ever undertaken an ERISJ Immersion through a bimonthly social event, *ERISJ Immersion Alumni Gatherings*. We urge alumni to stay involved in social justice and Institute events.

ERISJ Social Justice Congresses

Congresses occur over two consecutive days, full-time, at the Institute and induct up to 50 people from a school, University, TAFE or workplace into social justice. These events are only available as a group booking (not individual) and we tailor the content to the audience. Thus participants are already part of an existing cohort and will stay connected on a daily basis.

Social Justice Congress outline:

Day 1

1. Pooling what we already know about social justice;
2. Nominating SJ issues that most interest participants;
3. Input from ERISJ staff and expert presenters;
4. An hour's designated home reading and reflection about SJ (after returning home);

Day 2

5. Issue-based group discussions;
6. Expert presenter input;
7. Identifying possible Social Justice actions to undertake together; and
8. Resources to sustain the journey

**Each participant receives their own copy of three important SJ resources (RRP \$40).

DATES: SJ Congresses are available on **Thursdays and Fridays**. Please refer to the SJ Congress Calendar for dates and course codes.

FEES: (max. 50 persons)

\$5,000* – schools, TAFES, Universities, not-for-profits

\$10,000* – corporate and government

(* Includes \$40 of SJ resources to each participant to keep - ie \$2000 value for 50 participants)

ERISJ Social Justice Weeks

Social Justice Weeks are conducted on 'your' premises. Our expert Social Justice Education Coordinator comes to your organisation (anywhere in Oceania) and acts as a resource person for a sequence of SJ events over **five consecutive days**. Our SJ Education Coordinator will liaise closely with your organization prior to the event to identify and plan the menu of activities most likely to work in your place. These can be offered to the entirety of your organisation – or to just a portion, as you prefer. As with SJ Congresses, SJ Weeks work equally well for a school, University, TAFE or workplace, with content always tailored to audience.

DATES: SJ Weeks are held **Monday – Fridays**. Please refer to the SJ Weeks Calendar for precise dates and course codes.

FEES:

\$3,000* – schools, TAFES, Universities, not-for-profits

\$6,000* – corporate and government

(*plus presenter travel and accommodation costs)

Which best suits my organisation - a Social Justice Congress or Week?

SJ Congresses occur only at the Institute in Fremantle, Western Australia. They use the particular strengths of our building, and utilise multiple staff members over two days. **SJ Weeks** come to your organization, anywhere in Oceania.

SJ Congresses provide an intensive induction into SJ over two days, with the same 50 (or fewer) people that you send along. **SJ Weeks** can spend a lot of time with the same folks, a bit of time with many different clusters within your organization, or a bit of each - as you wish.

If you are Perth-based, we strongly suggest both events, rather than one or the other. The two events **are** different – in fact, they are deliberately configured to complement each other. Around the world, a sequence of staggered, diverse yet coherent SJ induction has been repeatedly found to produce lasting SJ awareness and commitment to action.

For more information, contact our Social Justice Education Coordinator via the ERISJ main office on +61 (8) 9432 2400 or via email sjeducation@erisj.org.au

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