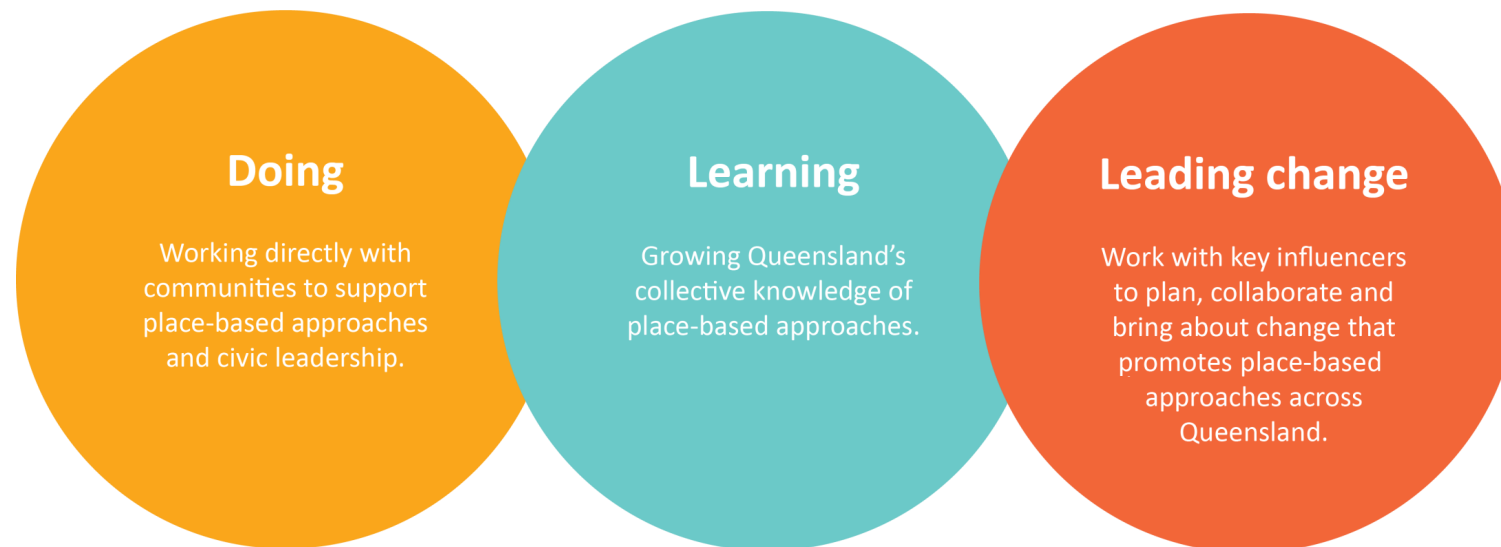


Place-based Strategy 2021-2022

As Queensland's peak body for the community sector, QCOSS continues to take pride in partnering with communities across the state to teach, support and promote place-based approaches.

Our strategic plan includes a commitment to building hope and optimism across Queensland through engaged, inclusive and empowered communities.

To develop our strategy for 2021 - 2022, we have reflected on our previous place-based work and organised our actions into three key areas - doing, learning and leading change.



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Doing

Working directly with communities to support place-based approaches and civic leadership.

Learning

Growing Queensland's collective knowledge of place-based approaches.

Leading change

Work with key influencers to plan, collaborate and bring about change that promotes place-based approaches across Queensland.

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Doing

Working directly with communities to support place-based approaches and civic leadership.

What we aim to achieve

- Building the capacity of communities to implement place-based approaches through practice, local sector development, integration and citizen leadership.
- QCROSS remains community-centred and embeds place-based approaches across in our work.
- Communities have a say in decisions that affect them at local and system-wide levels.
- Community leadership and solutions reflect the diversity of each community.

How we will do this

- Continue to work alongside Queensland communities to develop leadership and knowledge around place-based work, as well as to empower them to work collaboratively at the local level to drive and sustain positive change.
- Ensure we work with diverse stakeholder groups and community members, including ensuring local First Nations People have a genuine opportunity to participate in all of our projects.
- Pursue opportunities to work with communities throughout Queensland to use place-based processes to develop local solutions to local issues.

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Learning

Growing Queensland's collective knowledge of place-based approaches.

What we aim to achieve

- Continue to enhance the shared understanding, innovation and commitment to place-based approaches across the community sector, as well as with citizens, philanthropic agencies, business and government.
- Develop the ability of Queenslanders to understand and facilitate place-based work so that communities have access to a coordinated approach to community change.

How we will do this

- Increase membership of the Queensland community of practice for place-based approaches in order build on and share the knowledge and skills of participants, and to connect people and communities delivering place-based initiatives.
- Deliver bi-monthly workshops (in community as well as virtually) to the community of practice, which promote place-based approaches and strengthen and build the capacity of Queensland's communities.
- Deliver bi-monthly learning exchanges which focus on recovery and growth as a result of COVID-19.
- Ensure that our program of learning opportunities includes building the capacity of community of practice members to work with diverse stakeholders and community members, including providing opportunities to develop expertise in engaging appropriately with First Nations Peoples.

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Leading change

Work with key influencers to plan, collaborate and bring about change that promotes place-based approaches across Queensland.

What we aim to achieve

- Work to improve state-wide co-ordination, systems and partnership between agencies focussed on driving positive change using place-based approaches.
- Continue to advocate for place-based approaches across Queensland, calling for government to prioritise and fund place-based work to address issues in communities.

How we will do this

- Be innovative in our approach to our work, focussing on place-based approaches in our contracts and drawing on our relationships across the state to provide support from a place-based perspective.
- Advocate for government investment that enables Queenslanders to:
 - genuinely embed place-based work in their communities
 - deliver local solutions to local problems in their own communities
 - ensure First Nations People's right to self-determination is respected, protected and fulfilled.