

**These ERISJ Focus Areas collectively:**

- ◆ urge people to engage with Social Justice - especially to encounter its human face and stories;
- ◆ value-add, building skills, resilience, hope and insight; and
- ◆ support activists and the most marginalised in multiple, practical ways.

The diversity of our activities also seeks to live out our claim that those who suffer need SJ supporters to be **both** active and reflective.

**To get involved, find out more, register for courses or donate time or money:**

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To find out what others say:  
[www.erisj.org.au/testimonials](http://www.erisj.org.au/testimonials)

Facebook: from May 2010  
[www.facebook.com/erisj.au](http://www.facebook.com/erisj.au)

Documentary about the ERISJ:  
[www.erisj.org.au](http://www.erisj.org.au) and YouTube from July 2010

## Where are we?



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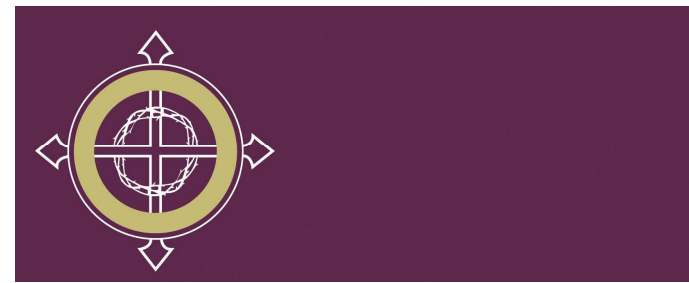
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# All About Us



**[www.erisj.org.au](http://www.erisj.org.au)**

## THE EDMUND RICE INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, FREMANTLE

Building community commitment, skills and action for social justice

### **What do we do?**

#### **Focus Area 1: Transformative social justice education and skills training**

##### **Programs:**

Eleven 1-Day Social Justice Skill Intensives for the public p.a.;

Professional Development in Social Justice Key Competencies (5 key competencies; 26 modules);

Place tertiary students and workforce employees in service learning placements at the ERISJ and other agencies (includes course credits for University students);

SJ education days and weeks, customised to tertiary and secondary student institutions (they choose from 26 modules);

Special events – e.g. host WA Week and Youth Against Racism events that promote racial understanding;

The ERISJ website ([www.erisj.org.au](http://www.erisj.org.au)) hosts Edmund Rice International's free online social justice and human rights training course;

The ERISJ website provides links to 500 SJ-pertinent websites worldwide, organised geographically (Western Australia; rest of Australia; rest of world) to assist users to find organisations near them; and

Teach the biannual Masters program in social justice and Christian thought at the University of Notre Dame Australia.

**Rationale:** Social justice education and skills training prepares the public for effective social justice action.

#### **Focus Area 2: Undertake, foster and publish research pertinent to social justice**

##### **Programs:**

Undertake and publish SJ research in influential publications;

Convey the case for social justice (empirical, conceptual and ethical); and

Collaborate with WA Universities, not-for-profits and other Edmund Rice organisations.

**Rationale:** Research informs the evidence base for social justice advocacy, and enables it to be credible and grounded. This also contributes to the links between ERISJ activities that variously emphasise action/grounded engagement and reflection.

#### **Focus Area 3: Support advocacy and action with and for the poor and marginalised**

##### **Programs:**

A principal partner in the *ERISJ Statewide Cultural Corridors, Rippleback* and related Aboriginal-led Projects;

Host Cultural Corridors (office & meeting space, administrative support, etc);

Regular commentary on public issues: submissions, letters and media articles - some available at [www.erisj.org.au](http://www.erisj.org.au);

Make direct representations to Cabinet ministers, Government inquiries and other senior decision-maker forums;

Five SJ Activist Groups for volunteers, based at the ERISJ:

Aboriginal Australia (commences 2<sup>nd</sup> half 2010);

Rights of the Child (commences 1<sup>st</sup> half 2011);

Millennium Development Goals (commences 2<sup>nd</sup> half 2011);

Environment (commences 1<sup>st</sup> half 2012); and

The ERISJ Giving Circle (commences 2<sup>nd</sup> half 2012).

Recognised voice for social justice among Aboriginal organisations, Government (politicians and public service), Church agencies and the private sector;

Partnerships with other organisations and projects working with the poor and marginalised;

Provide ERISJ premises as a meeting and activist hub for SJ work;

Ensure that ERISJ education and training includes SJ activist and advocacy skills; and

ERISJ SJ education insists upon SJ Action Planning - ongoing action with marginalised communities and pertinent NGOs.

**Rationale:** Advocacy and action with and for the most marginalised is at the heart of social justice.

#### **Focus Area 4: Engage with and contribute to a community for social justice**

##### **Programs:**

Quarterly *Living Justice* e-newsletter;

Website;

Facebook from May 2010;

Volunteer hosting and training;

Active participant in WA social justice networks;

Build partnerships with the media to increase community awareness of SJ;

Guest lectures at Universities; and

Support goals, projects and networks internal to Edmund Rice Oceania and Edmund Rice International.

**Rationale:** We encourage the public to engage, share stories and find things in common, and to enjoy coming together to reflect and to take action. Connection, community, and 'spreading the word' about SJ are vital to supporter resilience and impact.