

SANCTUARY CELEBRATION | LETTER FROM THE CEO

Dear team members,

I'm excited to announce that Anglicare is celebrating our belated "Sanctuary Birthday" at the end of this month!

This is an important time of year where we meet together as teams – where possible – and reflect on the past 12 months. Taking this time to celebrate connects us together. It gives us opportunity to remember all that has been achieved over what has arguably been one of the toughest periods we've faced.

COVID lockdowns and restrictions have affected us all. That's why now more than ever, we need to turn to the tools and expertise outlined in the Sanctuary Model to help us move forward. To run a Sanctuary Birthday celebration in your place of work, feel free to use the resources provided by the Sanctuary Core team. Adapt them to suit the needs of your team. Even look at ways of hosting on Zoom to include people who can't meet face to face.

Resources are also available on the Anglicare website at:

www.anglicare.com.au/sanctuarycelebration

You can also choose a time which suits you between **Monday 28 March and Thursday 31 March** to host your event.

Be part of our decorative hat competition and email photos of your entries to kiara.soares@anglicare.com.au. Winners will be judged by members of the Sanctuary Steering Committee. Get creative as you reflect our theme of "Sanctuary values and commitments are on our minds."

Since 2017 when Anglicare (NSW South, NSW West & ACT) began implementing the Sanctuary Model, we've been working towards Sanctuary certification as an organisation. But this journey is about a lot more than certification. It means we are on track to strengthen our teams and create safer and healthier workplaces. Many of our programs serve highly vulnerable people, and we want to make sure that every staff member, volunteer and carer across our regions feels safe, equipped and connected to deliver the best care.

Thank you for all you do through your work with Anglicare, and please enjoy this time of celebration. If you have any questions, feel free to email kiara.soares@anglicare.com.au.

Kind regards

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