

Vision

Justice, opportunity and shared wealth for all South Australians.

Our purpose

To advocate, collaborate, lead and mobilise to eliminate poverty, inequality and injustice in South Australia.

Some Key Principles Underpinning Our Work

- Human rights are at the core of addressing poverty and injustice
- Social equity and justice requires committed community services organisations
- Public policy should have equitable impacts on people
- Community engagement and collective action effects change
- Peak bodies positively contribute to democracy and civil society

SACOSS Values Demonstrated In How We Aspire To Work

Respect - Partnership - Courage - Inclusion - Fairness

We work in collaboration with, and draw on the wisdom and expertise of our diverse member base.

We value and draw on the direct experiences of people affected by poverty and inequality.

We lead and support collaborative initiatives for a thriving community sector.

We maintain productive relationships across the political spectrum.

We are transparent in our work and we consult widely.

We promote and advance the research and evidence base to drive advocacy priorities.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE

Strategic Plan 2017-2022



GOALS

1

Developing a Fair and Just Community for South Australians

Strategies

Work to reduce inequality and ensure all South Australians have their basic human needs met.

Work to ensure all South Australians can exercise their human rights, have opportunities to develop, contribute, and are empowered to participate fully in their communities.

Speak out powerfully about the inequitable impact of public policy on South Australians.

2

Cultivating a Thriving Community Sector Assisting People to Address Poverty and Disadvantage

Strategies

Bring people and organisations together to create change, opportunity and knowledge for and with, people experiencing poverty and inequality.

Work with members and people who have experiences of poverty and disadvantage to amplify the stories they have to tell.

Advocate for a regulatory, funding and workforce development environment which promotes a strong, innovative and independent community services sector.

3

Building a Healthy, Resilient and Sustainable Organisation

Strategies

Cultivate an organisational culture which emphasises strong governance, inclusion, participation and environmental responsibility.

Work towards financial sustainability and access to the diversity of resources necessary to operate as an independently minded peak body, now and into the future.

Develop and maintain a talented, cohesive team which is resourced to do its work and who are connected and responsive to both people experiencing poverty and inequality in SA and our members.