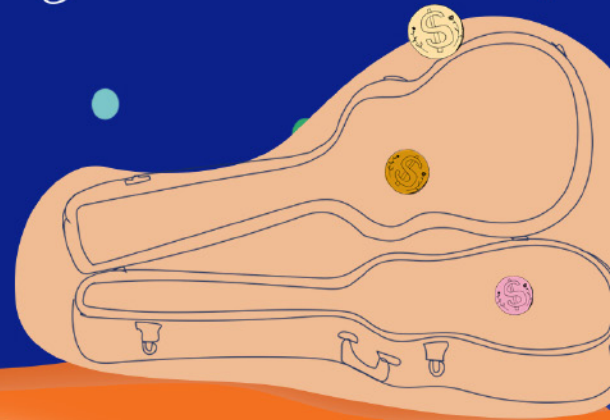


# BUSKING FOR CHANGE

Learn a song,  
change the world.



Indigenous  
Literacy  
Foundation



## What is Busking For Change?

*Busking For Change* is the Indigenous Literacy Foundation's (ILF) newest fundraising event developed by ILF Ambassador Josh Pyke to engage primary school students in a multi-literacy activity incorporating song, music, movement and language.

The idea is simple. Each year:

1. students commit to learning to play, sing, or dance to a song with the chorus sung in an Aboriginal First Language. The song, charts and lyrics and translations are provided by the Indigenous Literacy Foundation
2. students gather support/donations from their friends and family
3. students 'busk' or perform their rendition to their friends, family, school, or post a video online.

*Busking For Change* is a fun and educational activity that acknowledges and promotes the rich diversity of Indigenous languages and cultures while raising funds to help create more books in languages that Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander children speak at home.

Watch a 2-minute video [here](#)

## What is the 2023 Busking For Change song?

The 2023 *Busking For Change* song is [Words Make the World Go Around](#). Lyrics are available in English and Kriol.

## What is UNESCO's Decade of Indigenous Languages?

2023 is the second year of UNESCO's [Decade of Indigenous Languages \(2022-2032\)](#). The Los Pintos Declaration, the roadmap for UNESCO's Decade of Indigenous Languages, emphasises Indigenous peoples' rights to freedom of expression, to an education in their mother tongue, and to participate in public life using their languages, as prerequisites for survival of Indigenous languages.

## How does ILF align with the Decade of Indigenous Languages?

The ILF works to meet the wishes of remote Communities across Australia, to assist with the publishing of books created by Community, many in First Languages as well as to fund the development of digital, audio, or other learning resources and workshops.

## How does Busking For Change align with the Decade of Indigenous Languages?

Each year, *Busking For Change* will promote a new song in an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander language created by a remote Community. Not only does this activity promote Indigenous languages, it actively encourages students to learn and use words in a First Language.



### Key Audience

Primary school music teachers or classroom teachers and primary aged students.

### Key Message

Busking For Change - learn a song and raise funds for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

### 2023 Goal

To recruit at least 100 schools and raise \$100,000 to support more remote Communities access and create books in languages they speak at home.

### When do schools Busk For Change?

Schools can sign up for the fundraiser at [buskingforchange.ilf.org.au](https://buskingforchange.ilf.org.au) until 30 June for a term three activation. Schools will be encouraged to engage students in learning the song and fundraising throughout term three, with a final performance or 'Busking Day' to coincide with Indigenous Literacy Day (ILD) each year. This year, ILD is on Wednesday 6 September.

### How do schools engage with this campaign?

A dedicated website at [buskingforchange.ilf.org.au](https://buskingforchange.ilf.org.au) provides all the tools and resources schools need for a successful *Busking For Change* fundraiser. The site provides videos and links for teachers and parents and comprehensive Q&As as well social media posts, posters and scripts.

During the *Busking For Change* season (the start of term three to Indigenous Literacy Day - Sep 6), schools will receive inspiring email videos from Josh Pyke and other *Busking For Change* Ambassadors.

All registered schools will be sent a **Registration Book Pack** - a selection of five ILF published bilingual children's books - to help share the work of the ILF to their school community. These will be distributed in early June. There are also prizes for schools who raise the most funds, a small school prize and a special draw.

ILF Ambassadors  
Josh Pyke and Justine  
Clarke with students  
from Summer Hill  
Public School on their  
Busking Day 2022.  
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Summer Hill Public  
School

