

Impact Report 2010–2020

Supporting the Not-for-Profit Sector

The Origin Energy Foundation believes that the Not-for-Profit Sector is vital to Australia's social fabric, particularly in times of crisis and natural disaster. The creating of the Foundation in 2010 coincided with a Productivity Commission report into the Not-for-Profit Sector.

One of the findings of that report was that the sector would improve its performance if it put more resources into training and development of its people, particularly leaders. The Foundation has sought over time to test this proposition.

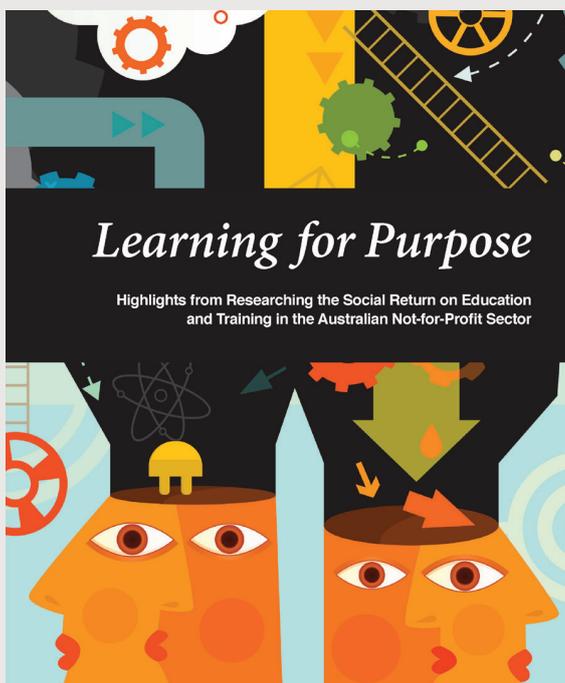
Number of scholarships provided to sector leaders by the Foundation:

3,200

Directly and indirectly, through our funding of scholarships and capacity building of the Australian Scholarships Foundation.

“The Origin Foundation has made a significant and lasting contribution to building the capacity of the Australian NFP sector, which, ultimately, leads to improved social impact”

Sam Sayers, CEO of ASF



Funding of landmark **Learning for Purpose** research
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Ground breaking research

Learning for Purpose: *Researching the Social Return on Education and Training in the Australian Not-for-Profit Sector.* The Centre for Social Impact, University of Western Australia, Perth has provided the first large-scale data set into the needs and outcomes of NFP sector employees with regard to training and development. The work showed that individuals and organisations benefited from investment in professional development.

Training can deliver positive economic returns



Fulbright Australia

Supported provision of leadership opportunities for Australia's best and brightest NFP leaders, by partnering with the Australian Scholarships Foundation and the Australian American Fulbright Commission to create the world's first Fulbright scholarship for Non-Profit leaders. This unique scholarship has enabled eight exceptional leaders from Australian Not-for-Profits to participate in the world-renowned Fulbright exchange program. The program continues with the support of other funders.



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Australian Scholarships Foundation, Origin Energy Foundation, and the Fulbright Commission in Australia collaborated again in commissioning research into the impact of the Fulbright Scholarships for Not-for-Profit Leaders in Australia.

The research found that there were three benefits for the individuals:

- Increased access to opportunities;
- Strengthened leadership qualities; and
- A unique set of knowledge.

The individual scholars were able to leverage these benefits into opportunities for their organisations and the sector in three ways:

- Pursuing new initiatives and bring them to life;
- Upskilling and influencing those around them; and
- Bringing more funding to the sector.

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