

ToGather Agency



About Us

ToGather Agency is a not-for-profit organisation working across North East Arnhem Land and beyond. We act as a cultural conduit — walking between systems and communities — to ensure that services meet the real needs of the people they are meant to support. Our work is grounded in cultural authority, lived experience, and relational care.

While ToGather is a collective organisation, it is deeply guided by Indigenous cultural authority through Holly Supple-Gurruwiwi, a saltwater woman from North East Arnhem Land and a co-creator of the agency. We walk respectfully alongside First Nations leaders, families, and communities, shaping our approach through deep listening, cultural knowledge, and the belief that real change happens in relationship — not through top-down systems.

Meet the Co-Creators

Terese Marchesi

Social Worker | Co-Creator, ToGather Agency

Terese has lived and worked in Arnhem Land for over twelve years, most recently partnering with the Yothu Yindi Dilak Council, the recognised cultural authority of the region. With 20+ years in case management and social work, she brings deep cross-sector expertise rooted in trust, cultural respect, and collaborative change.

Terese has worked alongside Yolŋu leaders to create the aged care facility in Nhulunbuy — a culturally responsive service tailored to community needs. Her career spans project management, education, social care, government, and not-for-profit sectors, with a focus on community consultation, co-design, and integrated service delivery.

Known for her warmth and ability to unite diverse perspectives, Terese strengthens the ToGather collective with experience, vision, and an unwavering belief in the power of people and place.

Holly Supple-Gurruwiwi

*Aboriginal Advocate | Educator | Cultural Strategist | Lived Experience Leader |
Co-Creator, ToGather Agency*

Holly is a saltwater woman dedicated to transforming systems through cultural strength, truth-telling, and relational care. She is a lived experience leader in Domestic, Family, and Sexual Violence (DFSV) and mental health. Holly brings together advocacy, healing, and education across communities and systems — from early years education and cultural revitalisation to survivor-led systemic reform.

Her approach is rooted in lived experience and cultural authority, believing that the most powerful change grows through patience, truth, and hope. Holly's work centres language, safety, and strength — walking alongside communities and advocating for new, culturally grounded pathways to healing.

She's changing the story for generations to come.

Sam Brennan

Director, Connect Social and Emotional Wellbeing | Psychologist | Co-Creator, ToGather Agency

Sam leads culturally grounded mental health initiatives across East Arnhem Land, bridging his background in finance, economics, and psychology with community-led approaches. His award-winning work focuses on creating sustainable, culturally safe responses to mental health that honour Indigenous knowledge and leadership.

Sam's projects have strengthened youth engagement, improved cultural safety in services, and deepened partnerships between Aboriginal communities and the mental health sector. As a co-creator of ToGather Agency, he works alongside Holly and Terese to support systems transformation through cultural truth, relational healing, and hope.

Purpose

ToGather Agency acts as a cultural conduit, providing authentic connection and understanding between service providers and the people of North East Arnhem Land (NEAL). We work with communities, honouring Yolŋu cultural knowledge, lived experience, and ways of being.

Vision

ToGather Agency builds meaningful partnerships that generate impactful solutions and sustainable outcomes to, for, and with community, alongside current and future service providers.

Mission

To create healthy relationships that lead to a healthier, empowered community.

Core Services & Capabilities

All services are delivered through a cultural lens that recognises the unique nuances of remote living and kinship systems.

- **Authentic Consultation**
Community-led engagement and culturally responsive facilitation.
- **Social and Emotional Wellbeing**
Trauma-informed, culturally grounded programs for healing and strength.
- **Culturally Aligned Restorative Justice Programs**
Youth and adult justice pathways that reconnect individuals with culture, community, and accountability.
- **Work Readiness Programs**
Preparing individuals for meaningful employment within their cultural context.
- **Coaching and Mentoring Program Creation**
Designing tailored frameworks for personal growth and leadership development.
- **Program Review and Evaluation**
Assessing and strengthening existing programs and relationships for greater cultural safety and impact.
- **Upskilling and Development**
Delivering cultural competency training and workforce capability building.

Key Achievements

- **Gundirr Mental Health App**
Co-created by Holly, Sam, and Terese through ToGather Agency, Gundirr is a culturally grounded digital mental health tool tailored to Yolŋu ways of knowing, being, and healing. The team led community consultation, design, and strategy to ensure Gundirr reflects the lived experience and strengths of remote communities.
More info: www.gundirr.com
- **Guiding Them Home: Returning to the Ancient Fire in a Modern World**
Federally funded initiative supporting community-led solutions to youth justice in North East Arnhem Land.

- **Prevent Assist Respond (PART) Training**
Contributor and facilitator of training designed to reduce the misidentification, criminalisation, and incarceration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander victim-survivors of Domestic, Family, and Sexual Violence.
More info: www.doyourpart.com.au
- **Domestic and Family Sexual Violence (DFSV) Commission**
Active Lived Experience Advisory Member, providing cultural insights and advocacy to inform national systemic reform.
- **Leaving Violence Program**
Expert Advisory Panel Member, offering guidance grounded in Aboriginal lived experience to strengthen services for victim-survivors.
- **The Very Hungry Caterpillar in Wangurri Matha**
Led the cultural adaptation and language translation of this beloved children's book, in partnership with the Indigenous Literacy Foundation—promoting early literacy and language preservation.

Decolonising Business — The ToGather Way

A values-led approach grounded in care, culture, and unapologetic truth.

At ToGather, business is relational. It's not just about outcomes — it's about how we show up.

We show up with integrity, honesty, and deep connection. We centre cultural authority, lived experience, and collective care. We honour Aboriginal knowledge systems and move in ways that are kind, truthful, and strong.

We do not replicate extractive systems — we transform them gently, one relationship at a time.

The ToGather Way Means:

- Relational Work: We begin with people and story, not just deliverables.
- Unapologetic Truth: We speak with honesty and compassion.
- Reciprocity: We give back in ways that uplift community.
- Cultural Grounding: We move with cultural authority and deep listening.
- Pace with Purpose: We follow the rhythm of trust, not urgency.
- Spaces that Heal: Our work is designed to nourish, not deplete.

A Word from Us:

"ToGather is not just a name.

It's a way of being — of showing up with courage, care, and clarity.

We're here to change the story. Gently, but completely."

Our Approach

- Walking alongside communities, not ahead of them
- Listening deeply and acting respectfully
- Prioritising relationships over transactions
- Honouring Yolngu cultural authority and lived experience

Partnerships

We collaborate with:


- Government and non-government organisations
- Aboriginal community-controlled organisations
- Education, health, justice, and social service providers

Together, we create change that is meaningful to community — change that is felt, not just funded.

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