

Report on Activities

2017- 2018

Our vision is that all young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds can access the support and opportunities they need to be active participants in, and contributors to, Australian society.

About Us

Multicultural Youth Advocacy Network Australia (MYAN) is Australia's national peak body representing the rights and interests of young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds, and those who work with them. We work in partnership with young people, government and civil society to promote the interests of young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds, and to support a targeted approach to addressing these in policy and service delivery. MYAN facilitates national connections between young people, academics, policy makers and practitioners, providing an important policy perspective, capacity building resources and youth leadership opportunities.

Since our formal inception in 2007, MYAN has facilitated a nationally coordinated and consistent approach to addressing the rights and needs of young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds in policy and service delivery. This includes our capacity building work with Australia's states and territories to support the development of MYAN-affiliated structures. Now, in 2018, MYAN has affiliates in every state and territory, and is a recognised national advocacy body providing policy advice, capacity building activities and supporting young people to be leaders at the national and international level.

2017-2018

In 2017-2018, MYAN has continued its role as the national voice on multicultural youth issues, in policy and advocacy, research, sector development, youth leadership and sharing our expertise in policy and programming in the international arena. MYAN's first national conference was held in November 2017 in partnership with the University of Melbourne Youth Studies Centre. We continued our role supporting the Youth Transitions Support (YTS) services through a national Community of Practice, and developed new tools and resources to support a targeted approach in policy and service delivery. Our Youth Ambassadors Network (YAN) has been active in a range of settings, engaging with decision-makers at the national level and once again, we supported a young person to participate in the annual UNHCR NGO Consultations in Geneva, Switzerland. We have also trialed a combination of strategic communication channels to support and promote the goals and work of MYAN and its partners, creating safe, engaging and informative digital spaces for young people and those who work with them. We look forward to launching our new website in 2018-2019.

2017-2018 Highlights

- First MYAN *National Conference* held in partnership with University of Melbourne
- MYAN *Snapshot of Activities 2007-2017* released
- *Bright Futures: Spotlight on the wellbeing of young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds* published in partnership with VicHealth and CSIRO Data61
- *Data Report on Youth Settlement Trends in Australia 2016-2017* released
- Partnered with the Australian Human Rights Commission to deliver the national Anti-Racism Youth Leadership Initiative
- Training and professional development on the *National Youth Settlement Framework* delivered through our partners in 12 sessions to 210 participants across Australia.
- *Life in Australia: Celebrating young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds in Australia* short film series launched and screened
- *Advocacy Brief on Youth Rights in the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR)*, launched by the UNHCR High Commissioner at the High Commissioner's Dialogue, Geneva, Switzerland, December 2017
- 9 submissions made to Government Inquiries
- 2018 Refugee Youth International Leadership Scholarship, supporting youth leadership and advocacy at the UNHCR NGO Consultations in Geneva, Switzerland

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Policy, Advocacy and Research

Through our policy, advocacy and research work, MYAN provides a credible and informed source of knowledge and advice on settlement, policy and programming relevant to young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds. We engage with a broad range of stakeholders across government and civil society to collaborate on research and policy advice to ensure that the rights of young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds are included in policy and programming in government and the NGO sector. Young people and our broad networks across the youth and settlement sectors across Australia inform all our policy and advocacy work.

In 2017-2018 our policy work has once again focussed on engaging with a number of government inquiries, as important opportunities to highlight the issues facing young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds. In addition to preparing written submission, we were delighted to provide evidence at the Standing Committee on Employment, Education and Training Inquiry into the Response on School to Work Transition and the Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee for the Social Services Amendment (Encouraging Self-sufficiency for Newly Arrived Migrants) Bill 2018. We were pleased to present with a young person at the Inquiry into the Response on School to Work Transition in Melbourne.



Top right: *Panellists, 2017 MYAN National Conference, Global Citizenship workshop*

Bottom right: *L-R: Dr Fethi Mansouri, Director of the Alfred Deakin Institute for Globalisation and Citizenship, Carmel Guerra, MYAN Chair, Apajok Biar, Youth Advocate, Claire Naughtin Research Scientist Data61 CSIRO, Anya Satyanand, Executive Officer, Ara Taiohi, NZ*



MYAN Submissions

JULY 2017 / JUNE 2018

NATIONAL

AUG 2017

Submission to the Standing Committee on Employment, Education and Training for Inquiry on School to Work Transition

SEP 2017

Submission to the Department of Immigration and Border Protection on Visa Simplification: Transforming Australia's Visa System Policy Consultation Paper

FEB 2018

Submission to Department of Home Affairs on Managing Australia's Migrant Intake Discussion Paper

APRIL 2018

Submission to Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Commitments for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures) Bill 2018

APRIL 2018

Submission to the Joint Standing Committee on Migration for Inquiry on Review Processes Associated with Visa Cancellations made on Criminal Grounds

APRIL 2018

Submission to Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee for the Social Services Amendment (Encouraging Self-sufficiency for Newly Arrived Migrants) Bill 2018 and supplementary submission

MAY 2018

Submission on the Consultation Draft of Labor's National Platform

JUNE 2018

Submission to Department of Home Affairs on Australia's Humanitarian Programme 2018-19 Discussion Paper

June 2018

Submission to the National Children's Commissioner on Australia's progress on children's rights under the Convention on the Rights of the Child

INTERNATIONAL

AUG 2017

Contribution to Australian NGO Coalition Submission to the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination to the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

JAN 2018

Advocacy Brief: Youth Rights in the Global Compact on Refugees

MAR 2018

Contribution to development of a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) focusing on appropriate care for children in the context of international migration (developed by an inter-agency working group including UNHCR and UNICEF, Geneva)

APRIL 2018

Submission to UNHCR responding to Draft 1 of the Global Compact on Refugees

APRIL 2018

Recommendations on young people in the Global Compact on Refugees (co-drafted with Mercy Corps)

MAY 2018

Submission to UNHCR responding to Draft 2 of the Global Compact on Refugees

JUNE 2018

Submission to UNHCR responding to Draft 3 of the Global Compact on Refugees

Public hearings, consultations and conferences

- Standing Committee on Employment, Education and Training - School to Work Transitions – September 2017
- Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee - Social Services Legislation Amendment (Encouraging Self-sufficiency for Newly Arrived Migrants) Bill 2018 - April 2018 (supplementary submission made and participation in DSS consultation)
- Australian Child Rights Taskforce - Strategic Directions Roundtable Reporting on the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) – December 2017
- Department of Social Services (DSS) Community Cohesion Stakeholder Forum – February 2018
- Department of Home Affairs - Australia's Humanitarian Programme 2018-19 – consultation with the Minister for Home Affairs May 2018
- Australian Council for Overseas Aid (ACFID), Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), Department of Home Affairs (DHA), Department of Social Services (DSS) NGO Roundtable on the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) and Migration (GCM) – August 2017, October 2017, March 2018
- Australian Social Policy Conference (with Australian Institute of Family Studies) Settlement outcomes of humanitarian youth: Combining research, policy and practice – September 2017
- UNHCR Regional Representation in Canberra NGO Consultations – April 2018
- Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC) National Children's Commissioner consultation on Reporting for the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, National Roundtable – May 2018
- Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC), Race Discrimination Commissioner, National Forum on Racial Tolerance and Community Harmony -October 2017, June 2018

Advisory and Working Groups

- Harmony Alliance Advisory Group
- Australian Human Rights Commission, National Children's Commissioner, Advocacy Advisory Group for National Statement of Principles for Child Safe Organisations
- Our Watch Respectful Relationships Expert Group
- Welcoming Cities Advisory Group
- Australian Youth Affairs Coalition (AYAC) Board member
- Australian Child Rights Task Force
- End Child Detention Coalition (ECDC)
- Department of Home Affairs NGO Dialogue
- Department of Human Services National Multicultural Advisory Group
- Refugee Education Special Interest Group (SIG) Steering Committee
- Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APPRN): Youth Working Group, Australia New Zealand Working Group, Regional Protection Working Group

Research and Publications

National Data Report on Youth Settlement Trends

MYAN expanded its annual information sheet on youth settlement data and released a more extensive *Data Report on Youth Settlement Trends in Australia 2016-2017*. This report provides a comprehensive overview of national trends in youth settlement in the Humanitarian and broader Migration Programme, looking at demographic data, state/territory trends, religion, English language and visa sub-classes. MYAN has been preparing information sheets providing national data on humanitarian youth arrivals by financial year since 2008.

Bright Futures: Spotlight on the wellbeing of young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds

MYAN entered an exciting partnership with VicHealth and CSIRO's Data61 to produce *Bright Futures: Spotlight on the wellbeing of young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds*. Launched at the MYAN National Conference, the report explores what the megatrends identified by VicHealth and Data61 in the 2015 report

Bright Futures: Megatrends impacting the mental wellbeing of young people in Victoria over the coming 20 years mean for young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds. Informed by consultations with representatives from key organisations, experts and young people, the MYAN/VicHealth report details opportunities and risks for young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds in areas such as education, employment, cultural diversification and digital participation. It also highlights emerging questions for future policy and research to promote better mental and physical health and wellbeing outcomes for all young people, regardless of their cultural background.

Desk Review of Programming Guidelines

MYAN co-authored a desk review of the most relevant existing programming guidelines dedicated to addressing the needs, concerns and aspirations of adolescents and young people caught up in humanitarian crises.

A collaboration between MYAN, the RET International, INEE and NRC, the *Desk Review of Programming Guidelines for Adolescents & Youth in Emergencies: Education, Health, Livelihoods & Durable Solutions* will contribute to strengthening a focus on youth and adolescents in programming and is an important contribution to the *Compact for Young People in Humanitarian Action*.

Building a New Life in Australia (BNLA): Settlement outcomes of humanitarian youth and active citizenship

MYAN worked with the Australian Institute of Family Studies' BNLA research team to produce the latest research summary on *Settlement outcomes of humanitarian youth and active citizenship*. The summary considered how young people aged 15-25 years old from humanitarian backgrounds are settling in Australia. Using data from the BNLA study and MYAN's National Youth Settlement Framework, the summary found that humanitarian youth improve their English skills and show increased participation to study or training over time. Young people from humanitarian backgrounds also demonstrate increased integration through wider social networks, however they also report increased discrimination over time which commonly has a negative impact on their well-being.

Multicultural Youth (MY) Australia Census: Defining the status of culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) young people - ARC Linkage Project

MYAN, along with its state and territory partners, is a partner with Melbourne University and the Centre for Multicultural Youth, on the ARC Linkage Project *Multicultural Youth (MY) Australia Census: Defining the status of culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) young people*. This project aims to critically define the status of CALD youth; develop the first national status-reporting framework for this group that will generate new social, economic and cultural indicators; and build a knowledge hub to store and curate CALD youth data. The survey was completed by several thousand young people and focus groups have been held in four states, co-facilitated by the research team and young people. First stage findings were released in May, including an Infographic.

The Line Campaign

MYAN was engaged by Our Watch as an expert advisor to inform The Line campaign. This included engagement in The Line research, with MYAN's partners in Victoria and New South Wales organising and supporting focus groups with young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds.

Journal of Applied Youth Studies

MYAN contributed an article in the September 2017 edition of the *Journal of Applied Youth Studies* *The role of civil society in supporting the settlement and integration of young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds in Australia: MYAN Australia's National Youth Settlement Framework*. The article highlighted the particular capabilities of and barriers facing young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds and emphasised the importance of a targeted approach in policy and service delivery, with a focus on the National Youth Settlement Framework.

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Youth Leadership and Engagement

MYAN supports the development of young people's leadership skills and networks to create change in their communities and engage in advocacy to influence the national and international agenda. We do this through our national Youth Ambassadors Network (YAN), our bi-annual national multicultural youth summit - FUSE - supporting young people to engage in advocacy opportunities with government and in national conferences/consultations, and supporting young people to develop leadership skills through hosting the Refugee Youth International Leadership Scholarship and other national and international advocacy opportunities.

Youth Ambassadors Network (YAN)

The YAN to MYAN was established in 2015 as a key mechanism for young people from across Australia to engage directly with, inform the work of the MYAN and promote positive change in the lives of young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds across Australia. Appointed through a selection process, the YAN are young leaders working within their state or territory and in the national arena through MYAN. The YAN meet regularly through online platforms and annually in person. The YAN also plays a central role in planning and delivering FUSE (MYAN's bi-annual national multicultural youth summit). In 2017-2018, YAN activities included:

- Participating leadership and facilitation training in Melbourne in November 2017
- Participating as panellists at MYAN's National Conference and session documenters
- Participating in consultations on the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) reporting process (for both MYAN's submission to the National Children's Commissioner and MYAN's contribution to the NGO Shadow Report)
- Participating in the National Children's Commissioner's consultations for the Children's Right's Report 2017
- Co-facilitating face to face consultations with young people in their state/territory on employment transitions
- Delivering presentations at national events
- Representing MYAN at DIGI Engage 2018: Challenging Dangerous Online Narratives Forum
- Co-facilitating focus groups as part of the *'Defining the status of culturally and linguistically diverse young people'* ARC LP research project
- Advising on the development of MYAN's Youth Participation sector resource
- Participating in Australian Human Rights Commission Anti-Racism Youth Leadership Initiative
- Supporting MYAN's social media engagement, including celebrating RefugeeWeek 2018

MYAN has also supported a small group of young leaders to engage in high level national and international advocacy, including national NGO Roundtables on the Global Compact on Refugees and the Global Compact on Migration (convened by ACFID, DFAT, DHA and DSS) and the annual UNHCR Regional Representation NGO consultations in Canberra.



Left: Apajok Biar, Nadine Liddy, Arash Bordbar and Sara Shengeb at UNHCR Regional Representation Canberra NGO Consultations 2018

Middle: MYAN Youth Ambassadors Network with National Children's Commissioner Megan Mitchell and MYAN staff

Right: MYAN Youth Ambassadors Narayan Khanal and Arash Bordbar with MYAN staff Mehak Sheikh and Nadine Liddy, DIGIEngage 2018

DIGIEngage 2018

MYAN facilitated a workshop on leadership at the 2018 DIGI Engage youth conference in Sydney in March - a forum taking place as part of the ASEAN-Australia Special Summit in March 2018 - on challenging dangerous online narratives. MYAN Youth Ambassadors Narayan Khanal and Arash Bordbar, were also selected to attend – joining 100 young people from across Australia and Asia-Pacific coming together to discuss how young people can ensure online environments are empowering, respectful and reflect the diversity of our society.

AHRC Anti-Racism Youth Leadership Initiative

MYAN was delighted to partner with the Australian Human Rights Commission to deliver Australia's first-ever national anti-racism youth leadership initiative in June 2018. Led by the Race Discrimination Commissioner, Dr. Tim Soutphommasane, as part of the National Anti-Racism Partnership and Strategy, the initiative brought together Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and multicultural youth leaders from across Australia to build their skills, knowledge and networks to engage in anti-racism advocacy. The two-day event included opportunities for participants to learn from leaders in the media, private sector, government and MPs, with site visits to the Victorian Parliament and the AFL. Participants left Melbourne feeling inspired about new skills, knowledge, and networks and keen to create change in their communities.

MYAN Space for Youth

2017-2018 also saw the launch of the MYAN Space for Youth, an online platform to engage young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds, facilitate national networking and share national and international leadership opportunities.

Refugee Youth International Leadership Scholarship

Shabnam Safa was the 2018 recipient of the MYAN Refugee Youth International Leadership Scholarship. This scholarship supports a young person from a refugee background, aged 18-25, with demonstrated leadership and advocacy skills, to participate in the Annual Consultations between the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and NGOs in Geneva, Switzerland, as well as meetings with high level UNHCR officials, government and other NGOs and engaging with UNHCR's Global Youth Advisory Council.

In two key plenary sessions, Shabnam asked Assistant High Commissioner for Protection, Volker Turk, about how the rights and capabilities of young people would be recognised in follow-up to the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) and asked Assistant High Commissioner for Operations, George Okoth-Obbo, how young people as change makers can best be utilised on the ground in refugee protection. Shabnam also facilitated a session on day two of the Annual Consultations on Age, Gender and Diversity.

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Sector Development

MYAN undertakes a range of sector development activities to build the capacity of policy makers and service providers to best meet the needs of young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds. These include training and professional development, webinars, conference presentations, national teleconferences and national consultations. The National Youth Settlement Framework continues to be the benchmark for good practice in youth settlement and integration. MYAN maintains broad stakeholder networks and relationships across Australia's youth and settlement sectors, recognising that various sectors all play a critical role in facilitating successful settlement outcomes for young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds.

Since launching the National Youth Settlement Framework (NYSF) in May 2016, MYAN has supported the application of the Framework in practice through national training and webinars hosted by the Australian Institute of Family Studies (AIFS) Child Family Community Australia (CFCA). The Framework is the first of its kind in Australia and internationally, supporting and measuring good practice in settlement for young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds. We look forward to releasing a revised and updated version of the Framework in 2018, along with further tools and resources to support its application in practice.

2017 MYAN National Conference

Hosted by MYAN Australia in partnership with the University of Melbourne's Graduate School of Education, MYAN's first National Conference: *Young people in a Multicultural World* was held on 23rd and 24th November 2017 in Melbourne. The conference brought together over 200 delegates, representing international and local academics, policy-makers, practitioners and refugee and migrant young people. Exploring the conference the themes 'Global Citizenship', 'Education to Work' and 'Social Cohesion', delegates shared their expertise, deliberated solutions and planned a new agenda for future practice and policy.

Short Film Series

Life in Australia: Celebrating young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds

MYAN partnered with young people and filmmaker David Corlett and Lucid Productions to produce a short film series, *Life in Australia: Celebrating young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds* featuring diverse stories of young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds. Designed as training and sector development tools, the series comprises nine short clips – hearing from young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds about leaving their country, arriving in Australia, what helped them settle in Australia, belonging, identity and aspirations for the future. The film series had its premiere screening at the 2017 MYAN National Conference and have been screened in a range of settings, including with government, at national conferences, in NYSF training, and during Refugee Week 2018.

Professional Development and Training

Training on the National Youth Settlement Framework continues to be delivered across Australia, with multiple sessions delivered in QLD, NSW, VIC and TAS through our partners. Additionally, training on the NYSF was delivered to providers of the Youth Transitions Support (YTS) services, to the hYEPP (headspace Youth Early Psychosis Program) providers at their national meeting, and targeted workshops were held in QLD, NSW and VIC on using the NYSF Assessment Guides to apply the Framework in practice. MYAN also delivered 2-day training on the NYSF in Wellington, New Zealand, to the New Zealand Red Cross, to support their work in youth settlement.

National consultations and collaboration

MYAN convenes national teleconferences to facilitate national and cross-sector networking and collaboration, promote and share research initiatives and good practice, and as an important consultation mechanisms for informing our policy and advocacy work. In 2017-2018, these focused on:

- Youth Settlement Data Report 2016-2017
- Australia's Humanitarian Programme 2018-2019
- Transitions to Employment

Below left: On set for MYAN short film series, L-R: Hedayet Osyan, David Corlett, Natali Alkhouri, Mohammed Javir

Below right: 2017 MYAN National Conference



Above: Panel session in MYAN National Conference 2017

National Teleconference on Exploring Education Pathways for Young People Seeking Asylum and Young Refugees on TPVs and SHEVs

MYAN continued to co-host with Refugee Council of Australia (RCA) this national teleconference on education pathways. The quarterly national teleconference attracts participants from wide range of sectors across Australia. This teleconference forms a sub-group of the Refugee Education Special Interest Group (SIG) – a national network for supporting better education outcomes for students from refugee and asylum seeking backgrounds across Australia. MYAN co-drafted an *article* in the Settlement Council of Australia (SCOA) newsletter on the Education Pathways Teleconference and SIG as examples of good practice in collaborative action and advocacy on education outcomes.



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Youth Transition Support services

MYAN continued its national support role with the Youth Transitions Support (YTS) services. Funded through DSS Settlement Services, YTS services supports young humanitarian entrants and vulnerable migrants aged 15- 25 years to participate in work and education. YTS services improve workplace readiness, provide access to vocational opportunities, and create strong social connections through education and sports engagement. Six service providers across three states deliver YTS services.

MYAN has overseen the *independent evaluation of the YTS Pilot* period and facilitates a national Community of Practice (COP) with providers. Meeting monthly, either face-to-face or online, the COP is an important mechanism for capturing and sharing good practice, facilitating engagement with the independent evaluation and communicating with government on policy and practice. This includes developing the YTS Common Practice Framework, developing an enhanced Outcomes Framework and capturing key strategies for engaging and supporting young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds in education and employment transitions. MYAN's role in developing the National Youth Settlement Framework has provided a strong context for good practice in the YTS services.



Above: YTS Community of Practice at work

As understanding of the complexity of YTS has developed through the COP, so has the recognition of the value in exploring and capturing those aspects of its implementation that have been most effective. Beyond individual models, the types and application of innovative approaches to service delivery has emerged as a key theme of the YTS COP, and one that can contribute to the evidence base of good practice approaches for delivering settlement services to young people. The COP has responded by facilitating and supporting additional data collection and analysis on the innovative approaches of providers and documenting the complexity of these responses.

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International Engagement

2017-2018 has seen MYAN continue to share its expertise in the international arena on youth policy and programming for young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds. This has included engagement with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) headquarters in Geneva, the Compact on Young People in Humanitarian Action and in the Asia-Pacific region through the Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN).

Youth Rights in the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR)

MYAN engaged with the consultation process for the development of the Global Compact on Refugees, being one of only a few organisations promoting the rights of young people in this globally significant process in refugee protection. MYAN prepared an *Advocacy Brief on Youth Rights in the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR)* in 2017, which was endorsed by UNHCR Global Youth Advisory Council (GYAC) and presented to the High Commissioner, Filippo Grandi at UNHCR's High Commissioner's Dialogue on Protection Challenges in December. MYAN was pleased to work with UNHCR's children and youth team and its Global Youth Advisory Council (GYAC) in preparing the Advocacy Brief. This paper calls for recognition of the particular rights, needs and capabilities of young people to be better reflected in the GCR. This includes commitments to facilitating their meaningful engagement in solutions and to youth-specific policy and programming.

MYAN also made three further submissions to UNHCR as part of the consultation and drafting process in the development of the GCR, advocating for a stronger recognition of youth rights, needs and capabilities and the importance of meaningful engagement with young people in all stages of a comprehensive refugee response. MYAN collaborated with Mercy Corps, the Compact on Young People in Humanitarian Action, UNHCR's GYAC and International Council on Voluntary Agencies (ICVA) to further this agenda, and contributed to ICVA's statements delivered at the formal GCR consultations in Geneva. MYAN also joined international meetings and teleconferences hosted by ICVA as a key organisation advocating for increased recognition of youth in the GCR process.

MYAN was pleased to see that the final advance version of GCR includes much stronger language reflecting youth rights - recognition of adolescents and youth as distinct groups and important stakeholders in refugee protection.

Compact on Young People in Humanitarian Action

MYAN is a member of the Compact for Young People in Humanitarian Action and co-drafted with Mercy Corps a position paper on youth in the GCR - *Recommendations on Youth in the Global Compact on Refugees*. This was endorsed by the Compact membership in April and was submitted to UNHCR to contribute to the development of GCR.



United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

This year MYAN participated in the High Commissioner's Dialogue on Protection Challenges in December 2017 and in the UNHCR Annual Consultations with NGOs in June 2018, both held in Geneva, Switzerland. MYAN was represented at the UNHCR NGO Consultations by Chair, Carmel Guerra, National Coordinator, Nadine Liddy and Shabnam Safa. Working with the Australian delegation in its advocacy planning, MYAN prepared an advocacy paper on youth rights and played an active role in the session on Age, Gender and Diversity. MYAN continued its advocacy work with Amnesty International in relation to the resettlement of children and adolescents at risk, including unaccompanied minors, meeting with Australia's Permanent Mission in Geneva and UNHCR's Resettlement Team. We also attended sessions of the United Nations Human Rights Council, met with the Team Leader on Child and Youth Rights from the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in relation to their study on youth and human rights.

The 2018 Refugee Youth International Leadership Scholarship supported Shabnam Safa to extend her leadership and advocacy skills in the UN setting. Shabnam was part of the Australian delegation travelling to Geneva, participated in a range of activities, including engaging with UNHCR's Global Youth Advisory Council (GYAC), bi-lateral meetings with UNHCR and International Organisation for Migration (IOM) staff, and attending sessions at the Human Rights Council. Shabnam was also a delegate to the Global Summit of Refugees, hosted in Geneva prior to the annual UNHCR NGO consultations.



Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN)

MYAN is a member of the Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network and has continued its engagement in the Youth Working Group, the Australia New Zealand Working Group (ANZWG) and the Regional Protection Working Group (RPWG). We participated in the RPWG meeting in May in Bangkok, sharing good practice in youth policy and programming and advocating on youth rights in the GCR.



Top left: Nadine Liddy, MYAN National Coordinator, Filippo Grandi, UN High Commissioner for Refugees and Arash Bordbar, 2017, Geneva

Top right: Nadine Liddy, Carmel Guerra and Shabnam Safa at the UNHCR Annual Consultations with NGOs 2018, Geneva

Above: Nadine Liddy with Global Youth Advisory Council delegates at UNHCR High Commissioner's Dialogue on Protection Challenges, 2017, Geneva

Our Partners

VIC	Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY)
TAS	Multicultural Youth TAS (MyTAS)/MRC Tasmania
SA	Multicultural Youth South Australia (MYSA)
WA	MYAN WA/Youth Affairs Council of WA
NT	Melaleuca Refugee Centre
QLD	Multicultural Youth QLD (MyQ)/ Access Community Services Ltd
NSW	MYAN NSW
ACT	MYAN ACT/Youth Coalition of ACT

Our Executive

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QLD	Grace Edward
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ACT	Natasha Kumar (until January 2018)

MYAN State and Territory Advisory Network (STAN)

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