National Multicultural Youth Leadership Summit Report

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multicultural youth advocacy network (australia)
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MYAN hosted Australia’s third national multicultural youth leadership summit - 
**FUSE 2019** - from 14-17th April in Melbourne.

Building on the success of **FUSE 2014** and **FUSE 2016**, and with the themes of ‘Connect, ‘Ignite’ and ‘Trailblaze’, **FUSE 2019** was once again a unique and transformative opportunity for young Australians from refugee and migrant backgrounds to build leadership and advocacy skills, expand their networks and connect with peers from across Australia.

Over 3 days, delegates participated in skills building workshops, heard from experienced advocates working in diverse sectors, explored key issues and solutions facing young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds, and engaged with decision-makers and MPs from the state and commonwealth level. Given the timing of the federal election, **FUSE 2019** also utilised MYAN Australia’s election policy platform to inform discussions and guide advocacy on the final day ‘pitch’ to MP Tim Watts, Sen Janet Rice and Australia’s National Children’s commissioner, Megan Mitchell. Delegates presented on education and training, employment, settlement support, health and well-being and youth participation and inclusion.

### 1. Executive Summary

**FUSE 2019 OUTCOMES**

1. 88.89% of delegates indicated that they felt confident in advocacy skills after attending FUSE. This was a shift from the 39% of delegates who indicated they felt confident in the same area prior to FUSE.  

2. 99% of delegates indicated that they learnt new skills in leadership at FUSE 2019 that they thought could help them in future leadership and advocacy activities.  

3. 80% suggested they felt more confident in community organising and pitching skills after participating in FUSE 2019.  

4. 99% reported that they were likely to apply what they learned to promote their rights and interests and those of young people. The same delegates also stated that they are most likely to be involved in creating change in their communities.  

5. 70% of delegates stated that they were very likely to get involved in advocacy while 80% suggested that they were very likely to get involved in community organising/events to engage with other young people.
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TRAILBLAZE
Marking out a new path as leaders, with clear direction, ideas and plans for creating change in your communities.
2. Background

2.1 WHAT IS FUSE?

FUSE is Australia’s national 3-day multicultural youth leadership summit hosted by MYAN Australia. Building on the success of FUSE 2014 and FUSE 2016, FUSE 2019 was held in Melbourne from the 14th - 17th of April 2019. Framed by the overarching themes of ‘Connect’, ‘Ignite’, and ‘Trailblaze’, FUSE 2019 brought together 40 emerging young leaders from refugee and migrant backgrounds from across Australia to develop skills, expand networks, and engage in advocacy with decision-makers. MYAN’s national Youth Ambassadors Network (YAN) play an important role in designing and delivering FUSE. FUSE is a unique and significant leadership opportunity for young Australians from refugee, asylum-seeking and migrant backgrounds. The content and structure of the program is targeted to the needs, rights and context of young people form refugee and migrant backgrounds, with delegates supported to apply their skills and knowledge at the state and local levels post FUSE through MYAN’s partners. FUSE is designed to equip delegates with the skills, confidence, knowledge and networks to engage in creating changes in their communities, and at the state and national levels.

2.2 WHY FUSE?

FUSE is grounded in MYAN’s understanding of youth participation, advocacy and leadership for young people from refugee, asylum-seeking and migrant backgrounds. MYAN believes that young people from refugee, asylum-seeking and migrant backgrounds have unique experiences and knowledge as experts in their own lives and should be supported to identify and explore the issues impacting on them, find solutions and advocate for positive change. Meaningful youth participation for this group of young people is about equipping them with the knowledge, skills and resources to overcome barriers to meaningful participation, and providing the platforms to have their voices heard - to influence policy and programming agendas and create positive change in their communities.

This group of young people have a range of strengths and capabilities and are important actors in creating change. However, they often face particular barriers in accessing opportunities and having their voices heard. These include: limited or low English language skills, different cultural norms and values, lack of social and cultural capital, racism and discrimination, and settlement pressures (i.e. practical demands and responsibility for parents and family members). These barriers often mean that their voices are marginalised, which reduces their capacity to advocate for their needs, influence decision makers, or be supported as leaders in their communities.

MYAN Australia plays an important role in facilitating access to leadership and advocacy opportunities for young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds across Australia. Their engagement as active citizens in Australian society has significant and long-term benefits at the individual, family and community levels, and for a diverse and socially cohesive Australia. FUSE is one mechanism designed to support this.
“I feel really pumped. Once I head back to my community I will be sharing with my peers and my friends what I have learnt based on the experiences of other young leaders from different states in Australia. We had some very informative sessions and we have learnt lots, especially new ways to explore our leadership in our communities and how we can come up with ideas and new approaches, how we can get projects done and what resources are available to us to help us through that process. I’d recommend this to other young people who are eager to get out there and make a change in their community.”
2.4 FUSE AIMS

FUSE aims to provide opportunities for young Australians from refugee, asylum seeking and migrant backgrounds to:

- Share perspectives, and experiences with other young people from multicultural backgrounds from around Australia;
- Explore and strengthen leadership capabilities and aspirations;
- Build skills, confidence and networks to engage in advocacy and active citizenship;
- Apply advocacy and leadership skills and engage with decision-makers;
- Access national opportunities through networking with organisations and advocacy bodies;
- Provide an opportunity for decision-makers to engage directly with young people from multicultural backgrounds from around Australia.

2.5 FUSE DELEGATES

Thirty-five young people from refugee, asylum seeking and migrant backgrounds attended FUSE 2019. There were representatives from each state and territory and 41% of delegates were from rural, remote and regional backgrounds. Cultural backgrounds included Australian, Assyrian, Afghani, Burundian, Burmese, Canada, Chinese, Congolese, Chins-Matu, Ethiopian, Fijian, Filipino, Ghanaian, Harari, Hazara, Iraqi, Iranian, Kenyan, Liberia, Malawi, Middle-Eastern, Munyamuleng, Nepali, Nigerian, Persian, Palestinian, South Sudanese, Sierra Leonean, Sudanese, Syrian, Samoan, Ugandan and Yoruba.

Delegates were selected through a competitive application process. For many delegates, this was their first formal leadership skills development and training opportunity.

2.6 FUSE PROGRAM OVERVIEW

FUSE 2019 was specifically tailored to the leadership and advocacy context of young people from refugee, asylum-seeking and migrant backgrounds. Across 3 days, the program combined training and skills development workshops with opportunities for sharing experiences and networking among peers and between delegates and organisations. Opportunities were provided across the 3 days to engage formally and informally with more experienced advocates and decision-makers and to apply newly acquired leadership and advocacy skills – including through the final ‘Pitch’ session with MPs.

See FUSE 2019 program in the appendix.
“The way we are learning and engaging here through activities, workshops, having fun and the way we get to pitch a topic to decision makers, it’s all been amazing. The connections we all have now, we are all from different parts of Australia but the way we’ve come together it is like we have known each other for ages. It’s mind boggling to me - I was not expecting this at all.”
3. Program

3.1 WORKSHOPS

Workshops were facilitated by those with expertise in multicultural youth advocacy and leadership and included theory on advocacy and creating change with practical examples of advocacy and human rights activities, supporting young people to build on their strengths and utilise their own stories in their leadership and advocacy work. Workshops also covered topics of self-care and learning from Australia’s First Nations Peoples.

All delegates participated in the same workshops on both days. Detailed workshop descriptions can be found [here](#).

**Day 1**

*Leadership through Storytelling*  
(Mohammed Yassin and Shabnam Safa - Centre for Multicultural Youth)

*Introduction to Advocacy*  
(Anrika McCaffery and Sam Champion – YACVIC)

*Care for self, Care for the Earth, and Care for others*  
(Majdi Warda – Elemental Training)

**Day 2**

*Set-up your own Advocacy Project*  
(Shabnam Safa – Centre for Multicultural Youth and Grace Edward – QLD Representative on YAN)

*Australia’s First Nations Peoples: Sovereignty, Treaty 2019*  
(Lidia Thorpe – Former Greens MP)

3.2 EXPO

One of the objectives of FUSE is to support young people to build networks with organisations and individuals across sectors, including introductions to organisations and advocacy bodies working in relevant areas.

The EXPO session provided a structured opportunity for delegates to learn about each of the organisations and how young people might engage with them.

These organisations were: Australian Youth Climate Coalition (AYCC), Foundation for Young Australians (FYA), headspace, Oaktree, and Youth Disability Advocacy Service (YDAS). The following were also invited but were unable to attend: Amnesty International, UN Youth and (in)visible.
"I loved the diversity of speakers and sessions organised. I found the workshops very good. They provided with great information in a way that is easy to apply to my everyday life."
3.3 PANEL SESSIONS

Two panel sessions were held on Day 2 and Day 3, with experienced advocates and decision-makers.

**Advocacy Panel**

This session on Day 2 was designed as an opportunity for delegates to:

- Learn about the diversity of advocacy activities
- Learn about key elements of advocacy work
- Demonstrate and practice asking questions in public
- Build knowledge and confidence by hearing practical stories from people’s experience
- Connect with diverse experienced advocates
- Learn about key strategies for engaging with decision makers and MPs

The panellists reflected diverse advocacy experiences relevant to the youth and multicultural context. They spoke about their own journeys as advocates, challenges and successes, and provided tips and advice to emerging leaders.

Panellists were:

- Nadine Liddy, National Coordinator - Multicultural Youth Advocacy Network Australia (MYAN)
- Betul Tuna, advocate and entrepreneur from Shepparton
- Fablice Manirakiza, youth leader and musician/rapper
- Lorraine Ngwenya, Founder of Useful Link
- Shabnam Safa, youth advocate and co-founder of Noor Foundation
- Apajok Biar (via video), Chairperson and Co-Founder of South Sudan Voices of Salvation Inc., MYAN NSW Youth Ambassador

**The ‘Pitch’ Panel**

The Panel session on Day 3 provided an opportunity for young people to apply their skills and knowledge through engaging directly with decision-makers and politicians to highlight issues of concern for refugee and migrant young people in Australia, and offer solutions.

Delegates presented to the panel in small groups on the following topics:

1. Education and Training
2. Employment
3. Health and Well-being
4. Settlement Support
5. Youth Participation and Inclusion

The topics were consistent with MYAN Australia’s Federal Election Policy Platform.

Prior to giving their ‘Pitch’, delegates worked in small groups with MYAN’s partners and Youth Ambassadors Network to further explore and prioritise topics, draft and develop recommendations to put forward and to practice effective and timely delivery of their ‘Pitch’ to panelists.

Panellists in the final ‘Pitch’ session were: Tim Watts MP (Australian Labor Party), Senator Janet Rice (Australian Greens), Ms. Megan Mitchell (National Children’s Commissioner, Australian Human Rights Commission).

Young people shared personal experiences about the challenges of settling in a new country and growing up in Australia with migrant parents. They described themselves as inspired, passionate, adaptable and possessing a willingness to work hard and overcome challenges. The presentations were pitched in various forms, including storytelling and spoken word.
3.4 THE ‘PITCH’ - KEY ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Education and Training

This group conveyed the challenges faced by newly arrived migrants and refugee students in navigating an unfamiliar education system and the challenges for parents/families to support their child when they have minimal knowledge about the system, including in parent-teacher interviews. They noted that the education system was missing an overarching support system for young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds, which they believe would be addressed through their recommendations. These were:

- Working with students, families, school communities and organisations outside the school system using an interdisciplinary approach to address gaps within the system and encourage good practice sharing from around Australia.

- Supporting schools to implement processes that assisted parents/families to better understand and engage with the education system, including overcoming language barriers. This includes providing interpreters for teacher/parent meetings and running information sessions to improve understanding of education systems.

Watch a clip of the Education and Training pitch [here](#).

Employment

This group explored the impact of racism and discrimination among young people from diverse backgrounds in the employment context. They noted that these experiences led to unemployment and underemployment of young migrant and refugee communities, specifically mentioning that “27% of young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds are unemployed and or looking for a job, 49% of them have experienced some form of discrimination and 72% of these people discriminated against based on race. No matter how much experience or how qualified, young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds will experience discrimination in seeking employment.” (Multicultural Youth Australia Census Status Report 2017/18)

Recommendations were:

- Working directly between government and businesses to establish a government accreditation system that rewards businesses who can work towards being inclusive, eliminating discrimination and subconscious bias in the workplace and in recruitment processes. In order to achieve this recognition, businesses needed to embed cross cultural competency training, a commitment to diversity and employ young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds. Government could incentivise the participation of corporations in this scheme through government subsidies.

- Providing targeted support for young people from refugee and migrant communities to learn about the Australian labour market and equip them with the skills and knowledge to enable effective entry into the workforce.

Watch a clip of the Employment pitch [here](#).
Health and Wellbeing

Mental health was the focus for this group, with young people highlighting existing barriers in accessing mental health services. These included a lack of cultural responsiveness from organisations, fear from young people of not being understood, challenges within communities in understanding the concept of mental health and the stigma/taboo attached to mental health, and a limited evidence base of stories where young migrant and refugee communities have faced mental health issues which overcome stigma/negative community perceptions of mental health. The group also acknowledged the importance of the Commonwealth government’s current investment into headspace centres across Australia, but expressed concern about the accessibility to these centres for young people from migrant and refugee backgrounds.

Recommendations by the group had both a short and longer-term focus, including:

Short term:
• Ensure that cultural competency training is provided for mental health practitioners, social workers, and other allied health workers that engage directly with young refugee and migrant people to address accessibility gaps.
• Establishing peer support/safe spaces where young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds can share understandings and experiences of mental health, and form a community to address stigma and taboo within communities about mental health.

Long term:
• A strategic vision for a future where young people at risk of or experiencing mental health issues are comfortable enough to seek out youth mental health services and where these services are sensitive and responsive to their cultural context/migrant and refugee experiences.
• Creating specific, trained roles within the mental health sector for people from migrant and refugee backgrounds to facilitate access, pathways and offer appropriate support.

Settlement Support

This group focused on language as a critical component of the settlement experience for migrant and refugee young people. They highlighted that over 300 languages are spoken in Australia, however, many minority languages are not recognised by accredited national interpreter services and therefore require people to speak in their 2nd or 3rd language to engage with society, which can lead to miscommunication. They also highlighted the lack of translated materials on government services and the impact this has on navigating the settlement journey. Limitations in interpreting and translation services impacts directly on young people as they are often called on to take on the responsibility as an interpreter. This can impact negatively on family dynamics and can also hinder young people’s participation in opportunities and activities.

Delegates recommended two specific solutions to address this:
• Accreditation of languages from smaller communities, in partnership with The Australian Institute of Interpreters and Translators.
• Investment in the availability of interpreters across all sectors, but more urgently in emergency departments of hospitals and emergency services.

Watch a clip of the Health and Wellbeing pitch [here](#).

Watch a clip of the Settlement Support pitch [here](#).
Youth Participation and Inclusion

This group explored two main areas within youth participation and inclusion, namely accessibility and representation. There was reference made to the experience young people have in accessing youth services and having expectations that are not being met as services are not culturally competent and often lack representation from a wide spread of young people. They mentioned that leaders in the states and territories were not responding to their interests and needs of young people, but also felt like there was little opportunity to voice these insights.

Moreover, there was an acknowledgement of their settlement journey but a desire to want to explore more about being a young person than their journey being the sole root of identity.

Delegates expressed the consequences of these issues as affecting other parts of young people’s lives such as young pregnancy without support, contact with the judiciary system or severe mental health issues.

Their recommendations included:

- An extension of their narratives and a stop to stories that cause harm to their participation.
- The appointment of a federal level Minister for youth who can bring light to their issues.
- Designing programs and services that take into consideration: i) culturally competent frameworks which make youth services accessible, ii) sustainability in programs beyond one-off opportunities, and iii) family-centred approaches, involving their families and communities to support and addressing intergenerational conflict.

Watch a clip of the Youth Participation and Inclusion pitch [here](#).
4. **FUSE 2019 Outcomes**

This section outlines the feedback collected from delegates through a group feedback session at the conclusion of the summit and an online survey.

Overwhelmingly delegates reported that FUSE 2019 was a successful event and achieved a range of outcomes for all the delegates. Majority of delegates expressed interest in future advocacy work in their local communities and with MYAN.

### 4.1 SKILLS AND FUTURE ADVOCACY

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4.3 ENGAGEMENT WITH PARLIAMENTARIANS AND DECISION-MAKERS

Delegates found the opportunity to engage with the ‘Pitch’ panel a valuable opportunity and were overall satisfied with their interaction. Delegates were especially grateful for the questions that the panel asked as this was an indication of their interest to the group on the selected issues.

The majority of delegates (83%) found the pitch a useful opportunity in applying the skills they had acquired in the leadership and advocacy capacity-building workshops. Comments from delegates suggest that the value in this session lies largely with the opportunity to directly engage with parliamentarians and decision-makers and expressed gratitude to the panel for making the time to attend FUSE 2019.

“FUSE 2019 was productive and worth every minute.”
5. Appendix

MYAN
Multicultural Youth Advocacy Network (Australia)

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.

MYAN works in partnership with young people, government and the non-government sectors to promote the rights and interests of young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds and ensure these are recognised in policy and practice.

We facilitate national connections between young people, academics, policy makers and practitioners, provide policy expertise, provide youth leadership opportunities and develop capacity building resources.

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.

For more information and to learn about your state or territory affiliated in, and contributors to, Australian society.

Connect with MYAN on our social channels - share your ideas, thoughts and experience at FUSE with us, our broader networks and each other using the event hashtag - and don’t forget to tag us!

MYAN organisation visit www.myan.org.au

FUSE Program 2019 Program

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Welcome to FUSE 2019!

Following the incredible success of FUSE 2014 and FUSE 2016, MYAN is thrilled to be bringing together 40 emerging young leaders from across Australia for a jam-packed 3-days focussed on leadership, advocacy and creating positive change.

FUSE is the only national multicultural youth event of its kind and MYAN is excited to be welcoming an amazing range of facilitators, advocates, community organisers and decision makers to share their expertise and experience with you.

FUSE 2019 is all about building and applying your skills, knowledge and networks to address the issues that matter to you – to Connect, Ignite and Trailblaze!

We hope you have a wonderful, rewarding and inspiring experience that motivates you to return to your communities and work on the issues and ideas you are most passionate about.

FUSE is all about experiencing new things, building your knowledge, challenging yourself and sharing your passion and ideas with others. Based on these ideas, the summit is centred around these themes:

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REMINDERS

• Check out MYAN’s Election Platform - the upcoming Federal Election is an important focal point for FUSE 2019.
• ‘Pockets of Praise’ - Don’t forget to write down some words of encouragement and thank you notes for others.
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Day 1 – Monday 15th April

8.45 – 9.30am Welcome to Country
Wurundjeri Tribe, Wurundjeri Tribe Land Council

9.30 – 10.00am Team Building Activity
MYAN Youth Ambassadors;
June Ala, Gucca Edward, CaCe
Hyton-Dai, Rasa Islam, Naranjan
Khanal, Magda Mohamed–Gamar
& Tania Hall

10.00 – 11.30 SESSION 1
GROUP A Leadership through Advocacy
CMY

GROUP B Care for Self, Care for Earth,
Care for Each Other
Elemental Training

GROUP C Introduction to Advocacy
YACVic

11.30 – 12.00 MORNING TEA

12.00 – 1.30 SESSION 2
GROUP A Introduction to Advocacy
YACVic

GROUP B Care for Self, Care for Earth,
Care for Each Other
Elemental Training

GROUP C Leadership styles & culturally
competent leadership
CMY

1.30 – 2.15 LUNCH

Day 2 – Tuesday 16th April

8.45 – 9.15 Welcome, Check-in & overview of Day 2
MYAN Youth Ambassadors

9.15 – 10.45 SESSION 4
GROUP A Set up your own advocacy project
CMY

GROUP B Australia’s First Nations: Peoples, Sovereignty, Treaty 2019
Lila Thorpe & Meriki Onus

10.45 – 11.15 MORNING TEA

11.15 – 12.45 SESSION 5
GROUP A Australia’s First Nations: Peoples, Sovereignty, Treaty 2019
Lila Thorpe & Meriki Onus

GROUP B Set up your own advocacy project
CMY

12.45 – 1.30 LUNCH

1.30 – 2.15 SESSION 6
MYAN Australia

Planning your pitch

2.15 – 3.15 SESSION 7
Facilitator: Lorraine Ngwatjes
Apajik Bar de video
Nadine Liddy
Fabrice Hienouke
Shahnem Sao
Beto Tunes
David Vincent

ORIENTATION - Monday 15th April 2019

9.00 – 1700 Delegate arrive in Melbourne

14.00 onwards Registration and Check In @ Hotel Jasar, 409 Elizabeth Street, CBD

18.00 Pre-FUSE get together @ Community Hall, The Deck
Music performance
Event opener & introduction, overview of the program & housekeeping
Ice breaker Activity
Music Performance

19.20 DINNER

19.50 – 21.00 Meet and greet
Moderator: Celia Tran
MYAN Youth Ambassadors
Nadine Liddy

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- Pictures of FUSE - Don’t forget to write down some words of encouragement and
support for your fellow delegates throughout FUSE.
- Emergency contact details are on the back of your lanyard
- In case of emergency, contact – Nadine Liddy, 0437 807 136
- Keep an eye out for photography opportunities throughout the event
- We make you to be part of an exciting advocacy project - come and share your
ideas with us in the filming booth!
- Check out MYAN’s Election Platform - the upcoming Federal Election is an important
focal point for FUSE 2019.
- Please ensure you read through the Code of Conduct and Social Media Guidelines
provided in your showbag and always participate respectfully.

FUSE Program 2019
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GROUP A Set up your own advocacy

GROUP B Australia’s First Nations

11.30 - 1.00 SESSION 10

Facilitated by Nadine Liddy

MP Panel Pitch: 5 minute presentation to MPs in small groups

11.30 – 1.00 LUNCH

12.30 – 2.30 Evaluation activity

Facilitated by Nadine Liddy

Facilitated by MYAN Youth Ambassadors

MYAN Youth Ambassadors

MYAN Australia

Day 3 - Wednesday 17th April

6.30 – 7.30 DINNER & FREE TIME

8.00 – 8.45 HOTEL CHECK OUT

8.45 – 9.15 Welcome, Check-in and overview of Day 1

Facilitated by Shabnam Safa

MYAN Youth Ambassadors

MYAN Australia

11.30 – 1.30 LUNCH

2.15 – 3.30 Event wrap-up & closing

Facilitated by Sam Champion & Annika McCaffrey

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WORKSHOPS

INTRODUCTION TO ADVOCACY

Facilitated by Sam Champion & Annika McCaffroy

This introduction to advocacy informs and inspires young people about change and advocacy concepts and activities. The workshop looks at what advocacy is and how it works - from the big picture to real life examples. The focus will be on practical activities that allow young people to engage with the different forms advocacy may take in practice. MYCN is the leading advocate for young people aged 12-25 in Victoria

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SET UP YOUR OWN ADVOCACY PROJECT

Facilitated by Shailshen Saha

This session will explore the ‘Dos and Don’ts’ of starting your own project or becoming an advocate. It will include an issue of interest. We will focus on the bigger why, to-based by a deeper dive into the various stages of project development and management and highlight practical tips and tricks to walk away with.

The Centre for Multicultural Youth is a not-for-profit organisation based in Victoria, providing valuable knowledge and support to young people from migrant and refugee backgrounds. CMY offers is that young people from migrant and refugee backgrounds and connect, empower and influence Australians.

WORKSHOPS

LEADERSHIP THROUGH STORYTELLING

Facilitated by Mohammed Yasim

CMY considers leadership as an action you take (rather than a role that you hold) to make positive change. This session will explore the use of storytelling as a leadership action and advocacy tool by exploring the personal values motivating your leadership. Through experiential learning, you will refine your action to create impact and support a key message for change.

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CARE FOR SELF, CARE FOR EARTH, CARE FOR EACH OTHER

Facilitated by Majidi Warda

In this workshop we will turn our focus inward and consider the importance of balance in a busy world. Participants will be equipped with practical self-care assessment tools to lead a life based on the principles of care.

Elemental Training programs have been created following twenty years of experience with children and young people in educational settings and youth services. Blending resources for personal wellness with earth stewardship and community connection, Elemental programs are designed to ensure young people are practically equipped to lead a life based on the principles of care – care for self, care for earth and care for each other.

AUSTRALIA’S FIRST NATIONS PEOPLES: SOVEREIGNTY, TREATY 2019

Facilitated by Lidia Thorpe & Meriki Onus

This workshop will provide an opportunity for FUSE delegates to talk with, listen and learn from members of Australia’s First Nations People, including evening about reconciliation and a treaty.

Lidia Turlunga-Gundigua woman, Roland & Brereton the Long, Wurundjeri country. She is the baby of a two in the Victorian Parliament. A lifetime advocate for Aboriginal peoples and family voice. She has fought for the rights and voices of Nations. Clara and states to have a voice in current treaty talks. Lidia aims to unite people through the mutual traditions of environmental activism and Aboriginal peoples’ goal to bring countries. Lidia’s work and life experiences fuel her passion for social justice, equity and social justice actions such as Gunners Against Removal, education, health, LGBTIQA+, housing and family science.

Meriki Onus, is from the Guna and Gundgai Nations and one of the co-founders of Aboriginal Resistance (ARR). Working with Aboriginal Resistance (ARR) was established in 2004 as a collective of young Aboriginal people committed to decolonization, resistance and revitalization, and the amplification of community voices through protest.

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and family violence. This life experience fuels her passion for a more just and equitable society across areas of activism and Aboriginal peoples’ approach to caring for country. Lidia’s work and leadership have earned her recognition as one of Australia’s leading Aboriginal activists and commentators who has fought for self-determination and community control. Lidia is a One Nation for One World – Reconciliation and a treaty.

Facilitated by Lidia Thorpe & Meriki Onus

AUSTRALIA’S FIRST NATIONS PEOPLES: WORKSHOPS

LORRAINE NGUYEN (M)

Lorraine Nguyen is the Founder of Useful Link – an organisation that seeks to empower young people in areas of employment and education. This organisation runs workshops in schools, helping students solve problems for their futures and as a result get some remarkable results. Lorraine is invested in being a part of the conversation and work around changing our education system to reflect where the workplace is headed.

NADINE LIDDY

Nadine Liddy is the National Coordinator of the MHR and has worked in the youth and multicultural sectors for over 25 years. Nadine has a background in service delivery with young people from migrant and refugee backgrounds and has also worked extensively in policy, advocacy and sector development in relation to multicultural youth issues. Nadine has also worked in the international context, undertaking research and advocacy on refugees and asylum seeker issues and supporting young people in international and regional advocacy opportunities.

SHABNAM SABA

Shabnam grew up as an Afghan refugee in Pakistan before she called Australia home at the age of 21. Since then, she has persistently worked to positively shift the way our communities see and talk about a young, former refugee, woman of colour. She is passionate about empowering and motivating young women to realise their potential, follow their aspirations and keep challenging traditional stereotypes and the status quo.

Having worked in Australia, India and Germany to promote education and global citizenship, she has co-founded two not for profit organisations helping young people reflect where the workplace is headed.

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**VOICES UNBOUND CHOIR**

Voices Unbound is newly formed young singer’s choir that draws its repertoire from contemporary as well as traditional sounds from the various cultural communities represented in the choir. Created by The Boite, and led by sensational Australian-Chilean singer Ximena Abarca, its singers develop their technique, learn the rhythms and harmonies of various styles of music and explore their own creativity writing and arranging songs collaboratively. Overall, the project aims to produce important social and emotional shifts in the participating youth, including opportunities to develop significant connections across cultural and language boundaries, increased social inclusion and sense of belonging, increased confidence and sense of self-worth, among others.

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**AUSTRALIAN YOUTH CLIMATE COALITION**

The Australian Youth Climate Coalition (AYCC) is Australia’s largest youth-run organisation, our mission is to build a movement of young people leading solutions to the climate crisis.

**FOUNDATION FOR YOUNG AUSTRALIANS**

FYA is a national independent non-profit organisation dedicated to delivering a range of initiatives (co)designed with young people. FYA aims to develop the skills, networks and ideas of young Australians so they can create a better future.

**HEADSPACE**

Headpace is the National Youth Mental Health Foundation providing early intervention mental health services to 12-25 year-olds, along with assistance in promoting young people's wellbeing.

**UN YOUTH**

UN Youth Australia are one of Australia’s largest youth-led organisations, educating and empowering young Australians to build the people movement for the United Nations.

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The Youth Disability Advocacy Service (YDAS) is Victoria’s only advocacy service that works directly with young people with disability to ensure their human rights

**IN(VI)SIBLE**

(in)visible is a community-driven program that connects queer and trans people from diverse cultural and religious backgrounds (QTPOC) aged 18-25 through workshops and events.