

# MYAN Achievements



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*Above: Some of  
the FUSE 2019  
delegates with  
Lydia Thorpe  
(centre).*

# About Us

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Multicultural Youth Advocacy Network Australia (MYAN) is the national peak body representing the rights and interests of young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds, and those who work with them.

MYAN works in partnership with young people, government and non-government agencies to ensure that the particular rights and needs of young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds are recognised and addressed in policy and service delivery.

MYAN facilitates national connections between young people, academics, policy makers and practitioners, provides expert policy advice, develops capacity building resources and provides youth leadership

opportunities, so that young people can influence the national and international agenda.

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 our partners across Australia, to support the development of MYAN-affiliated organisations and networks at the state and territory level. In 2019, MYAN has partners across Australia. Through these partners, we provide a nationally consistent approach to addressing the rights and interests of young people across Australia.

*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.*

*Below: Chol Jok (NT), Mary Harm (QLD) and Grace Edward (QLD)*

## 2018-2019 Message from the Chair

2018-2019 has been another rewarding year for MYAN, representing the rights and interests of young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds in policy and advocacy, research, sector development, youth leadership and in the international arena.

In the lead up to the 2019 federal election, we wanted to make sure that the particular issues impacting on young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds were understood and conveyed to key decision makers. This informed our Federal Election Policy Platform and Election Report Card. Our Youth Ambassadors Network (YAN) has been active in a range of settings, engaging with diverse sectors and decision-makers at the national level and FUSE 2019 once again delivered a successful and transformative three-day leadership event for young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds across the country - Australia's only national multicultural youth leadership summit.

Our sector capacity building work saw the release of resources and professional development on the National Youth Settlement Framework continue to be delivered through our state and territory partners. And we continued to share our expertise in youth participation, policy and sector capacity building in the regional and international context.

We would like to thank our funding bodies for supporting a co-ordinated approach to youth settlement policy and service delivery in Australia.

To our state/territory partners, thank you for your partnership support and commitment to MYAN.

Finally, thank-you MYAN staff team for your dedication to ensuring we are Australia's trusted national voice on multicultural youth issues.

### **Carmel Guerra OAM**

Chair, MYAN

CEO, Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY)





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# Policy, Advocacy and Research

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Through our policy, advocacy and research work, MYAN provides credible and informed 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 in this work 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 national networks across the youth and settlement sectors inform all our policy and advocacy work.

MYAN is committed to advancing the body of knowledge and evidence regarding the experiences of young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds. In 2018-2019 we continued to prepare a number of submissions to government and produce a range of publications.

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*Above: FUSE 2019 delegates.*

# MYAN Submissions

## July 2018 / June 2019

### (NATIONAL)

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#### AUGUST 2018

- Supplementary submission to the Joint Standing Committee on Migration: *Inquiry on Review Processes Associated with Visa Cancellations*
- Submission to Department of Jobs and Small Business: *The Next Generation of Employment Services: Discussion paper*

#### AUGUST 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 (CROC)*

#### SEPTEMBER 2018

- Submission to the Senate Standing Committee Education and Employment: *The Appropriateness and Effectiveness of the Objectives, Design, Implementation and Evaluation of jobactive*
- Submission to the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit on Australian Government Funding: *Schools and Indigenous Health - Inquiry based on Auditor-General's reports No. 18 and 50 (2017-18)*

#### NOVEMBER 2018

- Contribution to Australian Child Rights Taskforce *Children's Report: Australia's NGO coalition report to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child*

#### DECEMBER 2018

- Submission to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee: *Inquiry on Migration Amendment (Strengthening the Character Test) Bill 2018*



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### JANUARY 2019

- Submission to the *Independent Panel for Review into Integration, Employment, and Settlement Outcomes for Refugees and Humanitarian Entrants*

### MARCH 2019

- Submission to the Department of Home Affairs: *Australia's 2019-2020 Migration Program Discussion Paper*

### APRIL 2019

- Submission to the Productivity Commission: *Inquiry into the Social and Economic Benefits of Improving Mental Health*
- Submission on the *Evaluation of the AMEP New Business Model (NBM)*

### JUNE 2019

- Submission on *Review of the Melbourne Declaration*

## Public hearings and consultations

- UNHCR Roundtable on Reception and Care Arrangements for Asylum-Seeking Children, Bangkok – **October, 2018**
- Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN) 7th Asia Pacific Consultations on Refugee Rights – **October, 2018**
- Senate Inquiry into the Appropriateness and Effectiveness Of The Objectives, Design, Implementation And Evaluation Of Jobactive – **November, 2018**
- Australian Youth Affairs Coalition (AYAC) National Youth Summit – **November, 2018**
- Consultation with Minister Coleman: Australia's 2019-2020 Humanitarian Program – **March, 2019**

## Presentations

- Australian Institute of Family Studies (AIFS) Conference Symposium, *Young People From Refugee and Migrant Backgrounds In Australia: Facilitating Their Active Citizenship* – **August, 2018**
- University of Melbourne Children's Lives Research Initiative and the National Children's Commissioner: *National Child and Youth Forum* – **September, 2018**
- National Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) Conference – **September, 2018**
- International Metropolis Conference – **October, 2018**
- The Forum of Australian Services for Survivors of Torture and Trauma (FASSTT), Australia and New Zealand Trauma Recovery in Resettlement Conference – **March, 2019**
- Families Australia Child Aware Conference, 'Children, Young People, Families: Our Concern | Our Responsibility | Our Future' – **May, 2019**
- UNSW Forced Migration Research Network, Seminar on Refugee Children and Unaccompanied Minors – **May, 2019**
- Compact on Young People in Humanitarian Action, Annual Compact Meeting, Geneva – **June 2019**
- DSS Refugee Week – **June, 2019**



## Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) Reporting

MYAN once again worked with the Australian Child Rights Taskforce and the National Children's Commissioner, Megan Mitchell, to inform submissions to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child as part of the treaty reporting cycle. This was an important opportunity to highlight some of the key concerns for children and young people from refugee, asylum seeking and migrant backgrounds in Australia in relation to the implementation of the CRC.

MYAN was heavily involved in the preparation of both reports by providing written submissions, participating in stakeholder meetings, and conducting a survey with young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds. MYAN was pleased to see that the need for targeted, youth specific settlement services; lack of nationally consistent youth specific data; racism and discrimination; and visa cancellations have been included in these reports.

## Australian Youth Affairs Coalition National Youth Summit

MYAN continues to be represented by the Australian Youth Affairs Coalition (AYAC) Board and participated in the National Youth Summit in November, 2018, coming together with other youth peaks, youth-focused organisations, experts, young people and commissioners from across Australia to discuss action towards putting youth on the national agenda and advocating top policy priorities to address youth issues in Australia.

MYAN was represented by Acting National Coordinator, Andrew Cummings, and MYAN NSW Youth Ambassador Apajok Biar. Apajok spoke about the need for a strong national peak body to represent all young Australians, with a particular focus on ensuring that young people from all backgrounds are heard; and the necessity of a human rights-based approach to young people's participation.

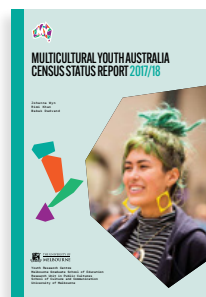
*Below: National Children's Commissioner, Megan Mitchell with youth delegates at the National Children and Youth Forum, Research Leader, Professor Lisa Gibbs and MYAN National Manager, Nadine Liddy.*



## Advisory and Working Groups

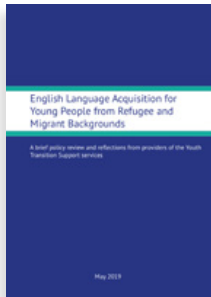
- Australian Human Rights Commission, Child Safe Organisations
- Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APPRN), Youth Working Group, Regional Protection Working Group
- Australian Youth Affairs Coalition (AYAC), Board member
- Australia's Child Rights Taskforce
- Department of Human Services (DHS) National Multicultural Advisory Group (NMAG)
- Department of Home Affairs, NGO Dialogue
- End Child Detention Coalition (ECDC)
- Mental Health in Multicultural Australia, CALD Stakeholder Working Group
- National Education Roundtable Steering Committee
- Our Watch, National Respectful Relationships Expert Education Group
- Refugee Education Special Interest Group (SIG) Steering Committee
- Visa Cancellations Working Group
- Welcoming Cities Advisory Committee

## Research and Publications



### MY Australia Census

The Multicultural Youth Census Status Report 2017-2018 was launched in January 2019 and was produced through a collaboration between the University of Melbourne, MYAN Australia and a range of government and community organisations from around Australia. The report is the first national study of its kind and presents rich insight into how young people from diverse cultural backgrounds are faring, socially, economically and culturally. The report is to be used to help policy makers and organisations who work with young people from diverse backgrounds develop better policies and programs that will enrich the lives of multicultural youth and contribute to the social cohesion of Australian society.



## English Language Acquisition for Young People from Refugee and Migrant Backgrounds

This paper was prepared by MYAN with Youth Transitions Support (YTS) service providers through the YTS Community of Practice (COP). The YTS COP was established to support an independent evaluation of the YTS pilot, facilitate collaboration and reflection on good practice and document YTS practice. It was coordinated by MYAN.

This paper highlights the perspectives of YTS providers and draws on MYAN's policy work to provide an overview of recent research, policy and programming into the acquisition of English language skills in Australia by recently arrived young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds. It provides an overview of gaps, barriers and strategies for strengthening young people's English language acquisition as identified by YTS providers.

**Federal Election 2019 Report Card Snapshot**  
How the key parties measure up on their commitments to young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds

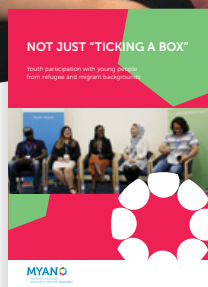
	Liberal/National Coalition	Australian Labor Party	Australian Greens	MYAN Key asks
<b>Youth Affairs</b>	No commitments	Review for Youth Transitions Support \$1.5 million for 500 additional youth jobs	Review Youth Transitions Support National Youth Affairs Fund Study	Expand Youth Transitions Support Expand national youth services study Expand Youth Fund
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<b>English Language Learning</b>	Expand commitment for \$100 million for 2020-21 Expand commitment for \$100 million for 2020-21	Expand commitment for \$100 million for 2020-21 Expand commitment for \$100 million for 2020-21	Expand commitment for \$100 million for 2020-21 Expand commitment for \$100 million for 2020-21	Expand commitment for \$100 million for 2020-21 Expand commitment for \$100 million for 2020-21

## MYAN's Federal Election Policy Platform & Scorecard

In the lead up to the Federal Election, MYAN prepared a *Federal Election Policy Platform* and *Report Card Snapshot*.

The *Policy Platform* and *Summary Platform* identified eight priority areas for young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds. Using the National Youth Settlement Framework as a basis, the platforms highlight what the Federal Government could do to enable the active and sustained participation of young people in Australian society – by investing in programs and strategies that advance a strong, cohesive, multicultural community. The eight key areas identified by MYAN were: Education and Training, Employment, English Language Learning, Settlement Support, Housing, Participation and Inclusion, Health and Wellbeing, and Asylum Seekers and TPVs.

The *Report Card Snapshot* compared how the key parties measured up on commitments to young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds and how they were tracking against MYAN's 2019 *Federal Election Platform*.



Above: The panel at Metropolis conference where 'Not Just Ticking a Box' was launched, October 2018.

### Not Just "Ticking a Box": youth participation with young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds

Launched at the international Metropolis 2018 conference in Sydney in October 2018, this resource aims to help organisations consider ways they can support and enable young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds to participate in decisions that affect them. Converging theory and practice, and informed by consultations with young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds and practitioners, the resource includes a participation model outlining barriers, opportunities and ways to address barriers to the participation of young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds. It includes examples of good practice through national and local case studies and a practical tips and checklist section.

### National Data Report on Youth Settlement Trends 2017-2018

In April, we released the *2017-2018 Data Report on Youth Settlement Trends* which provides a comprehensive overview of national trends in youth settlement in the Humanitarian and broader Migration Programme, looking at demographic data, state and territory trends, religion, English language and visa sub-classes. Using the latest data from the Department of Social Services (DSS) the snapshot provides a national overview on youth arrivals from family, skilled and humanitarian programme streams. This report builds on the information sheets providing national data on yearly humanitarian youth arrivals that MYAN has been preparing since 2008.



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## Youth Leadership and Engagement

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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, and by supporting young people to engage in advocacy opportunities with government and in national conferences and consultations, and supporting young people to develop leadership skills, and engage in national and international advocacy opportunities.

*Pictured: YAN training at CMY, Dec 2018.*

## Youth Ambassadors Network (YAN)

The YAN was established in 2015 as a key mechanism for young people from across Australia to engage directly with and inform the work of MYAN. The YAN are a group of passionate young advocates working with MYAN's partners in their state or territory, and collectively in the national arena through MYAN Australia, to positively impact the lives of young people across Australia.

The YAN provides young people with an opportunity to strengthen their leadership and advocacy skills and access opportunities to influence the national agenda on multicultural youth issues.

### In 2018-2019, YAN activities included:

- Participating in facilitation and project management training held in Melbourne in November 2018.
- Participating as panellists at national events, including the *Families Australia Child Aware Conference, Metropolis 2018*.
- Participating in consultations for the development of MYAN's Youth Participation resource *Not Just "Ticking a Box"*.
- Participating in the *National Inquiry into the Appropriateness and Effectiveness of the Objectives, Design and Implementation and Evaluation of jobactive*.
- Engaging with MYAN's digital advocacy campaigns including International Youth Day 2018 and Refugee Week 2019.
- Co-designing and delivering of *FUSE 2019* (MYAN Australia's bi-annual national multicultural youth summit).
- Supporting the recruitment of MYAN's Youth Ambassadors Network 2019 – 21.

## FUSE 2019

MYAN hosted Australia's third national multicultural youth leadership summit, FUSE 2019 from 14-17th April, 2019 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 three days, delegates participated in skills building workshops, heard from experienced advocates working in diverse sectors, explored key issues facing young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds, and engaged with decision-makers and MPs at the state and federal 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 themes of education and training, employment, settlement support, health and well-being and youth participation and inclusion.

*FUSE 2019* saw the development of delegates' leadership and advocacy skills, confidence, knowledge and networks – returning to their respective states and territories to apply these skills in creating positive change in their communities.

For the full report on FUSE 2019:  
[myan.org.au/reports-publications/fuse-2019-report](https://myan.org.au/reports-publications/fuse-2019-report)

Watch the FUSE video here:  
<https://youtu.be/f3ANSYrrKIM>



## Digital Advocacy

MYAN has continued its digital advocacy on issues impacting young people from refugee and migrant background and recognising their positive contributions to Australian society. In 2018-2019, MYAN led digital campaigns for *Refugee Week* and *International Youth Day*, which included creative submissions by young people in our networks to promote the voices of young people.

## MYAN Space for Youth

Following the launch of MYAN Australia's online youth engagement platform, *MYAN Space for Youth*, this platform has continued to grow, with over 135 young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds across Australia accessing information on national and state and territory-based opportunities and events. The platform continues to be a positive mechanism for youth community building.

*Below: MYAN's Refugee Week campaign, June 2019.*



## Australian Human Rights Commission Young People's Human Rights Medal

In 2018, MYAN Australia nominated several young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds for the *AHRC Young People's Human Rights Medal*. Two of the nominees, Narayan Khanal (NSW YAN representative) and Apajok Biar (MYAN NSW Youth Ambassador) were selected as finalists for this award. The *Young People's Human Rights Medal* is awarded to an individual, under the age of 25 years, who has made an outstanding contribution to advancing human rights in Australia. Congratulations to Narayan and Apajok.

*Above: AHRC Awards Finalists Narayan Khanal and Apajok Biar.*





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## Sector Development, Professional Development and Training

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.

*Above: Youth Leadership Training for MYAN representatives, CMY Carlton*

## National Youth Settlement Framework (NYSF)

It's now almost three years since MYAN released the NYSF Australia's first national framework to support and benchmark good practice in youth settlement. Since its release in 2016, over 1,000 people have participated in NYSF training, webinars and workshops across Australia, and MYAN has presented on the NYSF internationally.

In 2018-2019, training on the NYSF continued to be delivered across Australia through MYAN partners to staff and volunteers from government and non-government organisations seeking to strengthen their knowledge and practice supporting young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds.

## National Consultations and Collaborations

MYAN convenes national teleconferences to facilitate national and cross-sector networking and collaboration, promote and share research initiatives and good practice as important consultation mechanisms for informing our policy and advocacy work. In 2018-2019, these were:

### **Webinar: Working with Young People from Refugee and Migrant Backgrounds: Applying the National Youth Settlement Framework (NYSF) in Mainstream Service**

This year, MYAN once again collaborated with the Australian Institute of Family Studies (AIFS), Community, Family, Community Australia (CFCA) who hosted a webinar in late November, 2018 entitled: Working with Young People from Refugee and Migrant Backgrounds: Applying the National Youth Settlement Framework (NYSF) in Mainstream Services. This webinar built upon previous webinars hosted with MYAN to focus on recent developments with the NYSF and its application in mainstream services.

The webinar examined newly developed assessment guides designed to support the planning and evaluation of programs and activities for young people, as well as the launch of a new resource focusing on the participation of young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds, one of the good practice capabilities outlined in the NYSF. The webinar also shared the experiences of a recent collaboration facilitated by Multicultural Youth Tasmania (MyT) to embed the framework within a mainstream youth-focused program.

Speakers included Andrew Cummings, MYAN Acting National Coordinator and Sally Thompson, MyTeamLeader. The webinar live streamed in late November and was attended by approximately 250 representatives from 99 organisations across Australia.

### **National Teleconference on Mental Health Service Provision for Young People from Refugee and Migrant Backgrounds: Developing a Best Practice Framework**

MYAN hosted a national consultation to hear directly from those working with young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds about mental health issues affecting young people and how mental health services can best support the mental health and well-being of young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds.

Participants from a range of sectors, including education and training, settlement, government and health services came together from across Australia to share valuable insights on current gaps in service provision and examples of good practice in mental health services for young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds. This consultation was part of a research project being conducted by the Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY) in Victoria, assessing mental health services for young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds.

### **Productivity Commission's Inquiry into the Social and Economic Benefits of Improving Mental Health**

MYAN convened a national teleconference on the *Productivity Commission's Inquiry into the Social and Economic Benefits of Improving Mental Health* to include views from around Australia on the experiences and social and economic benefits of improving mental health for young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds.

### **Youth Leadership Training for MYAN partners**

MYAN continued to support its state and territory partners through a 'train the trainers' session on youth leadership in Melbourne in September 2018. MYAN's State and Territory Network (STAN) members participated in two days of intensive training on innovative ways to support youth leadership, including a variety of multicultural youth-specific leadership training modules. The training served as a platform to exchange ideas about current work and future plans for improvements for youth leadership across the MYAN network.



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## Youth Transition Support services

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MYAN continued its national support role with the Youth Transitions Support (YTS) services until December 2018. Funded through the Department of Social Services (DSS), YTS services support 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 delivered YTS services.

MYAN supported the YTS Community of Practice (COP), with YTS providers meeting monthly, either face-

to-face or online. The COP remained an important mechanism for coordinating, capturing and sharing good practice, including commonalities across the YTS services, facilitating engagement with Phase 2 of the YTS independent evaluation and communicating with government on policy and practice.

MYAN acknowledges the importance of COP structures to strengthen good practice, practitioner collaboration and service coordination (at the local and state levels), as well as developing methodologies for measuring settlement outcomes. We thank the YTS providers and DSS for their contributions to a successful and effective YTS COP.

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## International Engagement

2018-2019 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).

*Above: Compact on Young People in Humanitarian Action, Annual Compact Meeting, Geneva*

## Roundtable on Reception and Care Arrangements for Asylum-Seeking Children

10-11 October 2018  
Bangkok, Thailand



Above: MYAN Chair, Carmel Guerra at the Roundtable on Reception and Care Arrangements for Asylum-Seeking Children, Bangkok, October 2018.

In 2018-2019, MYAN has continued its international engagement, including:

### **United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)**

MYAN's Chair, Carmel Guerra, presented at a UNHCR regional Roundtable on *Reception and Care Arrangements for Asylum-Seeking Children* in Bangkok in October 2018. Carmel also presented a workshop on good practice in youth settlement programs, demonstrating Australian examples and the work of MYAN and its partners.

### **Compact on Young People in Humanitarian Action**

As a member of the Compact for Young People in Humanitarian Action, MYAN participated in the annual Compact meeting in Geneva in June 2019. MYAN worked with Mercy Corps to organise a panel of young people from around the world to share their perspectives on youth leadership at the Compact meeting and was delighted to have Apajok Biar from Australia join the panel as moderator.

MYAN's National Coordinator, Nadine Liddy, also had the opportunity to share MYAN's capacity building work in youth leadership and advocacy and learn about the work of others, at the Compact deep dive technical side session hosted by UNHCR.

### **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 7th Asia Pacific Consultation on Refugee Rights in Bangkok in September 2018, sharing good practice and advocating for more targeted approaches to addressing the rights and needs of young people in policy and programming.

## Our Partners

<b>VIC</b>	Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY)*
<b>TAS</b>	Multicultural Youth TAS (MyTAS) MRC Tasmania
<b>WA</b>	MYAN WA/Youth Affairs Council of WA
<b>NT</b>	Melaleuca Refugee Centre
<b>QLD</b>	Multicultural Youth QLD (MyQ)/ Access Community Services Ltd
<b>NSW</b>	MYAN NSW
<b>ACT</b>	MYAN ACT/Youth Coalition of ACT

## Our Governance Group

<b>VIC</b>	Carmel Guerra (Chair)
<b>TAS</b>	Gillian Long
<b>WA</b>	Ross Wortham
<b>NT</b>	Kwarme Selormey
<b>QLD</b>	Kenny Duke
<b>NSW</b>	Valentina Angelovska
<b>ACT</b>	Justin Barker

## Our Staff

### **National Coordinator**

Nadine Liddy

### **Youth Leadership Officer**

Mehak Sheikh

### **FUSE Project Support Officer**

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### **Policy and Advocacy Officer**

Derya Koksal (until March 2019) and Shannon White

### **Media and Communications Officer**

Christine Butcher

## MYAN Youth Ambassadors Network (YAN)

<b>VIC</b>	Tasnia Rafi
<b>TAS</b>	Magda Mohamed Gamar
<b>SA</b>	CeCe Hylton-Dei
<b>WA</b>	Rasa Islam
<b>NT</b>	Jane Alia
<b>QLD</b>	Grace Edward
<b>NSW</b>	Narayan Khanal

## MYAN State and Territory Advisory Network (STAN)

<b>VIC</b>	Duré de Winter
<b>TAS</b>	Sally Thompson
<b>WA</b>	Tamkin Essa
<b>NT</b>	Laura Quirk, Michael Campbell
<b>QLD</b>	Jessica Ward / Monica Rivas
<b>NSW</b>	Alex Long / Hannah Lai
<b>ACT</b>	Hannah Watts

\*MYAN is auspiced by the Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY) in Victoria.

The logo for MYANO, featuring the word "MYANO" in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The letter "O" is replaced by a circular icon composed of several small white dots arranged in a ring.

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