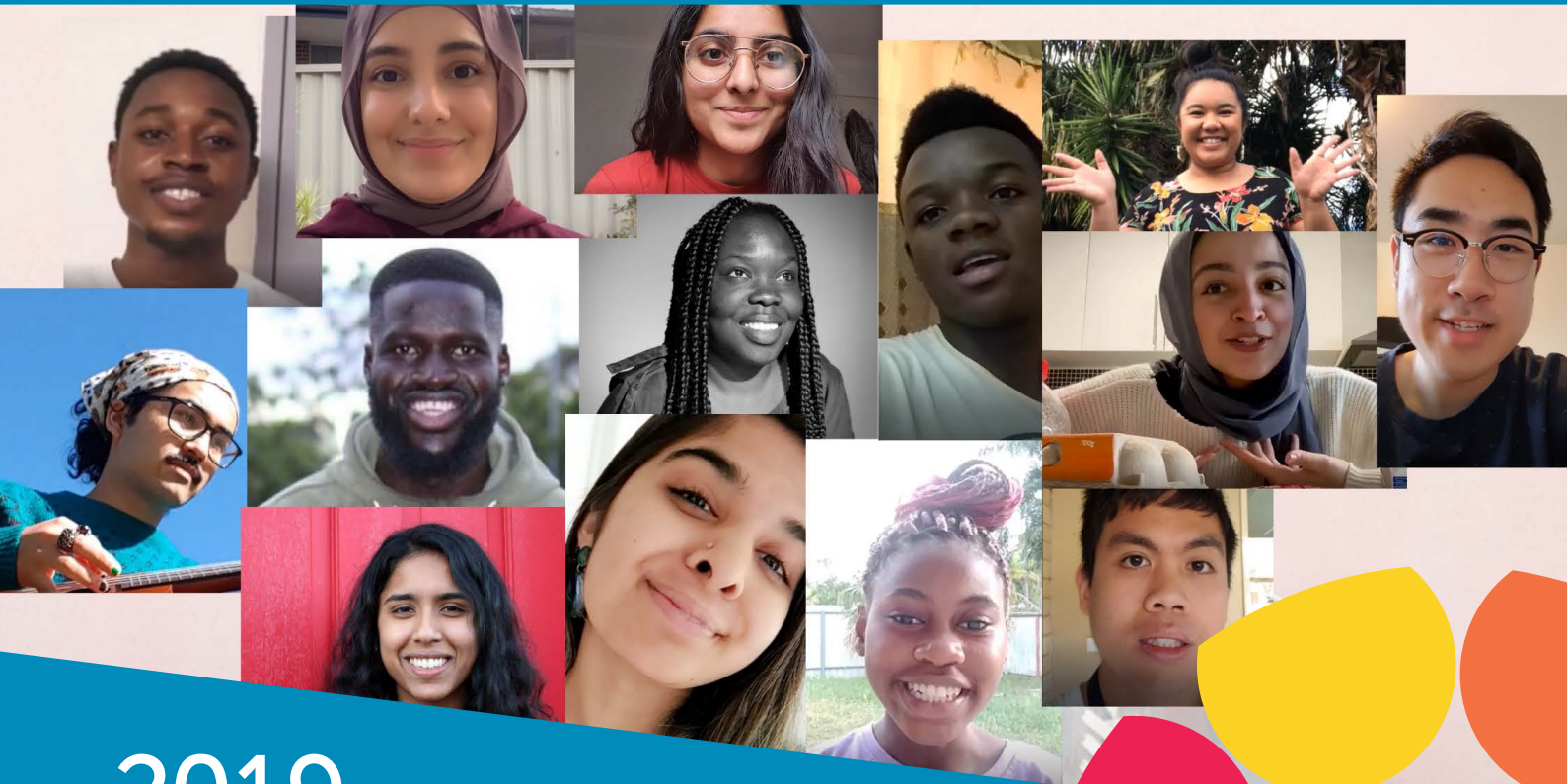


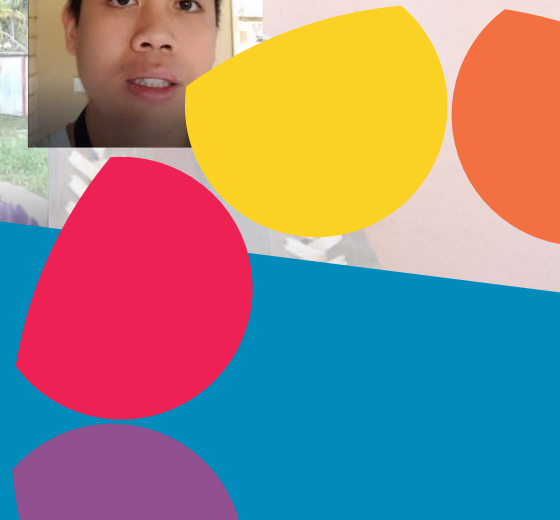
# Achievements Report



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**MYAN acknowledges the First Peoples of Australia as the traditional custodians upon the land on which we work.**

We recognise that it always was and always will be Aboriginal Land - Sovereignty was never ceded - and that the struggle for land rights and equality is ongoing. We work towards reconciliation with, and self-determination for, the First Peoples of this country.

# About Us

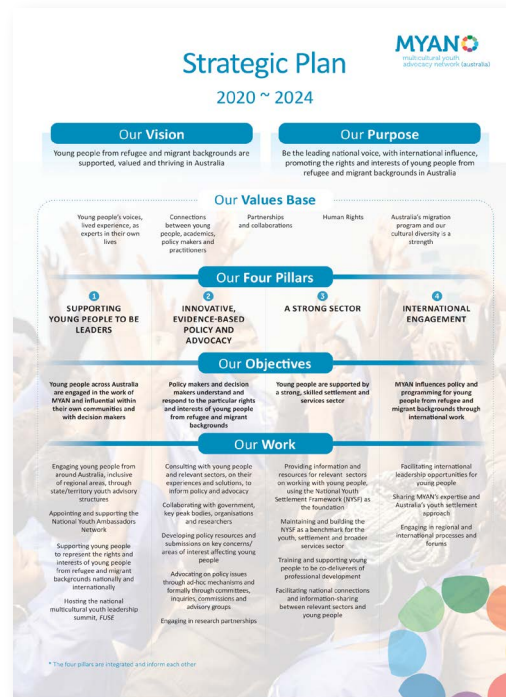
Multicultural Youth Advocacy Network Australia (MYAN) is the national peak body representing the rights and interests of young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds, and those who work with them.

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 through our partners and networks across Australia.

## MYAN Strategic Plan 2020-2024



*Our vision is that all young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds are supported, valued and thriving in Australia.*

## 2019-2020

### Message from MYAN's Chair and National Manager

2019-2020 has been an extraordinary year.

We have all been impacted by COVID-19 in unprecedented and incredibly challenging ways. Young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds have been disproportionately affected, with COVID-19 highlighting and exacerbating pre-existing disadvantage.

Despite this, young people have shown incredible resilience, leadership and have played a critical role in supporting their families and communities to be safe. They have also played a critical role in MYAN's response to COVID-19 and we look forward to sharing these achievements with you in this report.

As a national body, we were able to adapt quickly to the working-from-home requirements and indeed, the proliferation and increased familiarity with online communication tools has strengthened our direct engagement with young people and the sector across Australia, including from regional rural locations.

This year we released our 2020-2024 Strategic Plan, which will to guide our priorities for the next four years. We look forward to embedding this in our work, as well as strengthening our impact measurements in each of our four pillars.

Earlier in the year, we welcomed our third group of Youth Ambassadors, who have once again been active in a range of settings, engaging with diverse sectors and decision-makers at the state/territory and national levels. Some of the highlights for the YAN included COVID-19 advocacy and the 'A Day in the Life' video series.

Our sector capacity building work saw the National Youth Settlement Framework (NYSF) continue to be implemented across the country through training workshops and we undertook a review of the NYSF in consultation with the sector and young people. We were delighted that the NYSF is considered a valuable tool for measuring and supporting good practice across sectors, and that the practical tools have been used in team meetings, supervision, organisational and program planning, and to guide policy development.

We continued to share our expertise in youth participation, policy, and sector capacity building in the national and international context. Our partnerships with young people, government and across the youth and settlement sectors are critical to our work and have allowed us to ensure that the rights and interests of multicultural young people are better understood and addressed.

We presented at UNHCR's Annual Consultations with NGOs and Annual Tripartite Consultations on Resettlement (ATCR), joined the Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network's (APRRN) Regional Protection Roundtable in Bangkok in October and were thrilled to be invited to the landmark Global Refugee Forum in Geneva in December – sharing good practices in youth settlement and integration. We also worked with UNHCR Headquarters in Geneva to revise UNHCR's Resettlement and Integration Handbook and ran global consultations with young refugees living in resettlement countries.

Our partners across Australia continue to strengthen their work at the state/territory levels in youth leadership, sector development and policy work. We thank you for your partnership and contributions to MYAN's work and congratulate you on your work at the state/territory levels.

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

Finally, thank you to the MYAN staff team, who dedication and responsiveness has ensured we continue to be the leading national voice to promote the rights and interests of multicultural young people in Australia.



**Carmel Guerra OAM**  
Chair, MYAN  
CEO, Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY)



**Nadine Liddy**  
National Manager, MYAN



## Response to COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected the lives of everyone in the Australian community in acute and unpredictable ways. For young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds, it has exacerbated pre-existing access and equity barriers in all aspects of their lives – including in education, training, employment, health and wellbeing, and income support.

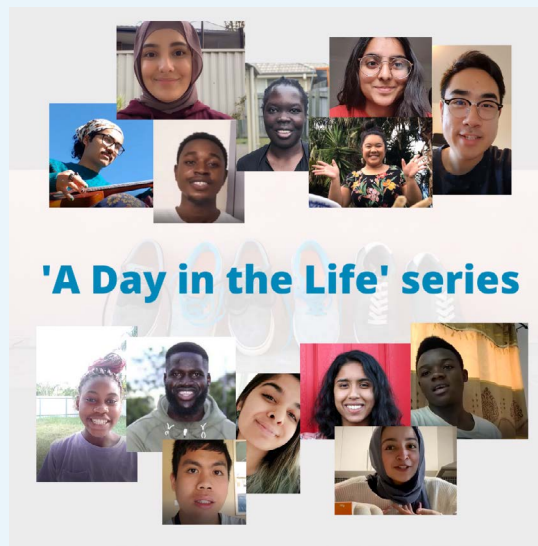
MYAN worked to ensure that the safety, rights, and interests of young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds were protected and upheld in the COVID-19 public health crisis. Through our engagement with young people and the sector, MYAN was able to identify, share and respond to the impact of COVID-19 on young people, and those working with them.

### Our activities in response to COVID-19 included:

- Submission to the Select Committee on COVID-19 *Inquiry into the Government's Response to COVID-19*
- COVID-19 Policy Platform
- Three national sector meetings
- 'A Day in the Life' video series
- National Shared Resources Library
- Regular consultations with young people
- Creation of COVID-19 web page to share multicultural youth resources and support

We also know that young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds demonstrated their immense resilience, adaptability, and resourcefulness throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, and many led initiatives in their communities in response. MYAN affirms the importance of recognising and building on young people's strengths and capabilities, and working with them as partners in service planning and delivery – particularly in times of crisis.

Young people have a critical role to play in both responding to, and reimagining a post-COVID 19 world.



Above: Featured young people in MYAN's 'A Day in the Life' video series



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# Innovative, Evidence-based Policy and Advocacy

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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 ensure

that the rights of young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds are recognised and addressed in policy and programming.

Young people and our broad national networks across the youth and settlement sectors inform all our policy and advocacy work.

# MYAN Submissions

## July 2019 - June 2020

### (NATIONAL)

2019

AUGUST 2019

Submission to *Migration Amendment (Strengthening the Character Test) Bill 2019*

2020

JANUARY 2020

Response to the Draft Report released by the Productivity Commission's *Inquiry into Mental Health*

SEPTEMBER 2019

Submission to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee for *Inquiry into Nationhood, National Identity, and Democracy*

FEBRUARY 2020

Submission to the Australian Human Rights Commission *Free and Equal: an Australian Conversation on Human Rights*

MAY 2020

MYAN and CMY Joint Submission to the Select Committee on COVID-19 *Inquiry into the Government's Response to COVID-19*



## Public Hearings and Consultations

### Consultation on the Review of the Melbourne Declaration, August 2020

In August 2019, MYAN attended the Education Council's consultation to help inform the revised national declaration on education. The consultation sought input from education stakeholders and the community about the goals, aspirations and priorities for educating Australians into the future. These consultations helped to inform the new national declaration on education goals for all Australians, the Alice Springs (Mparntwe) Education Declaration (the Declaration), which sets out the national vision for education and the commitment of Australian Governments to improving educational outcomes.



### Melbourne Declaration Youth Consultations, September 2019

The Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Education Council hosted a workshop to consult with young people from across Australia on the Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young People which was held in Melbourne in September 2019. It provided an opportunity for young Australians to discuss their views about the future of education policy and how to best reflect these views in the next national declaration, before presenting their perspectives to education ministers. It was a great opportunity for Education Council members to hear from young people directly.

Amran Abdi, Shout Out Speaker with CMY in Victoria, children's book author and passionate advocate of early childhood education attended the youth consultation on behalf of MYAN. Amran welcomed the opportunity to meet with the Federal and Victoria Education Ministers to discuss '... our ideas on what being a happy, successful learner looked like for migrant students'.

Left: Amran Abdi, CMY Shoutout Speaker

### **Consultations on the *Inquiry into Nationhood, National Identity, and Democracy*, September 2019**

In September 2019, MYAN prepared a submission to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee's *Inquiry into Nationhood, National Identity, and Democracy*. To ensure that the submission reflected the voices and experiences of young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds from across Australia, MYAN held consultations with our partners from New South Wales (MYAN NSW), Queensland (MyQ) and Victoria (CMY), and with members of our National Youth Advisory Network (YAN) and CMY's Youth Advisory Group (YAG).

Groups of diverse young people provided valuable perspectives on what factors influence and shape their concepts of identity, citizenship, and belonging. A national consultation was also held with sector representatives who provided important insight from their experiences of working directly with young people.

### **2019 NGO Forum on Human Rights, December 2019**

The *2019 NGO Forum on Human Rights*, co-convened by the Australian Human Rights Commission and the Office of the Attorney General, was part of an ongoing national conversation on human rights to guide government action and community partnerships to fully realise human rights and advance equality in Australia.

Shannon White, MYAN's Policy and Advocacy Officer attended this annual forum to join some of Australia's leading civil society groups for a discussion on new and emerging issues in the protection and promotion of human rights, and to reflect on Australia's first year as a member of the United Nations Human Rights Council.

Attendees discussed and provided feedback on the submission of Australia's periodical national report to the UN Human Rights Council third Universal Periodic Review, a UN Human Rights Council peer-review process, in which the human rights record of each UN Member State is considered every five years.

The forum included dynamic discussion around a broad range of human rights issues, including the age of criminal responsibility, how new technology can infringe on the rights of vulnerable people and the impact of policy changes to vulnerable asylum seeker children and young people living in the community.

## Advisory and Working Groups

- Department of Human Services (DHS), National Multicultural Advisory Group (NMAG)
- Department of Home Affairs, NGO Dialogue
- End Child Detention Coalition (ECDC)
- Embrace CALD Stakeholder Working Group
- National Education Roundtable Steering Committee
- Our Watch, National Respectful Relationships Expert Education Group
- Welcoming Cities Advisory Committee
- Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRN), Youth Working Group, Regional Protection Working Group
- Australian Youth Affairs Coalition Board (AYAC), Interim Co-Chair
- Australia's Child Rights Taskforce

## Presentations and Meetings

### Presentations:

- Multicultural Youth Queensland (MyQ), *Youth Matters Forum*, July 2019
- Annual Tripartite Consultations on Resettlement (ATCR), UNHCR Geneva, *Resettlement of Children and Adolescents at Risk*, July 2019
- *Children, Migration and the Right to Health Conference*, University of Sydney, July 2019
- Western Sydney University, *United Voices for Change Conference, Supporting Young People from Refugee and Migrant Backgrounds into Higher Education*, November 2019

### Meetings and Consultations:

- Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC) Roundtable with Manfred Novak, Children and Immigration Detention, October 2019
- Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC) Roundtable, Michelle Bachelet UN Commissioner for Human Rights, October 2019
- Australian Government Youth Taskforce, *Consultations on the Development of a National Youth Policy Framework*, November 2019

### Hosting International Visits:

- Hana Foundation, South Korea, November 2019  
We were delighted to host a visit from the Hana Foundation in South Korea in November 2019. Delegates were particularly keen to learn more about our youth settlement approaches, including youth leadership, support programs and mechanisms for engaging young people. Once again, it was an important opportunity to share our practice as well as learn about the refugee and migration context in South Korea.
- Nordic Youth Workers Delegation, February 2020  
MYAN and CMY also hosted a delegation of youth workers from Iceland and Estonia who were visiting Melbourne in February 2020 as part of a research project with Victoria University. They were particularly interested in learning about Australia's migration history, our multicultural communities, our model of practice, and how we apply youth work principles and practice with young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds. It was a great opportunity to learn from the delegation about the Nordic context, in particular the similarities in youth work in what are very different local contexts.

## Research and Publications

### COVID-19 and Young People from Refugee and Migrant Backgrounds Policy Platform, May 2020

MYAN released a COVID-19 Policy Platform identifying seven priority areas for young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds. The policy platform called for targeted approaches in policy and service delivery in:

- Employment
- Income Support
- Education
- Digital Access
- Mental Health
- Family Violence
- Social Cohesion

MYAN held regular national meetings with young people and the sector to discuss the impact of COVID-19 on young people's lives and on youth and settlement service delivery. These meetings highlighted their concerns and challenges (in the immediate and longer term), and identified innovative responses to addressing these - recognising the importance of building on young people's strengths and capabilities.



MYAN developed this Policy Platform to share these key concerns, provide recommendations for addressing them and to inform our ongoing advocacy work and the advocacy work of others in the sector, at the national and state/territory levels.

Targeted, specialist approaches are essential to ensure that young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds are safe, healthy and connected throughout this pandemic, and to mitigate the massive disruptions to economic, social, and civic participation now and into the future.



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## Supporting Young People to be Leaders

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), and by supporting young people to engage in advocacy opportunities with government in national conferences and consultations.

*Above: Youth Ambassadors*

*L - R: Domina Augustine, Zahra Al Hilaly, Mfaume Kakoz, Swathi Shanmukhasundaram, Mostafa Karimi, Mary Maselina Harm.*



## 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 2019-2020, the recruitment process for the new YAN culminated in a 2-day face to face induction, where they participated in leadership, cultural competency, and advocacy training.

### COVID-19 Specific:

- COVID-19 consultations with YAN and young people
- Digital advocacy messaging by YAN 'Physical Distancing - Social Solidarity'
- A Day in the Life video series with YAN and young people. Watch: [facebook.com/watch/MYANAustralia/197890564517666/](https://www.facebook.com/watch/MYANAustralia/197890564517666/)
- Development of National Youth Panel on COVID-19: exploring the new normal launched on 21 July. Watch: [facebook.com/watch/?v=308633037167148](https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=308633037167148)

*Right: Zahra Al Hilaly, YAN representative from Western Australia*

## 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 155 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 information sharing and youth community building.

## Digital Advocacy

Young people shared their voices through our social media, email campaigns and website and this included:

- Refugee Week 2020 in partnership with UNICEF
- International Women's Day
- Harmony Day in response to COVID-19

*"This International Women's Day, I will stand in solidarity with every woman that has been oppressed because of their intersectional identities. We will, hand in hand, show the world that women come in different shapes, sizes and especially identities."*

- Zahra Al Hilaly, YAN representative



## Education Forum Wagga Wagga, March 2020

In March 2020, the Education Council Review of senior secondary pathways into work, further education and training Review Panel hosted a youth forum in Wagga Wagga. The Review Panel had been looking at how senior secondary education is preparing young people for diverse pathways to further learning and work so that students are better supported to make decisions about life beyond school.

The forum brought together 50 young people from across Australia, including 12 young people from MYAN's networks across Australia.

They shared their perspectives on how they could be best supported with effective career advice, demonstrate skills in addition to academic results post-school and the educational supports required to meet their diverse needs.

MYAN was delighted to be involved in the youth forum and thanks the Australian Government for valuing the diverse voices of young Australians in the review process. The Review Panel, chaired by Prof. Peter Shergold provided the COAG Education Council with advice and recommendations in August 2020.

*Below: Education Forum Wagga Wagga  
From left standing: Zinab, Elshima, Brutukan,  
Ayriane, Reza, Patient, Ariana, Ester.*

*From left sitting: Mostafa, Harpreet.*





### **Meeting with Michelle Bachelet UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, October 2020**

MYAN was delighted to have an exclusive meeting with Dr. Michelle Bachelet as part of The Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC) *Human Rights Conference Free and Equal: an Australian Conversation on Human Rights*. Dr. Bachelet spoke emphatically about the importance of including young people’s voices in decision-making at all levels, and their critical role as leaders and change agents.

She also applauded the way young people consistently demonstrate creative, out-of-the-box thinking, and their inspiring ability to support and care for one another in pursuit of better futures. MYAN youth representatives spoke passionately about what human rights mean to them, including the importance of targeted approaches in education, the impact of racism and discrimination, intersectionality, expectations of the ‘refugee’ label, experiences as young asylum seekers and intergenerational leadership.

*Top (L-R): Mr. Chin Tan (Race Commissioner, Australian Human Rights Commission), Ms Ravina Shamdasani (Deputy Spokesperson, UN High Commissioner on Human Rights), Joseph F. Kolapudi (MYQ), Ali-Raza Yusufzai (MYAN NSW), Nadine Liddy (MYAN Australia), Lisa Lewis (MYAN NSW), Apolina Balebanga (MYQ), Titan (Sebit Gurech), Amran Abdi (CMY), Rory Mungovin (International Labour Organization’s Liaison Officer, Myanmar)*

*Bottom (L-R): Brutukan Melkamu (MYAN TAS), Dr. Michelle Bachelet (United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights), Megan Mitchell (National Children’s Commissioner).*





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## A Strong Sector

MYAN undertakes a range of sector development activities to ensure young people are supported by a strong, skilled settlement and services sector.

The *National Youth Settlement Framework* (NYSF) continues to be the benchmark for good practice with young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds, and in youth settlement and integration.

*Above: World Refugee Day Campaign with UNICEF Australia*

*L-R: Reza, Noor, Mahdi*

# National Youth Settlement Framework 2019-2020

In 2016, MYAN released the *National Youth Settlement Framework* (NYSF) - Australia's first national framework to support and benchmark good practice in youth settlement. Since its release, the NYSF has been utilised in practice across sectors, in policy and service delivery, with more than 1,700 people participating in NYSF training, webinars, and workshops in Australia and New Zealand. MYAN has also presented on the NYSF globally.

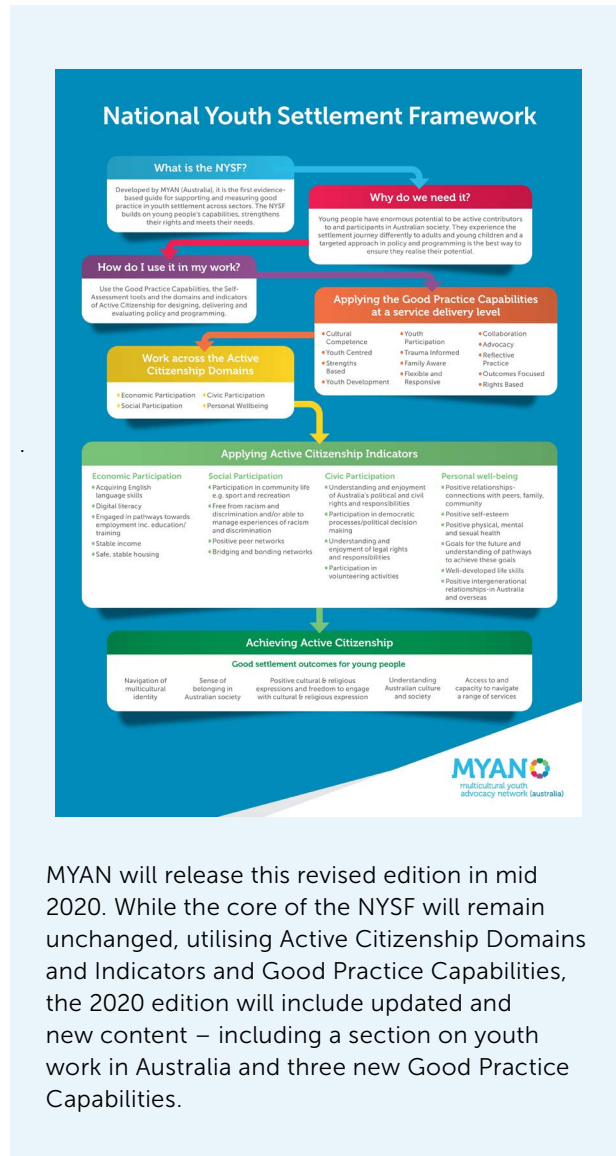
To ensure that the revised version of the NYSF remained up-to-date, responsive, and agile, MYAN engaged in consultations in 2019-2020 with our state and territory partners, and previous training participants, organisations and individuals who use the framework in their work with young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds.

Respondents ranked the Framework 8/10 as a valuable tool for practice. Other feedback told us the NYSF is:

- Clear in purpose
- Valuable as a tool for enhancing the settlement outcomes of young people
- Used in practice across a range of sectors and in multiple ways including:
  - as a personal reflection tool
  - assisting with program design
  - as a practice guide in supervision

Feedback also highlighted the need for:

- Additional good practice capabilities on rights-based approaches, outcomes and reflective practice
- Clearer diagrams
- More information on youth work



MYAN will release this revised edition in mid 2020. While the core of the NYSF will remain unchanged, utilising Active Citizenship Domains and Indicators and Good Practice Capabilities, the 2020 edition will include updated and new content – including a section on youth work in Australia and three new Good Practice Capabilities.



## National Consultations and Collaborations

### National Meetings

MYAN convenes national meetings to facilitate national and cross-sector networking and collaboration, promote and share research initiatives and good practice, and as important consultation mechanisms for informing and sharing our policy and advocacy work. In 2019-2020, these were:

### The Impact of COVID-19 on Young People From Refugee and Migrant Backgrounds

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, MYAN worked to ensure that the safety, rights, and interests of young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds were highlighted, upheld, and reflected in policy and service delivery responses. We consulted regularly and widely with young people and representatives from diverse sectors across Australia, to understand the critical issues facing young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds and those who work with them.

As part of this work, MYAN hosted three online sector meetings with more than 190 participants from diverse sectors and each of Australia's states and territories. We heard from participants about the impact of COVID-19 on young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds and those working with them, including solutions and best practice responses. We have had overwhelmingly positive responses to these meetings, highlighting the importance of national networking and information sharing and peer support.

### National Meetings on the Adult English Migrant Program (AMEP) and Young People

English language acquisition is critical to achieving successful settlement outcomes in Australia, and particularly important for young people who will spend the majority of their lives in Australia. The AMEP is an important part of Australia's settlement service system to deliver on this.

Throughout 2019-2020, MYAN has been working closely with government and AMEP providers across the country to identify ways that the AMEP could be more responsive to young people and what more could be done to address constraints and build on good practice. A national consultation was held in February 2020, and three targeted meetings with AMEP providers delivering youth specific classes across the country were held in response to the impact of COVID-19 on education, including AMEP delivery.

As a result of these consultations, MYAN shared a sector brief highlighting the barriers and facilitators to best meet the English language needs of young people in the AMEP - in order to strengthen the responsiveness of AMEP to the youth cohort. This brief will be updated and released as a Discussion Paper later in 2020 that will present key findings from these consultations, including good practice case examples and a set of recommendations for government as they consider the future directions of the program.



### **National Education Roundtable**

In 2018, MYAN and the Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture (VFST) (Foundation House) formed the National Education Roundtable to facilitate discussion and influence policy and programming for education for young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds, particularly in secondary school settings.

A Steering Group was formed to oversee this work, with representatives from all states and territories - across sectors, including academia, policy and settlement services. In 2019, MYAN and Foundation House engaged a research assistant to contribute to a national

mapping of state and territory programs and policies, undertake a literature review, and to interview key stakeholders in each state and territory in relation to the education supports and outcomes for students from refugee and migrant backgrounds. Findings from this research will be used to inform future policy work.

In 2020, the Steering Group continued to meet regularly to share perspectives on the impacts of COVID-19 and the effects of policies introduced by governments to respond to these challenges.

- Foster care (with 'wrap-around' support)
- Independent supported housing
- Link with (youth-specific) integration services

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## 04 International Engagement

MYAN has continued to share our expertise in the international arena on 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 the Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN).

*Above: Nadine Liddy, MYAN's National Manager, presenting at UNHCR's Annual Tripartite Consultations on Resettlement (ATCR) in July 2019.*

## Global Refugee Forum Geneva, December 2019

MYAN was honored to be invited to the first *Global Refugee Forum* (GRF) in December 2019 in Geneva.

As a commitment in the Global Compact on Refugees, the GRF brought together over 3,000 participants from the international community (Heads of State, senior government officials, UN agencies, refugees and civil society) to demonstrate solidarity with the world's refugees and the countries that host them. MYAN was a co-sponsor in the 'Solutions' working group, was successful in its bid for a 'marketplace' stall (with SSI, University of Virginia and the IRC) sharing good practice in integration, and made two 'pledges':

1. To continue our work with Amnesty International Australia, RefugePoint, UNHCR and the Australian Government on strengthening the resettlement of unaccompanied and separated children.
2. Sharing our technical expertise on youth participation, settlement, and integration.



Opening Plenary - Global Refugee Forum (SSI)

We shared six case studies at the Marketplace at the GRF and they are all available on the GRF website.



Left: Case study on Shout Out: recognising and building the capacity of young refugees



Global Refugee Forum Marketplace Stall clockwise from left, Brooke Ray (University of Virginia), Kirsten Gelsdorf (University of Virginia), Nadine Liddy (MYAN), Carmen Ghaly, Sonia Vignjevic (SSI)



### **United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Resettlement and Integration Handbook**

MYAN has been working with UNHCR Headquarters in Geneva to revise UNHCR's Resettlement and Integration Handbook, specifically the chapter on Children and Youth. We have undertaken global consultations with refugee young people in resettlement countries to inform this work.

### ***UNHCR Annual Consultations with NGOs and Annual Tripartite Consultations on Resettlement, June-July 2019***

MYAN participated in *UNHCR's Annual Consultations with NGOs* and *Annual Tripartite Consultations on Resettlement (ATCR)* in June and July 2019. MYAN's National Manager, Nadine Liddy, was invited to present on Australia's Unaccompanied Humanitarian Minor Program on a panel looking at strengthening the resettlement of children and adolescents at risk, including unaccompanied and separated children.

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

MYAN is a member of the Compact's Taskforce 2: Participation - supporting the Compact's engagement with young people, including the development of a *Youth Participation Framework* for the Compact. We look forward to progressing this work in 2020-2021.

### **Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN)**

MYAN continues to be a member of several APRRN Working Groups - Youth Working Group, Australia New Zealand Working Group and the Regional Protection Working Groups. Plans to support a possible regional youth forum were postponed as a result of COVID-19 and we look forward to exploring this in 2021. MYAN's National Manager attended the APRRN and Asia Pacific Network of Refugees (APNOR) *Regional Protection Forum* in September 2019. This was an important opportunity to work with colleagues across the Asia-Pacific region in planning for the *Global Refugee Forum* (GRF) and ensuring the rights and interests of refugees across the region were represented at the GRF.



## Our Partners

<b>VIC</b>	Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY)*
<b>TAS</b>	Multicultural Youth TAS (MyT)/ 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)
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\*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 small white dots arranged in a ring.

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