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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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News



From the Executive Director, Linda Vaughan

Welcome to the May/June 2022 edition of the Global Learning and Engagement (GL&E) newsletter. We've been busy over the past few weeks putting together a series of exciting new and relaunched opportunities for school staff and students to re-immense in global learning and engagement. Our Victorian Young Leaders (VYL) programs have entered the virtual space. As you may have seen in our last edition, the virtual VYL India students had commenced their six-week program, seeing peer-to-peer collaboration occur across borders with a focus on United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. With the 2022 program coming to an end, we've created a highlights film to showcase what our students got up to during their short program.

To continue reading, see: [Executive Director's Update](#).

VICTORIAN YOUNG LEADERS TO INDIA PROGRAM

Live, learn, explore



Virtual Victorian Young Leaders to India program 2022 - Highlights

The Victorian Young Leaders (VYL) to India program participants completed their six-week virtual journey in April. The program provided an opportunity to 84 Victorian and Indian Year 9 students from nine Victorian and five Indian schools to engage in meaningful online collaboration and complete a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) design challenge that explored the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

To read more, see: [VYL India 2022](#) or view the 2022 program highlights [video](#).

Victorian Young Leaders - Global Youth Forum May – June 2022

The Global Youth Forum (GYF) connects Victorian Year 9 students with their international peers to critically discuss concepts of global citizenship and identity, investigate global challenges facing the international community, exercise design thinking to generate ideas to these challenges, and undertake a collaborative group design challenge that seeks to prototype a solution.

The forum kicks off again this month with 26 Victorian schools and students from Singapore, Indonesia, India, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, Japan, and China. We look forward to sharing student projects in future newsletters.

To learn more, see: [Asia Education Foundation](#), or visit: [Global Youth Forum](#) .

Events



Register now for the Global Learning and Engagement Symposium 2022

The department's 2022 Global Learning and Engagement Symposium is back on Thursday 18 August at Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre and online. The symposium is packed full of thought-leaders, good practice examples, and hands-on strategies to help school staff build a whole-of-school approach to global learning and engagement and improve student outcomes through inclusion and global competence. The symposium is suitable for schools with existing global learning and engagement activity as well as schools that are new to the space.

The keynote speakers include:

- [Beverley Wang](#) - journalist, producer and podcaster
- [Anoushka Gungadin](#) – CEO, Posture360, former CEO of Australia India Chamber of Commerce (AICC) and international speaker and facilitator on cultural intelligence, inclusion and diversity
- [Louka Parry](#) - CEO, Learning Future and former teacher, principal and winner of Inspiring Public Secondary Teacher of the Year in South Australia

To register for the event, visit: [GL&E Symposium](#).

10th annual Victorian Global Learning Awards 2022

The department is hosting the 10th annual Victorian Global Learning Awards on Friday 17 June at Metropolis Event Southbank and online. We'd love to see all awards alumni at the ceremony, including their nominating school staff and anyone else connected to the awards over the past 10 years.

If you haven't received your invite and you'd like to attend, please email us at: international.marketing@education.vic.gov.au.



Global learning and engagement presence at the Education State Principals Conference 2022

The Education State Principals Conference 2022 is taking place on 30 and 31 May to provide an opportunity for Victorian government school principals to come together and learn from and be inspired by some of the world's most renowned educators and leading practitioners.

If your school is participating in the conference, feel free to visit us at the International Education Division, Learning Meeting Place booth to learn about our global learning programs and initiatives.

To read more, see: [Education State Principals Conference 2022](#).

Professional Development



Australia–Indonesia BRIDGE School Partnerships Program

Applications are open for Australian schools to participate in the Indonesian BRIDGE School Partnerships program. To date, the program has established 189 Australia–Indonesia school partnerships and has directly involved over 756 Australian and Indonesian teachers. Two teachers from each Australian and Indonesian school will have the opportunity to participate in a three-week professional learning program together in Australia. The program helps participants establish new partner relationships, plan for sustainable school partnerships through intercultural understanding and explore the use of new technologies in teaching and learning. To learn more and participate, see: [Australia-Indonesia BRIDGE Program](#).

For Students



Upcoming Victorian Young Leaders to China program 2022

Following a two-year hiatus, the department's award-winning Victorian Young Leaders (VYL) to China language-immersion program is returning in virtual form on 30 May 2022. The program is redesigned in partnership with Beijing Language and Culture University (BLCU) and will provide an opportunity for participants to expand their global outlook and intercultural understanding through engagement in a new global context. This year's program will feature 10 days of online language and cultural classes and will include 100 Years 9, 10 and 11 students from 12 schools across Victoria.

Stay tuned for some highlights in the next newsletter. To learn more, visit: [VYL China 2022](#).

MULTICULTURAL FILM FESTIVAL 2022



Multicultural Affairs Victoria Film Festival – Calling for young filmmakers

The Victorian Multicultural Commission invites primary and secondary school students, to enter its 2022 Multicultural Film Festival. The annual festival showcases short films that explore stories of diversity and inclusion. The Best Young Filmmaker Award is divided into two subcategories:

- ages 4 to 11 years
- ages 12 to 17 years

To participate, entrants must specifically produce films for this competition. The entries can be up to 12 minutes long, recorded on a smartphone, tablet, or camera and produced independently, in a group, or with a parent. To view last year's shortlisted and winning films, see: [2021 entries](#).

The competition closes on 20 June 2022. For more information, visit: [2022 Multicultural Film Festival competition](#).



Congratulations to the Premier's Spirit of Democracy (PSoD) 2022 class

The Premier's Spirit of Democracy (PSoD) study tour explores the origins of democracy and builds a deeper understanding of the influence democracy has on contemporary Victorian and Australian society. It is an annual competition open to students enrolled in Years 9, 10 and 11.

From ancient Greek philosophy to the arts, modern civics studies, court processes, and politics, PSoD offers a dynamic exploration of modern democracy and what it means for young Australians.

To learn more about the 5-day study tour in Melbourne and Canberra, see: [PSoD](#).

Resources



Refugee
Week



Refugee Week 2022 from 19 – 25 June

Refugee Week is an annual celebration that informs the public about refugees and celebrates their contributions. This year's Australian Refugee theme, 'Healing,' aims to raise awareness of the issues affecting refugees, highlights aspects of the refugee experience and helps the broader community to understand what it is like to be a refugee.

To access a suite of resources that can help schools take part in the celebration, see: the Refugee Council of Australia's [Teacher's Resource Kit](#).

A future free from racism discrimination and prejudice

Courage to Care Victoria is celebrating 30 years of providing Upstander education to more than 150,000 students across Victoria and are marking this milestone with a very special two-week event. This includes a series of sessions that will discuss social issues, such as racism, discrimination, and prejudice.

To participate in the following activities and learn more, visit the following Courage to Care Victoria website links:

- **Education Panel Breakfast Event** – *an important conversation about discrimination in our community, why it's still a problem, and what we can do about it*
- **Exhibition and Guided Tour** – *an interactive exhibition using lessons from history to demonstrate how all members of the community can stand up to discrimination and be Upstanders.*

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