

Leadership Training for Young Muslims

South East Asian Participants 2009 Report

Regional Communities Outreach Program DFAT



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LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR YOUNG MUSLIMS 2009

This project has now been operating over three years, 2007-2009. It is coordinated by the Centre for Dialogue, La Trobe University in collaboration with the Islamic Council of Victoria and the support of the Institute for Advancing Community Engagement, Australian Catholic University.

It has generous funding from the State Government of Victoria. The participation of eight young Muslims from Southeast Asia was funded by the Commonwealth Government through the Regional Outreach Program of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

This project was built on the longstanding association of the La Trobe Centre for Dialogue and in particular it's founding Director, Professor Joseph Camilleri, with the Islamic Council of Victoria (ICV).

The project would not have been possible without the active support of the Victorian Government, and in particular Victorian Premier Steve Bracks and his successor Premier John Brumby.

The project was supervised by Professor Camilleri. Coordination and delivery of the programme was the responsibility of Mr Larry Marshall, Project Manager, Centre for Dialogue. They both served on the Coordinating Committee for the project, which also included Dr Michalis S. Michael from the Centre for Dialogue, and the CEO of the Islamic Council of Victoria, Mr Ahmed Imam. Ms Tasneem Chopra of the Islamic Women's Welfare Council and Ms Heba Ibrahim from the Islamic Council of Victoria also assisted with selection and with aspects of the program.

OVERVIEW

The Young Muslims Leadership Programme is a unique education program, which has just completed its third year. It aims to support leaders who can speak clearly and confidently about the various issues which confront people of Islamic faith in Australia and South East Asia and who can actively participate in shaping our local and regional future.

The third year of operation has seen the highly successful programme expanded to include eight young Muslims from South-East Asia. This has been made possible with the support of the Commonwealth of Australia through the Regional Communities Outreach Programme of DFAT. Four delegates from Indonesia and two from both Malaysia and the Philippines were able to join sixteen local participants on this journey of intellectual growth, community networking and personal empowerment.



Visiting the Sudanese refugee community in Warrnambool

South East Asian Participants 2009

Name	Family Name	Gender	Age
Indonesia			
Salbiyah	Mushanif	F	26
Ahmed	Mahromi	M	29
Hendra	Darmawan	M	27
Fetmawati	Wati	F	25
Philippines			
Nor Ayn	Makakena	F	24
Jamel	Mamtuk	M	31
Malaysia			
Muhammed			
Syukri	Bin Ibrahim	M	23
Nor Hidayah	Naziha bt Adnan	F	23

PROJECT ORGANISATION

Selecting participants

Promotion

After consultations with the Islamic Council of Victoria (ICV) and other Muslim organisations, the Centre for Dialogue (CfD) produced a range of materials (brochures, posters) and addressed a number of meetings to promote the programme and ensure effective access to the many Muslim communities in Victoria. Particular attention was directed to cultural and religious sensitivities in this aspect as well as in all subsequent stages of the project.

A draft brochure and poster advertising the course was developed with the assistance of leaders of the Islamic Council of Victoria. Electronic versions of the brochure appeared on many affiliated websites and it was sent by email out to the broader Islamic community. Hard copies (8000) copies of the brochure were printed and distributed through the community and a range of networks with access to the community.

(See Appendix 1).

Selection process

Applications were invited from interested young Muslims who were asked to produce a resume of their background, interests and qualifications, and a short essay outlining their reasons for wanting to undertake the training programme.

The Centre for Dialogue used its strong regional networks to promote the program in universities in all three countries, through the work of development organisations, and religious groups and NGOs working in the regions. The response was very strong and we had 50 applicants from Indonesia, 20 from the Philippines and 10 from Malaysia. The Program Manager short listed candidates for interview and shared these names and CVs with Mr Steve Barnes at DFAT. After his acceptance of these nominees each one was interviewed by telephone. Some were called up to three times after initial decisions were made and the group of eight slowly took shape.



South East Asian Participants in Canberra:

Ahmed, Hendra, Hidayah, Najmah, Salbiyah, Larry, Nor Ayn, Fatmawati, Jamel and Syukrii

Participants Profile

The Muslim Community in Australia is extremely diverse and has its older elements (Turkish and Lebanese) as well as newer cultural groupings (Somali, Sri Lankan, Sudanese). The applications for this course came from young men and women from a wide range of ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

2009 The group of 16 young leaders chosen from Melbourne reflected the amazing diversity of the Australian Muslim community. It included university students and early career people in their mid to late 20s. The gender balance was 8 women and 8 men. There were significant differences in how participants practised their religion, which in itself proved a significant part of the learning experience.

For list of names of participants please see Appendix two



At the Syrian Embassy with Arab Ambassadors

South East Asian Participants – (from left) Hidayah, Fatmawati, Syukri, Hendra and Ahmed

South East Asian Participants in Canberra: Ahmed, Hendra, Hidayah, Najmah, Salbiyah, Larry, Nor Ayn, Fatmawati, Jamel and Syukrii

List of Names of Young Muslim Participants from Melbourne

	Name	Family Name	Ethnicity	Age	Gender	Email
1	Saba	Afzal	Pakistan	21	F	sabz.afzal@gmail.com
2	Iraj	Ahmadi	Iran/Pakistan	22	M	iahmadi@live.com.au
3	Nisreen	Bana	India/Kenya	24	F	nisreen.bana@gmail.com
4	Mohamed	El Rafihi	Lebanon	22	M	moerafi19@gmail.com
5	Osman Mohamed	Glaidos	Eritria Pakistan	28	M	maistro_99@hotmail.com
6	Raza	Gulani	(Shiite)	24	M	razag@bigpond.com
7	Mostafa	Haroun	Egyptian	24	M	mostafa.haroun@gmail.com
8	Imad	Khan	Pakistan	31	M	theimad@gmail.com
9	Syafiqah	Khan	Singapore	20	F	syafiqah_89@hotmail.com
10	Rehab	Mulimani	Lebanon	26	F	mousslimani@yahoo.com
11	Hisham	Moustafa	Egyptian	27	M	hisham.moustafa@icv.org.au
12	Raeesa	Rawal	Pakistan	19	F	rrow1@student.monash.edu.au
13	Jim	Selim	Egyptian	29	M	jim_selim@yahoo.com.au
14	Zainab	Taha	Turkey/Iran	23	F	zainab.taha@hotmail.com
15	Najma	Usman	Indonesia	25	F	najem240783@yahoo.com
16	Nasro	Yussef	Somali	20	F	nasroy85@hotmail.com

The Leadership Training Program for Young Muslims aims to:

- Empower young Muslim men and women (aged 18-30 years old) and help them to reach their full potential as citizens and future leaders.
- Develop the skills that young Muslims need to engage confidently and creatively with all levels of government, business, academia, the professional world, the media and religious and community organizations.
- Give participants the opportunity to meet and talk with decision-makers in Canberra, Sydney and Melbourne in the form of a study tour. The study tour includes briefing sessions, workshops and visits to political institutions, legal institutions, cultural and educational institutions, business organizations, and religious organizations and places of

worship. The tour also includes a one-day media workshop at SBS, Australia's leading public multicultural broadcaster.

- Encourage reflection on Australia and its place in the world and the contribution Muslims can make to help meet the challenges of the future.

A key aim of the programme is to promote understanding of the opinions and values held by different ethnicities and belief systems. With this in mind, the programme included a three day conference on 'Prospects for Peace in the Middle East' in which the young leaders were joined by members of the Christian and Jewish faith to debate, discuss and dialogue about the controversial issues surrounding various conflicts in the Middle East.

The Centre hopes to keep building on the solid base established over the past three years. Many alumni of the Young Muslims Leadership Programme have taken up leadership roles in the wider community; many also continue to offer their services as mentors in the programme.

EMPOWERING THE LEADERS OF THE FUTURE

The Centre for Dialogue has just completed the third year of the Leadership Training Program for Young Muslims. (June & July 2009)

The program is organised by the CfD in association with the ICV and with the support of the Government of Victoria and the Commonwealth of Australia through the Regional Communities Outreach Program of DFAT.

This third year has seen an expansion of this successful program. With support from DFAT we were able to bring eight young Muslims from the South East Asian region to join sixteen locals from Melbourne on this journey of intellectual growth, community networking and personal empowerment.

Australia's northern neighbour, Indonesia, has the world's largest Muslim population and although it is on our doorstep most Australians have only a superficial knowledge of this fascinating and complex society. This year four participants from Indonesia, two from Malaysia and two from the Philippines were part of this program. These impressive young leaders gave presentations about the political, cultural and religious issues which confront their societies. This regional dialogue added value to what we had already established as a very successful and vibrant program of workshops, meetings and field visits in Canberra, Melbourne and Sydney (see sidebar story attached below).

One of the aims of this program is to promote understanding of the opinions and values held by different ethnicities and belief systems. Effective dialogue will improve empathy for the 'other', and curb the severity of intercultural, interreligious and international conflicts that hinder peaceful and mutually beneficial relations.

Over seven very busy weeks the group of 24 young leaders had hundreds of conversations about the way our societies work politically, economically, culturally and spiritually. The program offered many opportunities for learning how leadership roles throw up challenges in different spheres of life. We met and dialogued with imams, rabbis, priests and nuns; we quizzed business leaders, academics, community leaders, politicians and activists; we learned

tips from youth leaders, researchers, artists, performers, journalists, and mostly from each other. As we travelled the respect and knowledge grew exponentially within the group.

The Centre hopes to keep building on the wonderful base established over the past three years. In 2007 twenty young Muslims from Melbourne made this journey. Many of them now sit on various boards and committees, are active in journalism and politics and are busy taking their rightful place as citizens and future leaders of the Australian Community.

In the second year, with the assistance of the community outreach program of DFAT, we invited two Filipinos from Mindanao, a Malaysian and two Indonesians to the program. Unfortunately, they were only able to join the activities in Melbourne for three weeks in 2008. However, the group was energised by their input and we planned for more in 2009. This year, with full funding for the regional participants, they took part in the entire program. And next year we hope to bring two young Thai Muslims to add another valuable cultural dimension to this program.

The alumni from the past two years have become willing mentors and workers in the program. Some presented at workshops, others accompanied the group to Sydney and Canberra whilst many others provided a supportive network which added value for participants by organising various meetings and social outings for our visitors from South East Asia.

One thing we have clearly learned is that the Muslim Community in Melbourne is itself extremely diverse, made up of many parts. Local participants came with a rich heritage from Kenya, Egypt, Fiji, Somalia, Eritrea, Lebanon, Iran, Singapore, Turkey, Pakistan, Bangladesh, New Zealand and London and, of course, many were born in Australia. These global citizens are all proudly Australian. Brought together by their deep spiritual commitment they are a true picture of the amazing cultural diversity existing in the Muslim communities of Australia. Intra-faith dialogue has been enhanced by this opportunity. The, sometimes disparate pieces of the Muslim community is able to dialogue with respect on this journey and even build programs together.

Inter-faith discussions have also been a highlight of this program. This year we organised a three day conference on 'Prospects for Peace in the Middle East'. Christians and Jewish presenters and participants joined the young Muslims to debate, discuss and dialogue about issues as controversial as the war in Iraq, the situation in Lebanon and Iran, and the central issue of Israel and Palestine.

It is a privilege for me to manage and facilitate this program and watch in awe as these young people engage in dialogic encounters which nurture empathy and compassion and help them discover themselves by discovering the other. It has indeed been an inspirational journey for all of us involved with these bright emerging young leaders.

Larry Marshall
Program Manager

Project Manager

[Larry Marshall](#)

This programme is organised by the Centre for Dialogue in association with the Islamic Council of Victoria and with the support of the Government of Victoria and the Commonwealth of Australia through the Regional Communities Outreach Programme of DFAT.

Methods

The course will include:

- Workshops, seminars and lectures
- Field trips in Canberra, Sydney and Melbourne
- Use of audio-visual materials
- Debates and role play
- Interviews with guests
- A workbook of reading materials and exercises
- Three day LIVE-IN Conference

Venues

Interstate travel to Canberra and Sydney will be part of this course as well as visits to various locations in Melbourne. Workshops and briefings will be organised at La Trobe University, either at the Bundoora or City campus. There will also be a 3 day live-in conference with the venue to be announced.

In Sydney we will be hosted by the Institute for Advancing Community Engagement at the Australian Catholic University.



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Staff

Principal Coordinator

Larry Marshall, Project Manager, Centre for Dialogue, La Trobe University, (Ph: 9479 2695)

Other members of the Project Coordinating Committee are:

Ahmed Imam, Chief Executive Officer, Islamic Council of Victoria

Heba Ibrahim, Islamic Council of Victoria

Michaelis S. Michael, Research Fellow, Centre for Dialogue, La Trobe University

Joseph A. Camilleri, Professor of International Relations and Director of the Centre for Dialogue, La Trobe University, provides the academic direction for the project.



Young Muslims lobby at the High Court of Australia

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ISLAMIC COUNCIL of Victoria

LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMME for Young Muslims

June - July 2009 (part time)
Fully Subsidised

Do you want to represent East and South East Asian Muslims & ex-Muslims in parliament? Would you like to engage with journalists, and community activists in Melbourne and Sydney?

Are you between 19 and 30 years old - studying or at work?

If so, then this intensive 6 week course in LEADERSHIP TRAINING is FOR YOU . . .

Application details, inside



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Why such a course?

Australia, like much of the world, is at a critical moment in its history.

Of the many challenges that we face none is more important than that of making this society one which values and nurtures its rich cultural and religious diversity.

In this, Australia's Muslim communities, representing one of the world's great religious traditions, have much to contribute. Muslims have been integral to Australia's development since early settlement.

In recent years, much has been said about a looming 'clash of civilisations' between Islam and the West. The 'war on terror' is being fought mainly in nations where Islam is the majority religion. Australian Muslims have themselves been subjected to powerful pressures and often less than flattering media attention.

There is a need for young Muslim leaders to emerge who can speak clearly and confidently about the various issues which confront people of Islamic faith in Australia today, and who can participate fully in shaping Australia's future.

What will this Course do?

- it will empower young Muslim men and women and help them to reach their full potential as citizens and future leaders.
- it will develop the skills that young Muslims need to engage confidently and creatively with all levels of government, business, academia, the professional world, the media, and religious and community organisations.
- it will give course members the opportunity to meet and talk with decision makers in Canberra, Sydney and Melbourne - this will include visits to the state and federal parliaments, universities, the courts, media networks, churches, temples and synagogues
- it will encourage new thinking about Australia and its place in the world and the contribution Muslims can make to help meet the challenges of the future.



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Dates for the Course

Spread over a number of evenings, weekends and weekdays during June - July 2009

The course will be made up of several components. These have been put together keeping in mind that a number of applicants may be studying or working full time.

Successful applicants will have to guarantee full participation in all facets of the programme and will need to make appropriate arrangements with employers or universities to enable attendance. We can assist with official letters of support to employers and lecturers.

COURSE COMPONENTS:

- Train the Trainer workshop - (CV - Sat 6 June (All day)
 - Introductory Seminar - Mon 8 June
 - Four Workshops and a Role Play:
 - 1) On Dialogue - Wed 10 June (5pm - 9pm)
 - 2) SEA and Australia - Sat 13 June (All day)
 - 3) On Conflict Resolution - Mon 22 June (5pm - 9pm)
 - 4) A Role Play Simulation - Wed 24 June (5pm - 9pm)
 - 5) Muslim Community Workshop - (CV - Sat 4 July
 - 3 City Study Tour: Fully subsidised travel & accommodation
 - ◊ Canberra (3 days) 15-17 June (Mon, Tue, Wed)
 - ◊ Melbourne (3 days) Fri 19 June, Thur 2 July & Wed 8 July
 - ◊ Sydney (5 days) 13-17 July (Mon to Fri)
- The 3 City Study Tour will include briefing sessions, workshops and visits to various institutions.
- 3 day Live in Conference (Melbourne Sun 28, Mon 29, Tue 30 June)
 - One day seminar on Islam with visiting Islamic Scholar
 - One-day media workshop - Thur 9 July plus visits to Age/ABC/SBS
 - An Evaluation Workshop Wed 22 July

Graduation is on Fri 25 July

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Application Form

(See CV or CD webpages for electronic version)

Must be received by Friday 24 April 2009

We will choose a maximum of 16 participants for this Training Programme. Applicants will be short-listed and references called for before final selection by interview.

Name of Applicant: Mr/Ms: _____

Age: _____

Please name two referees we may contact by email and phone

1. Name of Referee: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

2. Name of Referee: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

1. Include your CV with full details of educational qualifications and work experience.

2. Please answer the following questions briefly (a paragraph each)

- How have you involved yourself in community activities in the past?
- In your opinion what are some of the major issues facing the Muslim community in Australia today?
- What ideas do you have for solutions to these problems?
- What would you like to gain from this Leadership Training Program?

Your Contact Details:

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please Return Forms to:

Islamic Council of Victoria - Muslims for a better community
PO Box 14166, attention Dahlia Rahman
MCMC Melbourne VIC 8001

CV website at www.icv.org.au Email: admin@icv.org.au

Phone: (03) 9328 2067 Fax: (03) 9326 8634

PROGRAMME

La Trobe University

Leadership Training Program for Young Muslims
2009

MELBOURNE

Saturday 6 June

09:00 – 17:00

Train the Trainer workshop

Facilitated by Islamic Council of Victoria

**Accommodation for visitors:
Chisholm House & Glenn College
La Trobe Uni, Bundoora**

Monday 8 June

09:00 – 17:00

Introductory Seminar

Room MB362, 3rd floor, Martin Building
La Trobe Uni, Bundoora (27ppl)

**Accommodation for visitors:
Chisholm House & Glenn College
La Trobe Uni, Bundoora**

Catering: Curryzma - 9478 4222

Wednesday 10 June

17:00 – 21:00

On Dialogue workshop

St Peters Church, 15 Gisborne St, Melbourne

**Accommodation for visitors:
Chisholm House & Glenn College
La Trobe Uni, Bundoora**

Catering: Sorghum Sisters Catering – 8558 8882

Saturday 13 June

09:00 – 17:00

South East Asia and Australia workshop

Room MB362, 3rd floor, Martin Building
La Trobe Uni, Bundoora (27ppl)

**Accommodation for visitors:
Chisholm House & Glenn College
La Trobe Uni, Bundoora**

Catering: Curryzma - 9478 4222

CANBERRA

Sunday 14 June

17:45 Depart Melbourne (DJ283)

Accommodation at
Kingston Terrace Serviced Apartments
16 Eyre Street, Kingston

18:50 Arrive Canberra

Bus to accommodation
Murrays - Booking #056975
T: 13 22 59

Monday 15 June

09:30 – 11:30 **Australian National University - Centre for Arab
& Islamic Studies**
Building 127 Ellery Crescent, Canberra

Accommodation at
Kingston Terrace Serviced Apartments
16 Eyre Street, Kingston

Briefing on the 'Prospects for Peace' in the
Middle East, followed by morning tea.

Contact:

Kerry Pert
T: 02 6125 4982

12:15 – 15:00 **Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade**
R.G. Casey Building, John McEwen Cres, Barton

Lunch followed by round table discussion

Contact:

Steve Barnes
Executive Officer
Regional Communities Outreach Program
International Security Division
T: 02 6261 2889
M: 0434 850 260

18:30 **Dinner at Embassy of the Syrian Arab Republic**
[hosted by Ambassador Tammam Suleiman]
41 Culgoa Circuit, O'Malley

T: 02 6218 5200
E: info@syrianembassy.org.au

Tuesday 16 June

08:00 Walk to Parliament building

Accommodation at
Kingston Terrace Serviced Apartments
16 Eyre Street, Kingston

08:30 – 16:00 **Parliament visit**

Contact:

Tasneem Chopra

T: 0407 854 152

16:00

Return to accommodation

Wednesday 17 June

10:00 – 11:30	Australian War Memorial Treloar Crescent, Campbell Customised tour booked Contact: Jenny Harris T: 02 6243 4299 E: tours@awm.gov.au
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch in National Museum Cafeteria
13:00 – 15:00	National Museum of Australia Lawson Crescent, Acton Peninsula Guided tour of CIRCA and Australian Journeys. Contact: Martha Sear via Rowan Henderson E: msear@nma.gov.au E: r.henderson@nma.gov.au Bus to airport
19:20	Depart Canberra (DJ286)
20:25	Arrive Melbourne

MELBOURNE

Friday 19 June

09:00 – 13:00

Multicultural Arts Victoria
201 Napier St, Fitzroy

Performance by Gerard

Accommodation for visitors:
Chisholm House & Glenn College
La Trobe Uni, Bundoora

13:50 – 15:00

Immigration Museum
Old Customs House, 400 Flinders St,
Melbourne

The Immigration Museum collaborates with culturally and linguistically diverse communities to explore, document and present stories and experiences of immigration and cultural diversity in Victoria

Short introduction followed by self tour

Contact:

T: 9927 2754

16:30

Justice Harper

Monday 22 June

17:00 – 21:00

On Conflict Resolution workshop
Australian Volunteers International
Frank Engle Room, 88 Kerr St, Fitzroy
Booked by Ivy

Catering: Sorghum Sisters - 8558 8882

Accommodation for visitors:
Chisholm House & Glenn College
La Trobe Uni, Bundoora

Sunday 28 June

08:30 – 17:30

MELBOURNE 3 DAY LIVE IN CONFERENCE
Room MB362, 3rd floor, Martin Building
La Trobe Uni, Bundoora

Catering: Curryzma – 9478 4222

Accommodation for visitors:
Chisholm House & Glenn College
La Trobe Uni, Bundoora

19:30

Group dinner

Catering: Curryzma – 9478 4222

Monday 29 June

08:30 – 17:30

MELBOURNE 3 DAY LIVE IN CONFERENCE
Room MB362, 3rd floor, Martin Building
La Trobe Uni, Bundoora

Catering: Curryzma – 9478 4222

Accommodation for visitors:
Chisholm House & Glenn College
La Trobe Uni, Bundoora

19:30 **Group dinner**

Catering: Curryzma – 9478 4222

Tuesday 30 June

08:30 – 17:30 **MELBOURNE 3 DAY CONFERENCE**
Room MB362, 3rd floor, Martin Building
La Trobe Uni, Bundoora

**Accommodation for visitors:
Chisholm House & Glenn College
La Trobe Uni, Bundoora**

Catering: Curryzma – 9478 4222

Thursday 2 July

09:30 – 11:30
(arrive 15 mins early) **Multicultural Advisory Unit, Victoria Police**
637 Flinders St, Melbourne

**Accommodation for visitors:
Chisholm House & Glenn College
La Trobe Uni, Bundoora**

Victoria Police employs more than 13,600 people, including police, public servants and protective security officers, serving Victoria, with a population in excess of five million. With 339 police stations and other facilities.

Chief Commissioner Overland and Commander will both present.

Contact:

Bruce T. Colcott OAM
Senior Project Officer, Multicultural Advisory Unit, Victoria Police
T: 9247 5233
M: 0417 356 868
E: bruce.colcott@police.vic.gov.au

12:00 – 13:30 **Koorie Heritage Trust**
295 King St, Melbourne

Koorie Heritage Trust looks at Aboriginal Connection and Spirituality to Land, Belonging, Land-use, Plant use, History of Melbourne and sense of place, effects of European occupation and people and place and your own place within this.

Contact:

Dean Stewart
Education Manager
T: 8622 2600
E: dean@korieheritagetrust.com

15:00 – 16:30 **Australian Federal Police**
383 Latrobe St, Melbourne

A key role of the AFP is to protect Australia's security and prevent and detect crimes against Commonwealth law within Australia and, in certain circumstances, by Australians overseas.

Contact:

Kate Grealy
Islamic Liaison Team Member
T: 9607 7777
M: 0438 696 785

Saturday 4 July

09:00 – 17:00

Muslim Community Workshop

Facilitated by Islamic Council of Victoria

**Accommodation for visitors:
Chisholm House & Glenn College
La Trobe Uni, Bundoora**

Wednesday 8 July

09:30 – 11:30

Darebin City Council

274 Gower St, Preston

**Accommodation for visitors:
Chisholm House & Glenn College
La Trobe Uni, Bundoora**

Darebin is home to one of the largest, most diverse communities anywhere in the State.

They celebrate their diverse community and acknowledge their Aboriginal heritage.

Darebin is committed to sustainability and is a leader in the development of environmental policies, practices and programs.

Meeting in Council Chambers with representatives from Youth Team, Multicultural Affairs Team and a Councillor.

Contact:

Anna Giuliani
T: 8470 8524

12:00 – 13:00

Australian Multicultural Foundation

1/185 Faraday St, Carlton

The aims and objectives of the foundation are to cultivate in all Australians a strong commitment to Australia as one people drawn from many cultures and by so doing to advance its social and economic well-being.

Contact:

Dr Hass Delal
T: 9347 6622
E: info@amf.net.au

13:30-15:30 **Lunch at Zara Restaurant (private room)**
166-168 Sydney Road, Coburg
9384 1415 (booked by Tomo) x 30ppl

Performance by Anthea & Michael - 0414 603
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Melbourne's own diverse singer/songwriter Anthea Sidiropoulos has teamed up with Greek/Chinese/Australian musician Michael Teo, Bouzouki extraordinaire, to bring you traditional Greek Folk melodies with a bouzouki bound twist!

Both musicians hail from the heart of Melbourne's culturally diverse music scene with offerings of breathtaking and toe-tapping original material as well their own spin on traditional and contemporary Greek music.

Anthea is the daughter of the late Theo Sidiropoulos; the first Greek Mayor of Collingwood and the first Greek member of the Victorian parliament. Anthea grew up in Abbotsford, the daughter of Greek immigrants in a house that was full of music and immigrants fresh from the boat. Her parents were much loved for their warmth and service to the community. As a young man in Greece, her father was also in the Greek resistance. The songs that Anthea has chosen to sing are closely related to the themes of the book.

16:30 – 18:00 **Brigidine Centre**
52 Beaconsfield Parade, Albert Park

Meet women who work with Muslim asylum seekers and talk to some of the asylum seekers themselves.

Enjoy afternoon tea

Contact:
Sr Brigid Arthur
The Kildara Centre
T: 9696 2107
M: 0408 101 134

Thursday 9 July

09:30 – 11:30 **Media Workshop with Saeed Saeed**

Accommodation for visitors:

(room booked
from 9am-5pm)

Room FS230, La Trobe Uni, City Campus (x
25ppl)

**Chisholm House & Glenn College
La Trobe Uni, Bundoora**

13:00 – 14:30

The Age
Media visit

15:00 – 16:30

ABC
Media visit

SYDNEY

Sunday 12 July

18:00 Depart Melbourne (QF 458)

Accommodation:
Homestay arranged by ACU

19:25 Arrive Sydney

Monday 13 July

09:00 – 09:30 **Introduction:**
Acknowledging Country
Acknowledging spiritual traditions
Welcome: Professor Jude Butcher

Accommodation:
Homestay arranged by ACU

09:30 – 10:45 **Session 1: *Called to exercise a leadership informed by faith***
• Bishop Kevin Manning – Catholic Bishop of Parramatta
• Nada Roude – Islamic Council of NSW
Presentations, questions and dialogue

10:45 – 11:15 Morning Tea

11:15 – 11:30 Presentation of Artwork by Aerosol Arabic – a gift from the al-Ghazzali Centre to Australian Catholic University

11:30 – 12:00 **Session 2: *Creating safe, respectful spaces for transformative engagement***
• Anthony Steel – Australian Catholic University’s Institute for Advancing Community Engagement

12:00 – 13:30 **Session 3: *Servant Leadership***
• Imam Afroz Ali (al-Ghazzali Centre for Islamic Sciences and Human Development, Lakemba)
Presentation, questions and dialogue

13:30 – 14:15 Lunch

14:15 – 15:45 **Session 4: *Diversity, the Media and Public Opinion***
• Examining the portrayal of ‘difference’ in the media, and how to engage with media, as leaders in a multi-cultural society
• Facilitated by Peter Kirkwood, former ABC TV presenter; author and presenter of Tomorrow’s Islam
Presentation followed by questions and discussion

15:45 – 16:30
• Reflection and evaluation of the day
• Afternoon tea

- Participants return to their home-stays - the evening is set aside for hosts and visitors to spend time together

Thursday 16 July

- 15:00 – 16:45 **Session 6: *Human Rights: meeting place for valuing our shared humanity***
- Chris Sidoti - human rights lawyer and consultant; former Australian Human Rights Commissioner, Australian Law Reform Commissioner and Foundation Director of the Australian Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission
- 16:45 – 17:00 • Reflection and evaluation of the day
• Afternoon tea
- 17:00 Conclude – participants return to their home-stays - the evening is set aside for hosts and visitors to spend time together

**Accommodation:
Homestay arranged by ACU**

Friday 17 July

- 09:00 – 11:00 **Session 7: *Action for Social Transformation – the Edmund Rice Centre***
- 11:00 – 12:00 Depart by bus for La Perouse
- 12:00 – 13:15 Buy lunch at La Perouse
- 13:15 – 13:30 Depart for Reconciliation Church
- 13:30 – 15:00 **Session 8: *Art and Culture: a dynamic interface for leaders in multicultural Australia***
- Facilitated by Mrs Elsie Heiss, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Sydney
- 15:00 – 15:20 Afternoon tea
- 15:20 – 16:30 **Session 9: *Australia: The Indigenous Experience***
- Ken Ralph (Yalbalinga, ACU) and Cassandra Gibbs (Edmund Rice Centre)
- 16:30 – 16:50 Reflection and evaluation of the ACU segment of the program
- 16:50 – 17:00 Concluding remarks: Professor Jude Butcher
- 17:45 Depart Sydney (QF457)
- 19:15 Arrive Melbourne

MELBOURNE

Wednesday 22 July

09:00 – 17:00

Evaluation workshop

Room MB362, 3rd floor, Martin Building
La Trobe Uni, Bundoora

**Accommodation for visitors:
Chisholm House & Glenn College
La Trobe Uni, Bundoora**

Catering: Curryzma – 9478 4222

Friday 24 July

18:00 – 20:00

Graduation

State Library Victoria, 328 Swanston St,
Melbourne

Refreshments will be served.

**Accommodation for visitors:
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Participants in the leadership program with Professor Jude Butcher, Imam Afroz Ali and ACU National Gallery Coordinator Lachlan Warner. The group is standing beside the graffiti artwork which was presented to the University.

Building bridges for dialogue

Young people from the Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia and Melbourne visited the University's Strathfield Campus (Mount Saint Mary) last week as part of an eight-week leadership training program for young Muslims.

The 24 youths visited Sydney as part of a three-city study tour, and were hosted by the University's Institute for Advancing Community Engagement (IACE). The Institute arranged home-stays for the visitors, as well as a program of talks and activities on faith and leadership.

Presenters included Bishop of Parramatta, Most Reverend Kevin Manning, human rights lawyer and activist Chris Sidoti, Executive Director of the Muslim Women's Association Maha Abdo and a number of ACU National staff. Leadership formation was enhanced by encounters with Indigenous people sharing their stories, culture and spirituality.

As a gesture of interfaith friendship Sydney's Al-Ghazzali Centre for Islamic Sciences and Human Development presented the University with a graffiti artwork of Sydney Harbour featuring the word 'eternity' in English and Arabic.

The leadership training program, run by La Trobe University's Centre for Dialogue with support from the Victorian State Government and the Islamic Council of Victoria, runs over eight weeks in Melbourne, Canberra and Sydney and aims to empower young Muslims to reach their potential as citizens and future leaders.