

AUSTRALIAN MUSLIM YOUTH LEADERSHIP AND PEER MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Young men and women from Muslim communities in Victoria are invited to be part of a new and exciting leadership training program.

The 12-month course is designed to broaden the social participation of young Muslim leaders in Victoria. It will be delivered by the Australian Multicultural Foundation, in partnership with the Islamic Council of Victoria and will provide essential skills to enable young people to advocate on issues important to their community and create positive change.

Young men and women aged between 25 and 30 from Muslim communities in Victoria who are open to diversity of thought and have aspirations to become positive agents of change are invited to apply.

What will the program involve?

This training program will prepare 16 young Australian Muslims to:

- Deepen their engagement with the broader community;
- Express their views and thoughts with confidence;
- Interact with prominent community leaders, scholars and politicians; and
- Gain the necessary leadership and mentoring skills to influence change in their community

Program Format:

The youth leaders will initially participate in a 4-day training program in Melbourne facilitated by expert and professional trainers in each of the topics presented. We will also draw on the experience of prominent political, community and business advocates.



The interactive and challenging program will provide professional training in:

- Public Relations: media, communications and public speaking
- Stakeholder Management: engagement with prominent leaders from the corporate, community and government sectors;
- Advocacy: shifting negative views and shaping public policy by influencing public opinion on issues important to the community
- Community consultation: bringing communities together to discuss social issues and gain consensus on approaches to solving complex problems

Following the 4-day training program, the youth leaders will complete specific tasks utilising the skills they have learned including:

- Identifying social issues that require advocacy, policy directions, development and change
- Public speaking and engaging the community in dialogue around these key social issues
- Establishing sustainable networks and engagement with corporates, community and political leaders
- Developing a sustainable social and media campaign on issues requiring advocacy, policy development and change
- Working with the Board of Imams Victoria (BOIV) to develop and implement an advocacy campaign on a specific issue of importance
- Establishing links with other youth leaders
- Mentoring of young people

Apply now

This 12-month program, commencing in March 2017, is open to aspiring young Muslim men and women, aged from 25 to 30, with the potential to exercise a positive influence among their peers and community. Places are strictly limited. Young people from newly arrived communities are especially encouraged to apply.

How to apply

In a covering letter please describe:

1. The work you have done with your community
2. The key issues in your community you would like to address
3. Why you would like to be part of this program
4. Please provide two references to support your application

Please email your covering letter by **5:00 pm on Monday 16 January 2017** to applications@icv.org.au.

Costs

This program is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services (www.dss.gov.au) and is being offered free of charge.*

*Regional participants will be required to cover their travel costs to and from Melbourne. All other course costs are covered.

Application process

16 young people (aged 25-30) will be selected for the program by competitive application. Interviews will be conducted with shortlisted candidates in mid February 2017.

More Information

If you have any questions regarding the course, please contact admin@icv.org.au.