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# MEDIA RELEASE

Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia



## INSPIRATIONAL YOUNG PEOPLE TO HOLD MULTICULTURAL SUMMIT

A unique youth-led summit will be held in Perth for young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds to discuss issues around multiculturalism.

Now in its second year, the Catalyst Youth Summit, will bring together 65 multicultural young people aged 18 to 25 from across Western Australia to talk about the issues that are important to them, and discuss how they can work together to create solutions.

YACWA CEO Ross Wortham said, "This gathering of young people from different backgrounds is a true testament to the leadership and positive future of a multicultural Western Australia. "Young people have the right to be heard and we want to encourage them to speak out"

"YACWA believes in the power and influence that a collective voice can have in creating positive change for communities and this years' summit is a direct example of just that. Young people supporting other young people to create new ideas, develop a clear vision, and unify together around a common voice."

Organising committee member, Fatema Shalemie said, "The aim of the summit is to highlight the issues which are important to multicultural young people and to bring those issues to the attention of the community.

"So often people speak on the behalf of young people and disregard what they find important. We want multicultural young people to know that they can be the drivers of change of change in our community, and we hope this Summit will empower them to believe in what they're doing, Fatema said.

**WHAT:** Catalyst Youth Summit  
**WHEN:** 5 – 7 July (inclusive)  
**WHERE:** Edith Cowan University, Joondalup  
**INFORMATION:** <https://www.yacwa.org.au/blog/projects/catalyst-youth-summit/>

**MEDIA ARE INVITED:** to register their interest to attend the delegates team presentation to politicians and key stakeholders on the final day of the Summit.

**DATE:** FRIDAY 7 JULY, 10.30am - 12.30pm

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED NO LATER THAN MIDDAY, MONDAY 3 JULY 2017.**

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