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Information for applicants

What is FUSE 2019?

FUSE 2019 will be held in Melbourne from the 15th to the 17th of April 2019.

MYAN Australia are inviting young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds to attend FUSE 2019 as a delegate of their state or territory. If selected, delegates will have the opportunity to participate in a range of workshops, fun activities and team building, sharing ideas, passion and perspectives with young people from across Australia.

Delegates will work together over the three days to develop ideas and explore key issues facing young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds in Australia.

On the final day, delegates will make group presentations to a panel of Australian MPs, advocating behalf of refugee and migrant young people and presenting their voices direct to decision-makers in Australia.

Learn more about FUSE check out:
<http://myan.org.au/fuse-2019/>

Sound interesting? Keep reading...

Got skills? Great, just what we're looking for!

FUSE 2019 is about building the skills and abilities of young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds to be successful future leaders, advocates and community organisers. As such, we are looking for young people who have an interest in leadership, advocacy and related activities or who are looking for an opportunity to build these skills.

To help you determine if FUSE 2019 is the right fit for you, here are some of the skills and experiences we believe delegates will have:

- Applicants should have some previous experience and/or interest (formal or informal, e.g. volunteer) with a youth organisation or community group
- Applicants should be confident speaking in public and able to express themselves clearly and concisely
- Applicants must be able to cope with the pressures of travelling and participating in a three day event.

Are you committed?

All youth delegates will be expected to participate not only in the three day summit, but to take these skills back to their communities and build on them. We will be asking all selected delegates to commit to the following:

- Delegates must demonstrate commitment to taking part in group activities, discussing issues and sharing ideas openly, and listening to other young people respectfully as they express their thoughts.
- Delegates will be representing other young people and therefore must be committed to presenting others' views in a balanced and accurate way.
- Delegates must abide by the rules of the summit, which will be agreed upon by delegates on arrival.
- Delegates will be asked to sign media release and participation agreement forms.
- Delegates must cooperate fully with their MYAN support team during preparation for the summit, including making themselves available for pre-departure meetings and for de-briefing after the event.

Delegate contribution

Successful FUSE 2019 Summit Delegates will be requested to cover their registration for the summit, which is at a cost of \$100. The expectation is that delegates will work with their state or territory co-delegates and MYAN supports to seek sponsorship or donations to cover this contribution. MYAN Australia may consider providing additional support to successful delegates facing exceptional circumstances and unable to raise the funds to cover their registration.

Support for delegates

Successful FUSE 2019 Summit Delegates will be provided with financial and in-kind support to participate in the event in Melbourne. This support will include the following:

- Return airfare to Melbourne (alternate travel for Victorian delegates);
- Accommodation in Melbourne for the duration of the summit;
- All meals and transport costs in Melbourne;
- Pre-departure briefing and training in your state or territory;
- On-the-ground support in Melbourne for the duration of the summit; and
- Assistance to prepare for the summit.



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Applying for FUSE 2019

Step 1: Are you eligible?

1. Aged between 18 and 25
2. From a refugee or migrant background
3. Available to travel to Melbourne on 14th April 2019 (arriving no later than 7pm) and depart no earlier than 4pm on 17th April 2019 from Melbourne
4. Ability to articulate issues of concern to refugee and migrant groups, with a particular focus on youth and adolescents
5. Keen interest and/or experience in leadership, advocacy and/or community liaison/organising
6. Commitment to addressing issues faced by multicultural young people
7. Willingness to develop and learn new skills and apply these in local context
8. Clear idea of the key issues on which you would like to advocate at the summit

Step 2: Choose your application method

[Online Application](#) – complete your entire application in one step online

[Written Application](#) – download the hard copy form and email it back to us

[Audio-visual Application](#) – record a video or audio application and send it to us

Step 3: Read the instructions for applicants carefully

There are a number of ways you can send us your application for FUSE 2019 and we need to know some important information about you. So please make sure you have carefully read through the information provided, noting that the application process may differ slightly depending on how you submit your application.

- All applications must address each of the selection criteria separately.
- Applications that do not address the selection criteria will not be considered.

Step 4: Plan your application

Submitting a quality application can take time, you should begin long before you intend to submit your application. Before you commence, carefully read through the questions and information required, establish what it is you intend to say about yourself, identify if there is any information you need to gather to complete the application.

Step 5: Apply

Visit our website www.myan.org.au/fuse-2019/ and follow the links to completing your application. Remember, there are a number of ways you can apply – ONLINE, WRITTEN, or AUDIO-VISUAL – so choose the method that is right for you and get applying!!

Closing Date

Applications close 6 January 2019 (5pm AEST). Late applications may not be considered.

What is the selection process?

- Once applications close, a panel of representatives of MYAN Australia will review all of the applications using the selection criteria outlined above.
- The MYAN panel will strive to ensure that selected youth are as representative and diverse as possible, i.e. different nationalities/ethnic/religious/minority backgrounds.
- Dependent on applicants, selectors will be looking for an equal number of delegates from each state and territory.
- All selected delegates must be approved by MYAN Australia before a final decision is made.
- If you meet the criteria listed above, final selection will be based on your response to the written questions and conversations with your reference. We will not be holding interviews.
- Once applications have been reviewed by MYAN Australia, a representative of MYAN will contact you to inform if you have been selected as a FUSE 2019 representative.
- If you are successful you will be required to accept your position in writing by and to confirm your availability for pre-departure briefing and provide details for travel.

Further information

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact us at myanprojects@myan.org.au