

# Global Learning and Engagement Newsletter

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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## News



### From the Executive Director, Linda Vaughan

Welcome to the November and December edition of the Global Learning and Engagement (GL&E) newsletter.

As we approach the end of the year, I would like to thank our schools for their ongoing support of our global learning and engagement programs in 2022. Through our collaborative efforts and commitment, we have continued to explore ways to ensure we keep inspiring and educating our students in the post-pandemic world. I also want to acknowledge the dedication of our educators for helping students grow into responsive and informed global citizens who are able to address contemporary world issues in a sustainable manner.

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

### Nominations open for the Victorian Global Learning Awards 2023

Nominations are open for the 2023 Victorian Global Learning Awards (VGLA). Now in its 11th year, the awards celebrate and reward the academic excellence and outstanding achievements of Victoria's international school students. They also recognise school teams for excellence in global learning and engagement and homestay families for providing students with a safe, comfortable, and caring environment.

Nominations close on Tuesday 20 December 2022.

To access the nominations portal and find out more about the wide range of award categories, visit: [VGLA 2023](#), or email: [international.marketing@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:international.marketing@education.vic.gov.au)



### Highlights from the 2022 Global Learning and Engagement Symposium

The department recently held the fourth annual Global Learning and Engagement Symposium to provide school principals and leading teachers an opportunity to collaborate and hear from inspiring thought leaders. The event featured a student panel, good practice examples and hands-on strategies from the two concurrent sessions, hosted respectively by Asia Education Foundation and the Centre for Multicultural Youth.

To read the full summary of the event, see: [GL&E event summary](#), or view the highlights video at: [GL&E highlights 2022](#).

### Prospective sister school arrangements

To ensure compliance with the Foreign Relations Act 2020, IED will seek expressions of interest in Term 1 2023, from Victorian government schools interested in formalising a sister school arrangement with a new overseas partner school. This also includes renewal of an expired arrangement, variation to an existing arrangement, or renewal of an existing arrangement that has not been notified to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). School may also be required to submit a draft sister school Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) as part of the process.

If your school is intending to notify or seek approval from DFAT in Term 1, you are encouraged to start conversations with your prospective partner school now.

For more information on the process, see: [Foreign Relations Act process map](#), or find the MoU template at: [Sister school MoU](#).



### Highlights from the Global Youth Forums

Another successful round of the Global Youth Forums (GYFs) with Victorian and international students was held in November. The program provided an opportunity for participants to explore concepts of globalisation and global citizenship, whilst developing positive peer-to-peer connections. The pre-forum event was attended by 657 Victorian students from 55 government and non-government schools in Victoria, and 266 international students from across 6 different countries. In the post-event forum students shared and celebrated prototypes to address the global challenges identified in the United Nations Millennium Development Goals.

The program continues to gain popularity as it focuses on strengthening students' intercultural understanding, critical and creative thinking and voice, agency, and leadership.

If your school is interested in participating in the next round of the GYF program, please email: [vylc@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:vylc@education.vic.gov.au)

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### Swedish delegation's visit to Wurun Senior Campus

In November, a delegation was hosted from a research school based in Nacka Kommun, Sweden. The school was interested in learning about how Victorian students learn and develop their pedagogy, and met with representatives from the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority, Quality Assessment and Regulation Division, Outside School Hours Care, Inclusive Education Division, and the Victorian School Building Authority.

The delegation also visited Wurun Senior Campus and was given a tour by the principals from Collingwood College and Fitzroy High School to learn how both schools had come together to contribute to the design of the new senior secondary campus. Wurun campus opened this year at the historic gasworks site and features an embedded Indigenous narrative developed in collaboration with the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation.

If your school is interested in hosting an upcoming international delegation, contact us at: [ied.stakeholder.engagement@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:ied.stakeholder.engagement@education.vic.gov.au)

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### Multicultural Awards for Excellence – Abbotsford Primary School

The Victorian Multicultural Awards for Excellence (MAE) recognise people and organisations who foster cross-cultural understanding and support those with migrant, refugee and asylum seeker backgrounds to fully participate in all aspects of Victorian life.

The Victorian Multicultural Commission recently announced the winners and commendation recipients of MAE in a ceremony held at Government House. Amongst the outstanding recipients is Abbotsford Primary School (APS), one of 11 bilingual schools in Victoria. This year, APS was awarded the highly commended award for the School Education category for building intercultural capability and celebrating cultural diversity through their global engagement program.

To continue reading about the extraordinary work APS is doing in the global learning and engagement space, see: [APS global engagement program](#).

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# Professional Development







## Applications open for the 2023 Australia-China Digital BRIDGE Program

Applications for the 2023 cohort of the Aus-China Digital BRIDGE program are now open.

The Australia-China Digital BRIDGE Program is a collaborative, international, professional learning partnership program for educators across Australia and China. The program is an initiative funded by the National Foundation for Australia-China Relations and implemented by the Asia Education Foundation at Asialink, The University of Melbourne. Applications for the 2023 cohort close on 16 December 2022.

To express interest, visit: [Australia-China Digital BRIDGE](#).

## For Students



## VICTORIAN YOUNG LEADERS TO CHINA PROGRAM

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### Victorian Young Leaders to China Virtual Program 2023

Expressions of Interest to participate in the Virtual Victorian Young Leaders (VYL) to China Program 2023 are now open.

This two-week language and culture intensive online program for Year 9 Victorian students is modelled on the highly successful VYL China in-country immersion program. The program will be hosted by Beijing Language and Culture University (BLCU) in the first two weeks of the six-week program. Student participants will have an opportunity to learn about aspects of China's traditional and contemporary culture through interactive cultural exchange activities. The program will also strengthen Chinese Language skills of the participants and will help them connect with their Chinese peers. The program will be delivered in both Term 2 and Term 3 in 2023. Applications close on 20 December 2022.

To participate in either of the cohorts in 2023, please complete the [EOI form](#), or contact [vylc@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:vylc@education.vic.gov.au) for any questions.

### 2023 Multicultural Youth Leadership Conference

Endeavour Youth Australia is inviting students to attend the 2023 Multicultural Youth Leadership Conference (MYLC) on 8 February 2023 at Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. The conference aims to bring together CALD secondary students from across Victoria to build the leadership capacity of Victoria's vibrant multicultural student population. This will be achieved through interactive sessions delivered by world-class young multicultural professionals.

In 2023, the theme of the conference is Changing your narrative. The event is designed to inspire young people to own their narrative and challenge them to realise their leadership potential.

To register for the conference or see more details, visit: [MYLC 2023](#), or email [mohamed@endeavouryouthaustralia.com.au](mailto:mohamed@endeavouryouthaustralia.com.au) for any questions.

## Resources



[Global learning resources for teachers](#)

Global learning and engagement is vital for living in a more complex, interconnected and competitive world. The department provides a range of resources to support early childhood, primary and secondary school teachers in delivering the Victorian F-10 Curriculum intercultural capability.

To access the resources available on our website, see: [Online teacher resource](#) .

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## I can – parents, videos in languages – Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY)

CMY has a range of programs and resources designed to support school-aged young people and their families. I can – parents video provides tips for parents from migrant and refugee backgrounds on how they can support their children's learning at home.

To view the video, see: [CMY I Can - parents video](#) in languages on Vimeo.

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