

• Do you want to be inspired and challenged?

• Do you want to shape a better Victoria?



If you're interested, and are between 18-28 years old, then **Multifaith Multicultural Youth Mentoring** is the program for you!

Multifaith Multicultural Youth Mentoring (MMYM)

is a new initiative that fosters connections between young people from diverse backgrounds, with a strong interest in multifaith multicultural dialogue, and decision makers in the Victorian community.

The Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY), with the support of the Victorian Multicultural Commission (VMC), brings you the opportunity to meet, interact with and learn from some of Victoria's leading figures.

The Background:

Young people who attended the VMC/CMY Multicultural Multifaith Youth Forum in 2006 identified a need for greater access to and participation in government, community, business and faith sectors. This is the response... MMYM — inspired by you!

The Model:

The program will run from April to December 2009 in the CBD. The first stage is a nine week program, involving weekly, 2 hour workshops with 20–25 young people meeting with 6–8 mentors. The program will be facilitated by 2 staff, and run for 2 hours on a weekday. The sessions will be run on Tuesdays 4–6pm and Fridays 12.30–2.30pm.

Each week a different theme will be explored in depth through discussions, presentations from mentors and guest speakers, and group activities. Some of the themes include:

- concepts of citizenship and home
- multifaith awareness
- sustainability
- communication and media
- government and civil engagement
- faith practice (at work)

Why would you want to be involved?

- You will be able to network and communicate with successful Victorian leaders from the government, community, business and faith sectors;
- You will extend your personal and professional networks, as well as learn and share stories;
- You will learn from mentors sharing their experiences and insights, as well as help educate mentors about the challenges young people face, their goals and aspirations;
- You will develop your communication skills and ability to engage with people from all walks of life;
- You will be part of the process of creating a society that understands and accepts difference, which is more harmonious and inclusive;
- You will have the opportunity to develop and become involved in a range of youth-led initiatives in the community, and supported by a mentor.

How to get involved:

To be a part of this program you need to:

- complete and submit an application form (via email, in person, fax or post) to CMY by Wednesday 18th March 2009;
- attend a group interview at the CMY office in Carlton;
- commit to the nine-month program, run from April to December, 2009

If you'd like to find out more about the program, the session themes and topics, the mentors or anything else, please contact:

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