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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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# **Discrimination in Victoria**

## **Young People Come Together to Discuss the Issues**

A range of young people from across Melbourne will come together in a unique forum to discuss discrimination in Victoria.

This, first of its kind, forum has been developed by young people, for young people and aims to give young people the opportunity to express their views and thoughts regarding discrimination in Victoria.

A number of organizations including the Centre for Multicultural Youth Issues & YouthLaw, were inspired to organise the event in the wake of recent stories of alleged discrimination by the police in Flemington and Dandenong.

"We're young people, we're active members of our communities and we feel strongly about issues like discrimination and human rights," says organiser and CMYI Project Worker Nazeem Hussain.

"We're all from diverse cultural backgrounds, and whilst proud to be Australian we are concerned about the discrimination we have personally experienced and have heard about from our friends and family," says Nazeem.

Amongst the speakers at the event will be well-known community leader and lawyer **Waleed Aly** and Muslim rap group **The Brothahood** will be performing. The Forum is being funded by the **Foundation for Young Australians** and supported by **YouthLaw**.

"We want to give other young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds the chance to tell us about their experiences of discrimination and working together we'll develop strategies to deal with this issue," says Nazeem.

**Where:** Trades Hall, Ground Floor, Old Building Trades Hall,  
Cnr Victoria & Lygon Streets, Carlton South

**When:** Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 10am – 5pm

**Please Note - Media are invited to attend the last hour of the Forum – from 4pm Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

The Discrimination & the Youth Law Forum is a **free** event funded by **The Foundation for Young Australians**.

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