

## STATEWIDE MULTICULTURAL YOUTH ISSUES NETWORK (SMYIN) MEETING

# International students in our community

### DATE

**Thursday 26 June 2008**

### TIME

**9am-12pm** (9am-9.30am  
registrations)

### VENUE

Conference Room  
CO.AS.IT Building  
189 Faraday Street  
Carlton VIC 3053

### COST

Free

### RSVP

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**Did you know that there are over 100,000 international students currently in Victoria?**

**Did you know that the Australian Government has introduced a visa (*subclass 485*) that makes it easier for international students to stay in Australia after completing study?**

**Although attracted to becoming permanent residents, many international students experience social isolation through lack of connection into our community - reporting considerable levels of depression and loneliness, as well as discrimination and safety concern.\***

**The next CMYI Statewide Multicultural Youth Issues Network meeting will focus on community responses to international students – How are services working with these young people?**

**In considering service needs, responses, and connection-making: We will hear perspectives of international students, university student services, and local government services. Speakers including:**

- **Cr David Wilson** – City of Melbourne Councillor and Chair of Community Services
- **Mr Adrian Burrage** – University of Melbourne's Manager of Student Housing
- **Mr Danny Ong** – Monash University researcher, former international student and 2004-05 President of Monash University International Student Services.

**For more information go to [www.cmyi.net.au/StatewideNetwork](http://www.cmyi.net.au/StatewideNetwork)  
Please send RSVPs. Feel free to bring resources to share.  
See you there!**

*“Young people become at risk because of a lack of connectedness to community, family, peers or significant other... Education providers and the general community need to build climates where international students feel they are able to seek assistance, and that if they do, the service is appropriate to their needs.”*

- Gail Baker & Ken Hawkins - in *Australian Universities Review* May 2006 - p.21-3  
<http://www.nteu.org.au/publications/aur/4802>

\*See The Age article: *Overseas students finding it tough going*  
<http://www.theage.com.au/news/national/overseas-students-finding-it-tough-going/2007/07/21/1184560109186.html> Deborah Gough 22 July 2007

*Report on Issues Affecting International Students*  
<http://www.nlc.edu.au/nlcac/nec2007/files/CIC%20Major%20Report%20Issues%2023A1.pdf>  
Chris McRae 2007

*Victoria welcomes record number of overseas students* – Media release, 22 March 2007  
[http://www.dpc.vic.gov.au/domino/Web\\_Notes/newmedia.nsf/bc348d5912436a9cca256cfc0082d800/220dd572c7397b90ca2572a600787efe!OpenDocument](http://www.dpc.vic.gov.au/domino/Web_Notes/newmedia.nsf/bc348d5912436a9cca256cfc0082d800/220dd572c7397b90ca2572a600787efe!OpenDocument)

*Skilled migration options for international students* -  
<http://www.liveinvictoria.vic.gov.au/ViewPage.action?siteNodeId=768&languageId=1&contentId=-1>