



3rd Advancing Community Cohesion Conference - The Way Forward

10-13 February 2020
Western Sydney University - Parramatta City Campus



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Re: Youth Scholarship to Attend the 3rd National Advancing Community Cohesion Conference.

Western Sydney University (WSU) is pleased to be hosting the 3rd National Advancing Community Cohesion Conference (ACCC) at its Parramatta South campus from **10th – 13th February 2020**. To find out more information, visit the website: (www.advancingcommunitycohesionconference.com.au)

Conference Scholarship

Multicultural NSW, in partnership with the Ethnic Communities Council of NSW (ECCNSW) and the 3rd ACCC, are delighted to be offering scholarships to this Conference. These scholarships will be awarded to up-and-coming young leaders (over 18 years old) working in regional areas within CALD communities.

The scholarships include the Conference registration (lunch & morning/afternoon tea), a subsidy towards accommodation close to the venue (if there is no alternative to stay with family members or friends) and travel.

The Conference will be held at WSU Parramatta City Campus from **10th – 13th February 2020** including the Opening Ceremony.

Successful applicants stand to benefit from engaging with and learning from both international and national speakers on important issues relating to social cohesion. Convened after the tragic massacres in Christchurch and Sri Lanka, the 3rd ACCC aims to achieve practical outcomes and contribute to policies and strategies at home and abroad. Keynote and other speakers include government Ministers, community leaders, senior government officials and scholars from leading universities and research centres, as well as civil society representatives.

How your organisation can help

- WSU and ECCNSW would be grateful if your organisation could circulate information about the scholarship amongst your members and stakeholders and encourage eligible youth to apply.
- Your organisation may nominate scholarship applicants.

How to apply for a scholarship

□ Eligible youth must complete the attached application form and email it to Mr. Marc Roppolo at marc.roppolo@eccnsw.org.au by Wednesday 8 January 2020.

Reasons for regional youth from CALD backgrounds to participate in the Conference

- This is a chance to meet and discuss social cohesion issues with experts and key people from government, parliament, universities and think-tanks, civil society organisations and the private sector.
- This is a chance to develop relationships, networks and partnerships amongst themselves, with youth from metropolitan centres, and with experts and key people in the social cohesion space.
- Discussions at the Conference can help with the work that regional youth are doing to strengthen social cohesion within their communities.
- The wide range of interesting issues covered at the Conference will ensure a rewarding and inspiring learning experience for regional youth.

The Conference program will be finalised shortly and uploaded onto the Conference website (www.advancingcommunitycohesionconference.com.au).

On behalf of The Ethnic Communities Council NSW and Western Sydney University, I thank you for your consideration and look forward to seeing youth from rural and regional areas at the Conference.

Yours,



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Conference Convenor
Director, Equity and Diversity



Mr. Peter Doukas
Chair
Ethnic Communities' Council of NSW