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# IYLP Communities & 2009 National Student Gathering

Presentation to IYLP Education Providers' gathering – 30 July 2009



# IYLP Communities

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## o The vision

- easy, private and effective means of communicating and sharing resources and connecting stakeholders across Australia; and
- Move away from one-way communication to multi-directional communication

## o Objectives:

- to create a cohort experience and increase networking opportunities for IYLP stakeholders
- increase knowledge of leadership, mentoring and other opportunities available to IYLP students
- Enhance the capacity of education providers and brokers to support students



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# Why IYLP communities?

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- o Popularity of social networking tools such as Facebook
- o A central, efficient means of communicating and storing information about IYLP
- o Research potential



# Features

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## o Three distinct communities

### – Education Providers

- Hold multiple one-to-one blogs with each other.
- Pose group questions and discussion topics
- Download resources.
- Have access to communications from the administrator about the program.

### – Partnership Brokers

- Build community through multiple one-to-one blogs with each other.
- Pose group questions and discussion topics.
- Have access to a notice board, which will detail opportunities such as digital stories.

### – Students

- Hold multiple one-to-one blogs with each other.
- Pose group questions and discussion topics
- Download resources.
- Have access to communications from the administrator about the program.



# Accessing the communities

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- o When will they go live?
  - Proposed go live in the lead-up to The Gathering which is taking place in Brisbane in mid-September
- o Managing its proper use
  - FYA has engaged an expert in this area, Origin Communications Group, to assist it with the development and implementation of an appropriate forum management strategy including a range of policies



# 2009 National Student Gathering

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- o **Date:** Wednesday, 9 September – Saturday, 12 September  
(fly in 9 September and fly out 12 September)
- o **Venue:** Rydges Resort, South Bank, Brisbane



# What is it?

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- o The Gathering brings together secondary and tertiary scholars from across Australia, fostering a sense of community amongst IYLP participants and develops their leadership capability and capacity by:
  - Developing and supporting a group identity amongst IYLP scholars
  - Providing a safe space for discussion about various issues of importance
  - Inspiring and exposing IYLP scholars to role models and potential mentors
  - Empowering and supporting IYLP Scholars to articulate and deconstruct various worldviews, more importantly their own; and,
  - Providing an opportunity to recognise and appreciate different leadership styles



# 'What is it?' cont'd

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## o **Across Two Worlds**

- Acknowledges the additional challenges faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people working within their own communities and in the broader Community.

## o **Key events:**

- *Opening Night: Wed 9:* An outdoor dinner by the South Bank river with live entertainment, a ride on the Brisbane Wheel and Welcome to Country.
- *Thursday 10:* Dance Party and Performance by The Last Kinection - Rooftop Level 12 Rydges
- *Friday 11:* Formal Dinner hosted by Sean Choolburra: Guest Speaker TBC



# Whose coming?

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- o 226 participants registered so far
  - 115 male
  - 111 female
  - 167 Secondary students
  - 24 University students



# Who's running it?

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- o FYA has engaged Human Ventures to create and manage the Gathering
- o Grant Sarra has agreed to be the key facilitator. In this role he will do a number of things including:
  - Assist with program development including setting the vision / outcomes for the event.
  - Meet with key facilitators prior to ensure objectives of each session are clear.
  - Set ground rules with participants around best practice communication to maximise the effectiveness of the session.
  - Top and tail the day and facilitate reflection sessions.



# 'Who's running it ?' cont'd

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- o Other key facilitators include:
  - Bridgette Garay
  - David Williams
  - Michael Knight and the Peer Power team
  - Naomi Wenitong
  - Allinta Rose
  - Joel Wenitong
  - Fred Leonie



# Streams

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- o There will be separate streams for:
  - Secondary students, Years 7-9
  - Secondary students, Years 10-12
  - Tertiary students & Education Provider representatives
- o Depending on the different sessions the first two streams listed above will be broken down into smaller groups



# Key sessions

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## o **Weaving Stories, Past, Present and Future**

- A cultural and historical perspective of Indigenous Australia including:
- Cultural history
- Cultural knowledge
- Cultural leadership

## O **Management & Leadership: Outcome focused Project Planning**

- Indigenous style management/perspective VS Western style management/perspective
- Engaging with Indigenous Australia in a culturally appropriate way
- Project Planning & Project Management

## O **Personal & Community Development**

- Understanding self & shifting cycles of behaviour
- Changing personal behaviour
- Dealing with conflict & Community politics
- Communication & Closing The Gap



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