

A warm thank you.

Thank you for your attendance in this program. We welcome your thoughts and feedback. Your messages will be carried to the different level of governments and we hope you continue to be a strong voice in the development of our region.

We would especially like to thank all our guest speakers, Mooroopna Rotary Club, Goulburn Valley Grammar School for hosting the event.

#### CONFERENCE REFERENCES MATERIALS

In line with Future Voices Inc- Shepparton Nelson Mandela Learning Centre sustainability missions, objectives and mandates, any attached materials and information in relation to the 'One Region, One People and One Future' conference will be advised via schools, Future Voices and The Gandhi Experiment's email, website and social media.

#### COMMITMENT TO ACCESS & EQUITY

Future Voices – Shepparton Nelson Mandela Learning Centre, The Gandhi Experiment and supporters of this conference are committed to meet the needs of all delegates.

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## Inaugural Goulburn Valley Building Regional Youth Leadership Summit led by Future Voices and The Gandhi Experiment 'One Region, One people and One Future' Conference

Thursday 14th of June 2018  
9:30am - 3:00pm

#### VENUE

Goulburn Valley Grammar School, Verney Road Campus,  
Shepparton Victoria Australia 3632



## About the Conference, its organisers: Future Voices Inc.

The conference is about supporting young people's learning and development and providing transformational leadership that engages them and their communities in critical dialogues that contribute well to multicultural societies and to the global village. There's a word in Africa, 'Ubuntu', that defines the greatest of humanity. It reminds us that we are all bound together in ways that can be invisible to our eyes. We base our transformational learning on the 'Ubuntu' Philosophy.

**The City of Greater Shepparton has settled significantly contributing refugees and migrants for many decades. But still, labour shortages and having long-term visions that well support the arrivals, youth and building of various dimensions of social capital, sustainable environments, economic growth, competitiveness, youth leadership, and stronger teaching and learning pillars and practices all remain a challenge. Initiatives for a global big picture for the City of Greater Shepparton and neighbouring districts as a regional centre and for young people are also still a challenge.**

Future Voices and Nelson Mandela Learning Centre, Shepparton has been established to mitigate some solutions to the foresaid issues. Thus, the main goals of the above mentioned organisations include: delivering new attitudes, value building, empowering and inspiring programs designed to enhance the foresaid and to overcome a number of barriers in regional development needs. The programs and enhanced learnings are based on the late Nelson Mandela's/Africans' Ubuntu Philosophy. Future Voices has run and intends to expand into the centre, running programs founded on the collectively highly regarded Ubuntu Philosophy as aligned with Gandhi's teachings. The approaches to embrace commitment, inspired individuals, innovation, development of creativity and formative learning, entrepreneurial skills and networks' building support engagements including global strategy and knowledge exchange, economic growth, and better utilization of resources. Future Voices contributes to the building of peace and harmony, the eradication of poverty, sustainable development, intercultural dialogue and learning through education to understand different cultures, communication and information. We aim to improve social cohesion by facilitating the positive transition of new arrivals into our communities.

Future Voices Inc. has been endorsed and officially permitted by the Nelson Mandela Foundation in South Africa to develop a Nelson Mandela Learning Centre in Shepparton. It is a great privilege to be granted permission to develop a Nelson Mandela Learning Centre in Shepparton to complement the work of Future Voices already going on. It is the first time in Australia that a group has been granted the opportunity, and it is based on the common conditions of Shepparton and South Africa of living off agriculture. We have to capitalize on the common conditions.

## Future Voices – Building Regional Youth Leadership summit – 'One Region, One people and One Future' Conference Program

Time: 8.40am start 9:30am - 3.00pm

08.40am	Registration and Morning Tea	Speakers/ facilitators
09.30am	Welcome	Mark Torriero the Principal of Grammar School
09.34am	Networking: Introduce yourself to other guests sitting either side of you and tell them what you are passionate about	Margaret Hepworth
10.00am	The power of Young people	Cheryl Hammer
10.10am	Overview of Roundtable discussion. Introduce the 'Nelson Mandela' Learning Centre Project' & 'Building a New Generation Youth Leadership Project' Presentation and Introduce	Dr Apollo. S. Nsubuga- Kyobe Chair of Future Voices Inc.
10.25am	The mission and Vision of 'Sahara, Piercing the Thatch Ceiling'	Dr Mimmie Claudine Watts
10. 50am	Forum 1 The Optimistic Australian Leader: Egalitarian Humorous and Plain Speaking What It take to be a good or great leader in Australia! Table discussion	Victor Perton
11.20am	Presentation of outcomes - Questions from floor	Group Presentation/ Participants
11:30pm	BREAK	
11.40am	Forum 2 Regional Future What do we want for our region? What is our role in this? How do we make this happen? What do we want to say to our local council? Express ideas, visions, roles, discussion for Greater Shepparton City Council's future Setting and achieving goals - Table discussion	Victor Perton
12:00pm	Nominate a participant to give a five-minute overview of discussion	The facilitator: Victor Perton
12:20pm	LUNCH	
01:00pm	Australia – USA Relationship and What does it mean to be a global citizen- as a diplomat / personally?	David Edginton
01:25pm	Fourm 3 Global citizenship – It start with us. What is my role as a global citizen? Setting and achieving goals- Table discussion	The facilitator: Margaret Hepworth
2: 50pm	Presentation of Outcomes – Questions from floor	Group presentation & The facilitator: Margaret Hepworth
3:00pm	CLOSE AND THANKS	

### **DR MIMMIE CLAUDINE NGUM CHI WATTS**

Dr Chi Watts is a public health expert and academic, author, consultant, board director of Women's Development, public speaker and entrepreneur. Dr Chi Watts has significant roles within and outside Victoria University. In October 2015 she was appointed one of six new Commissioners to the Victoria Multicultural Commission (VMC).



She is interested in migrant health and the health of minority persons. Improving health needs for women, providing better education for disadvantaged persons and increasing opportunities amongst disadvantaged groups are central to Dr Chi Watts' work. In 2014, Dr Chi Watts wrote the Bachelor of Health Science Course for VU. Dr Chi Watts' philosophy of teaching is drawn from the AVID Strategies in education that focus on the learner, the knowledge and skills the learner brings to the education environment and from her own national and international experiences.

We thank the family and the Foundation in South Africa for their trust in us. It will be a place where we can further develop our programs, dialogues, lectures and partnerships, and it will be an asset for economic growth and bilateral exchanges of knowledge and skills.

### **Future Voices Inc.- Inaugural G.V Building Regional Youth Leadership Summit 'One Region, One people and One Future' Conference Purpose /Objectives**

The purpose of the conference is to initiate developing a ten year youth leadership regional plan, identify priority areas, set specific targets, and define strategies and policy measure that will require the development of our region. Future Voices, in partnership with The Gandhi Experiment, are facilitating this one-day conference, bringing regional students together to consider and assess their leadership potentials, roles and environmental relationship with their communities, migrants and otherwise and global issues. Students are expected to take part in forums, which will result in actionable goal setting. This is an opportunity to share knowledge, network with government and non-government institutions of different sectors, and build a stronger Australia, as well as helping regional Victoria to engage with other parts of the world, including celebrating Nelson Mandela's legacy. Several key note speakers will offer deep insights from their expert backgrounds, including diplomacy experiences, which will be enshrined into their topics.

Themes:

- Developing leadership skills
- Introducing the Nelson Mandela Centre Project
- Introducing the 'Building a New Generation' Youth Leadership Project
- The optimistic Australian Leader
- What it takes to be a great leader in Australia
- Our regional future – What is my role?
- Developing ourselves as global citizens and agents of change.

**Message from Conference Co-Convener MR RASHIDI SUMAILI Project Manager of Future Voices Inc.- Shepparton Nelson Mandela Learning Centre Project , Universal Peace Ambassador and Member of the African Union's Pan African-Australasian Diaspora Network (PAADN)**



We're delighted to welcome our international presenters, delegates from Goulburn Valley and across the world.

We're also very grateful for the support and sponsorship received from a number of individuals, organisations, and Shepparton secondary schools to Future Voices Inc.'s Inaugural G.V Building Regional Youth Leadership Summit 'One Region, One people and One Future' Conference. Special thanks goes to the Mooroopna Rotary Club, Fairley Foundation and Goulburn Valley Grammar School.

The support Future Voices Inc. received from different levels of governments and organizations has enabled us to graduate and build the skills of over 150 students in an educational/training schedule of a holistic nature. Over three quarters of the graduates have their own meaningful undertakings of knowledge based on local, national and international initiatives. This a great success! Future Voices Inc. programs have developed leaders, facilitated partnerships, strengthened local and international opportunities, and enhanced links to education, employment, career pathways and outcomes. Through experiential learning, mentorship, coaching, training and other various knowledge transfer and inspiring methods, past programs have developed innovation, creativity, entrepreneurship, inter-country exchanges and cross-cultural knowledge transfers, social capital utilization, future leaders and other related significant outcomes.

It is our privilege to convene this conference and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Future Voices board members and supporters led by Dr Apollo Nsubuga Kyobe, committee organiser, for their dedication and hard work in advancing education, supporting the conference and Future Voices Inc.'s past initiatives. These include Victor Perton, the founder of Australia Leadership; Dr Mimmie Claudine Ngum Chi Watts, Victoria Multicultural Commissioner( VMC); Dr Pierre Van Osselaer, Belgium Honorary Consulate Victoria, Australia; David Edginton, the Public Affairs Officer at the U.S. Consulate General in Melbourne; Cheryl Hammer, currently the Executive Officer of Fairly Foundation; Mark Torriero, the Principal of Goulburn Valley Grammar School; and Margaret Hepworth, Executive Officer of The Gandhi Experiment. This conference will create an opportunity to develop meaningful partnerships, which will provide continuous teaching and experiential learning and contribute to changing regional developmental needs.

**MARGARET HEPWORTH**



Speaker / Author / Educator Margaret Hepworth is an expert in teenage motivations & behaviours; a thought leader in peace and values education; the founder of The Gandhi Experiment; an English and Humanities teacher of 30 years; author of The Gandhi Experiment – teaching our teenagers how to become global citizens; recipient of the 2016 Sir John Monash Award for Inspirational Women's Leadership; creator of Collaborative Debating

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As an educator, Margret believes that it is imperative we make serious efforts for young people, to open their world view to solution focused outcomes.

**DAVID EDINGTON**



David is the Public Affairs Officer at the U.S. Consulate General in Melbourne, Australia. David most recently served as the Cultural Affairs Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, during which he administered a \$7 million discretionary public diplomacy budget as the Mission's lead grants officer.

Prior to his assignment in Baghdad, David served as the Cultural Affairs Officer for Mission Saudi Arabia and Public Affairs Officer for Missions New Zealand and Samoa. During his service in Wellington, David managed a number of nationwide program efforts including outreach during the 2011 Rugby World Cup and 70th anniversary of the U.S. Marines arriving to New Zealand during WWII. David has also served as a Public Diplomacy officer at the Provincial Reconstruction Team in Mosul, and at U.S. Embassies in Abu Dhabi, Bahrain, and Uruguay. Prior to joining the Foreign Service, David worked for ten years as the Program Development Coordinator for an international youth exchange program based at the University of Northern Iowa.

David is married with two children.



### **CHERYL HAMMER**

Cheryl Hammer is Shepparton businesswoman and long-time community advocate. She is a proactive and long-time award-winning tourism operator in Greater Shepparton. She has owned her current business, The Churches Accommodation in Orrvale, for 10 years.



Cheryl is also well known throughout the community for her media and marketing work with a range of businesses, including Emerald Bank Leisure Land, the site for the filming of the Australian movie, Spin Out. Cheryl has a background in community engagement, journalism, marketing and event management and is currently the Executive Officer of Fairly Foundation. Cheryl has served on many community and volunteer boards, such as Shepparton Foodshare, Tourism Greater Shepparton and Goulburn River Valley Tourism. Just as importantly, she is a mother of three young men.

### **VICTOR PERTON**

Victor Periton has served as Senior Adviser in the Australia G20 Presidency, supporting Australian Treasurer Joe Hockey's leadership of the Finance Track of G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors. He played an important engagement role in the Brisbane G20 Leaders' Summit.



Victor is a former Commissioner to the Americas building investment, trade, global supply chains & supporter networks. His life experience includes 18 years as a parliamentarian, practice as a barrister, mediator, arbitrator, businessman, board service and mentor in the public and private sectors.

Victor is a compelling lecturer & motivational speaker on leadership, policy advocacy, governance, networking & social media. His professional qualifications and experience include law, economics, education, technology & innovation and environment. He is Editor and Publisher of the Australian Leadership blog, Principal of Victor Periton Global Partners; Board Member of Yarra Valley Water; Advisory Board Member of Lifeguard Health Network Inc; Global Integrity Summit hosted by Griffith University and Australia Centre for Financial Studies hosted by Monash University.

Our table discussion will address different topics that aim to empower delegates to have the ability and to demonstrate capacity in leading and to debate key translational research questions that thereby help direct our efforts towards a greater willingness to learn, contribute for change, and gain an understanding of the challenges our region and the world faces today.

Finally, thank you for joining us. We sincerely believe and hope that the conference will inspire, enhance friendship, resilience, self-determination and networks, and support global engagements and knowledge exchange.

### **Future Voices Inc- Inaugural G.V Building Regional Youth Leadership Summit 'One Region, One people and One Future' Conference Speakers/ Facilitators.**

#### **DR APOLLO S. NSUBUGA-KYUBE FIMLA, FAFBE, MAHRI, AMICDA, JP; Chair, Future Voices/Nelson Mandela Regional Learning Centre, Shepparton, Victoria, Australia, 3632**



An engaging client-centred strategic cross-cultural, educator, mentor, advisor, human resources capacity builder with extensive experience in research, curriculum development, teaching, assessing, evaluation and nurturing collaborative diverse groups and collegial relationships, partnerships as well as successful pathways. He is a highly collaborative cross-cultural community leader, academic and researcher. He holds various qualifications including a PhD in Organisational and Human Resources Management/Development from La Trobe University. He is a member of a number of Professional and Community based organisations.

His community and academic leadership has included; contributing towards building emerging communities to the next better level(s) by positively enhancing attitudes, values, and empowerments in their lives (capacity building) and supporting those living in the margins (disadvantaged) particularly through providing directions, empowerments, mentorship, education, evidence building, advocacy, social research and counselling opportunities. A strategic thinker and actor in programs development and delivery.

His Professional and Organisations' membership covers a range of set-ups that include being:

- Member of the Global Team for the Development of the World-wide African Diaspora Engagement Toolkit of the African Union/CIDO, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

- Secretary and Councillor Pan African Australasian Diaspora Network (PAADN) & Co-Chair Communities Forum & Entrepreneurship/Economic Development of the African-Australians Diaspora (Asia Pacific),
- Fellow Institute of Managers and Leaders Australia (FIMLA), formerly Australian Institute of Management (AIM),
- Fellow and Executive Board Member of the Asian Forum for Business Education (AFBE)
- Member Australian Human Resources Institute (MAHRI)
- Associate Member of the Institute of Community Directors Australia, (AMICDA)
- Justice of the Peace (JP) in the State of Victoria,
- HUME Regional Advisory Council Member (RAC/VMC) to the Minister of Multiculturalism & Finance, Victoria Government
- Vice Chair the African Think Tank Inc.
- Member of the Africa Day Committee & Co-ordinator of Advancing Australia, Africa Agenda: Challenges & Prospects
- Member of the Regional Settlement Institute Australia (RIA)
- Outgoing Vice Chair and Board Member Ethnic Council of Shepparton & Districts
- Chair Goulburn Valley African Communities Association
- Executive Committee Member African Communities Foundation Association (ACFA)
- Charter Member of the Brotherhood of St Laurence
- Former Vice President of the African Studies Association of the Australasia and the Pacific (AFSAAP)
- Former Deputy Chair D.H.S Victoria Multicultural Advisory Committee
- Patron of the Uganda Pearl of Africa Victoria Association
- Outgoing Board Member the ECCV
- Convenor Australia Africa Dialogue La Trobe University, Melbourne.

Dr Aplo has received different Awards in regard to community engagements local, regional, state, national and international added to those of teaching, educating, and research all illustrating the above mentioned contributions. For example, in 2005, 2008, 2009, and 2013; respectively received the following accolades: Multicultural Affairs Excellence Award, Community Services, Victoria; Victorian Refugee Recognition Record (VRRR) Award, Victorian Government; Academic Contribution to Communities Australia Day Award, City of Greater Shepparton, and Inducted into the 'Hall of Fame', by Celebrate African-Australians Inc., this is their most top Award given for exceptional contribution to the Australian Society.

Marquis Who's Who in the World (US) has selected him for an official 2017/18 Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement prestigious Award, a result of the hard work and dedication to knowledge transfer profession and community building. The Winners are featured on the Marquis Lifetime Achievement website and receive a professionally written personal narrative documenting their accomplishments. The narrative goes with online distribution to all the major search engines for higher visibility and each Winner is given an expanded biography and exclusive access to Marquis Biographies Online (MBO), a database of more than 1.5 million of the most distinguished professionals from around the globe. These are listed in the respective chronological order highlighting the length and extent of his involvements.

### **MARK TORRIERO**

Principal, Goulburn Valley Grammar School

In 2008 Mark Torriero was appointed as Principal of Goulburn Valley Grammar School. Previously Mark has worked in a diverse range of Independent schools in Victoria and Queensland.

Mark has led a whole school focus on improving student learning growth through quality teaching. The school was an inaugural member of the University of Melbourne Network of Schools project from 2014 to 2016. In 2016 Mark participated in the ISV Futures of Learning Program and is a member of the 2017 Leading Learning that Matters Program run by ISV and the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Mark is a Director of the Victorian Ecumenical System of Schools and was Chair in 2012-2013. He is a member of the Independent Country Co-educational Schools (ICCES) sporting and cultural association. He is currently a Board Member of Independent Schools Victoria.

Mark recognises the critical role of all Independent schools in changing the lives of young people and building community, especially in rural and outer metropolitan settings.

