



# *The Third Nelson Mandela Youth Leadership Summit*

**"Young People Leading with Optimism Through the Pandemic and Beyond"**

**Tuesday 15 September, 10:00 am – 12:00noon AEST**

## **ABOUT FUTURE VOICES**

Future Voices Focus project aims to address socio-economic disadvantage through a targeted community-based approach, building:

- Human Capital – skills, knowledge, networks, education/training, workforce participation, local leadership
- Social Capital – connectedness, social participation, and positive socialisation: inclusive, tolerant, safe, involvement in decision making
- Economic Capital – addressing employability skills, mentoring/training/coaching by business/industry; linking participants with jobs, both part-time and full time or work experience

Future Voices is staffed and governed by professionals, experts and volunteers who have made highly significant contributions in planning, research, development of community engagement strategies, leadership and teaching. They have been involved with a wide range of community-based initiatives and academia research on youth and emerging communities. They have been recognised locally, nationally and internationally.

For more than nine years, working at different levels and have enhanced dynamic education to local students for brighter futures, Future Voices is an organisation officially endorsed by Nelson Mandela Foundation in South Africa to establish Shepparton Nelson Mandela Learning Centre in Shepparton. It is a first for Australia, and 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, an asset for economic growth and bilateral exchanges of knowledge and skills.

U.S. Consulate General, Frankie A. Reed launched the project along with Hon. Wendy Lovell PM Member for Northern Victoria, Hon. Damian Drum, Member for Nicholls and Other MPs.

Future Voices – The Shepparton Nelson Mandela Learning Centre is well placed with international links already to not only the Mandela Foundation but also:

- the African Union- the Pan Pacific African Diaspora Network,
- the Universal Peace Federation,
- Google
- and many international embassies, foundations, service clubs and organisations and more recently,
- Centre of Optimism

## **ABOUT THE SUMMIT**

Future Voices Inc, in partnership with Gandhi Experiment and Centre For optimism, are pleased to present the 3rd Nelson Mandela Regional Youth Leadership Summit on 15 September 2020, from 10:00 am- 12 pm. The summits have been preparing young people for readiness in continuous and experiential learning, cultural orientation, improving social support, integration, cohesion and inclusion. This is in addition to contributing to regional development, addressing the arrivals' and mainstream's regional community needs.



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Given the COVID-19 restrictions on gatherings, we commit to run the Summit online using Zoom with breakout rooms to maximise student participation and leadership-learnings. We would run it for two hours at the beginning of a school day from 10 am- 12 pm. It is aimed at youths, teachers, year ten students, other students 7-12 who are part of our leadership cohort or passionate about leadership.

### **THE SUMMIT PURPOSE**

One of the key objectives here is to continue with what we have done in the past but delivering it online, still engaging working with diverse groups of future leaderships across. Also, it is aimed at exploration of our regional leadership models, seeking to identify whether some new in-puts may be required. Notable is that new legacies tend to be needed to equip regional young people with relevant 21st-century leadership styles. As well, understanding the impacts and importance of global elements into local situations, as the disaster of the COVID-19 pandemic has well shown it. As regional residents, we need an improved understanding of our roles and obligations as global citizens. This contributes to supporting protective measures using local relevant materials.

### **PARTICIPANTS**

Participation is through online forums; knowledge sharing, networking, building stronger collaborations for better regional engagements for the rest of the world, thus, celebrating Nelson Mandela legacy. This targets influencing the participants (i.e. mainly young people), engage advance strategies, identify and define priority areas, policy measures and other tools for various developmental and promotional grounds –empowerments, health living and other possible outcomes.

Students and other relevant people are brought together, encouraged and tipped to learn more as well as utilise their leadership skills, roles, and relationships, particularly in their communities. They will be positioned to ultimately take action(s) that address and solve their unique challenges.

The online deliveries are to be interactive platforms structured principally by vital international stakeholders and led by experts in their fields. We have the commitment of our two popular moderators, Margaret Hepworth working globally with The Gandhi Experiment and Victor Perton now running the Centre for Optimism. We have support again from the Australia Government -Department of Foreign Affairs, the USA Government Through Victoria Consulate, Victoria government representatives, PRINTworks Print & Copy Solutions, Centre For Optimism, local secondary schools, and other excellent international speakers.

The topics are aimed to provide highlights and critical challenges, in addition to practical advice on the roles and processes while reflecting on the impacts and implications to the roles youth could play in taking actions and improving future outcomes.

### **THEME AND TOPICS**

This is the third summit of Nelson Mandela Regional Youth Leadership Summit Victoria, Australia, whose theme is “Young People Leading with Optimism Through the Pandemic and Beyond”.

Quote: “Social connections and social interactions have a positive effect on both mental and physical health for human being, but when one is critically ill, social support, social isolation has deleterious health effects” Dr Andre M. N Renzaho

About the above quote; speakers will strengthen and equip participants by emphasising the understanding of the complexity of diplomacy through social distancing in the COVID-19 pandemic situation, as well as highlighting the significance of COVID-19, especially in collectivist societies and an effective mechanisms approach by which to prevent the spread of the virus.

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The presentations are aimed at exploring other possible future challenges that may occur. The talks will be suggesting measures that could be taken within diplomacy workforce that help young people leaders to exchange and promote communication within their communities. For example, employment opportunities post COVID-19 pandemic. In these regards, topics to be covered are expected to be as follows:

1. **The optimistic Australian Leadership.** Participants to have the opportunity to learn how to overcome fear for better future, access, mature decision by building on their strengths and develop life skills, build resilience and hope for the future.
2. **Problematic power dynamics in diplomacy and business arena.** Exploration of future strategies and challenges of the 21st Century, mainly addressing post-#COVID-19 pandemic and how the impact on diplomatic work relationships.
3. **Building Cross-Cultural Relationships.** Exploration of different skills that can foster strategic opportunities for cooperation in the context of emerging trends and emerging industries and business situations/opportunities.
4. **Strategic responses for addressing impacts and Implications of COVID-19 (Post COVID-19) locally and globally.** Focus is to be on the new out-look for the severity of challenges, social environment, meaning and ways work is performed to change, issues of work safety, contemporary healthcare, more significant mental health support for youths and those who provide care, leadership styles, and strategies executives adapt to navigate work directions, and how to deal with the future of work.
5. **Optimism in business.** Speaker will talk about on being optimistic in business and being the optimistic leader of 15,000 businesses who are members of the Chamber.
6. **Inspirational Leadership.** Ken Murray, Principal at the Wanganui Campus of the Greater Shepparton Secondary College at the end of 2020 will be retiring after 40 years of service. Ken will reflect on 40 years of service and provide lessons for the future and how its impacts Nelson Mandela's legacy. What a story of youth leadership he will tell!

### KEY SPEAKERS AND PANELISTS



**Dr Amanda Caples** BSc Hons PhD GAICD is Victoria's Lead Scientist, a 'catalyst' responsible for working across the Victorian Government to identify opportunities for economic outcomes by building relationships between business, the research sector and government.



**Dr Olusegun Kehinde** (a.k.a Kenny) is a Board member of Future Voices Inc. and Shepparton Nelson Mandela Learning Centre Project. He is an African migrant from South-West Nigeria and a Medical Practitioner. He and his family live and work in the regional town of Shepparton. He moved to Australia in 2008 and adjusting to life in Australia was a bit challenging with all the usual problems with navigating through medical registration, settling down in a country as diverse as Australia and the journey of transiting from a temporary resident to a permanent resident and eventually a citizen. It has been rewarding, and he does not regret moving to Australia. Apart from medical practice, Kenny loves to work with children, reading and writing stories, gardening and travelling. He is an active member of a local church and a man of faith who hopes for the best and looks forward to more community engagement in programs that benefits the vulnerable and in mentoring youths from all backgrounds.

He believes strongly that it is more blessed to give than to receive and that a man's actual CV is not the number of degrees or wealth he has but the positive contributions he can make and the lives he can touch within his sphere of influence.

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**Victor Perton** 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 a vital 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 Perton 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.



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; and creator of Collaborative Debating ©. [www.thegandhiexperiment.com](http://www.thegandhiexperiment.com)

As an educator, Margaret believes that we must make serious efforts for young people, to open their world view to solution-focused outcomes.



**Karyn Sobels** was appointed President of the Victorian Chamber of Commerce and Industry on 14 November 2019, following three years as Deputy President. Karyn has over 30 years' experience in the Retail, Telecommunications and Banking sectors. Karyn is a Director of publishing company Riskinfo and the Telstra Licensee Association, and Principal of business advisors SKS Hub Pty. As a business owner and Chair of the Victorian Chamber's Small Business Taskforce, she has a significant appreciation for the challenges and opportunities faced by SMEs. Karyn holds a BA, a Masters in Commercial Law and is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Director.



**Consul General Michael F. Kleine** is a Senior Foreign Service Officer with nearly twenty years of experience in the U.S. Department of State. Before his August 2018 arrival in Melbourne, Michael served three years as Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Vientiane, Laos. He worked previously in South Korea, where he led Embassy efforts to ratify the U.S.-Korea Free Trade Agreement; Kosovo, where he supported the establishment of democratic institutions in post-war Kosovo; and Vietnam, where he was among the first to work in the U.S. Consulate General in Ho Chi Minh City. From 2013 to 2014, he served as the U.S. Trade Representative's Senior Advisor for Japan and Korea Trade Policy. Before joining the diplomatic corps, Michael practiced law in Washington, D.C. He earned both his undergraduate and law degrees at Duke University. He also has a master's degree in national security strategy from the National War College in Washington. Michael is accompanied in Melbourne by his wife, Hiroko, and two children.



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**Andrew Cumpston**, a senior career officer with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, took up his position as Director of the Victoria State Office of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade on 26 August 2019. From October 2015 until July 2019, Mr Cumpston was Australia's Deputy Head of Mission in Wellington, New Zealand.

In Canberra, Mr Cumpston has held a range of positions including the Assistant Secretary, Banks and Funds Branch and was a Board Member of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Mr Cumpston has previously served overseas as First Secretary and Economic Advisor Manila (2007-2009) and Honiara (2006) and as a Senior Adviser to the Foreign Minister. Mr Cumpston also worked at the Australian Department of Finance and was seconded to the World Bank.

Mr Cumpston holds a Bachelor of Economics and a Bachelor of Arts from the Australian National University and a Masters of Finance (Economic Policy) from the University of London.

### **Another Speaker and Panelist:**

#### **Ken Murray**

Principal of Greater Shepparton Secondary College, Wanganui Park Campus

## **CONFERENCE REFERENCES MATERIALS**

In line with Future Voices Inc.- Shepparton Nelson Mandela Learning Centre's sustainability missions, objectives and mandates, materials/contents generated concerning this summit will be advertised via schools, Future Voices and The Gandhi Experiment's Email, website, Centre for Optimism, our partners and social media.

## **COMMITMENT ON ACCESS & EQUITY**

Future Voices, Inc. The Gandhi Experiment and the Centre for Optimistic Australian Leadership and other supporters of this summit welcome you to participate, and it is a free open forum.

Please, contact Rashidi Sumaili if you require any assistance:  
Phone +61422 347 237 or email [rashidi@futurevoices.com.au](mailto:rashidi@futurevoices.com.au).

## **THANK YOU**

We are looking forward to your attending and participating in this program. We will welcome your thoughts and feedback after attending. Your feedback will be utilised at different levels of work relations, including policymakers, and we hope you continue to be a strong voice in the development of our region.



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09.30am	Margaret, Rashidi and Victor online and any other assistants	<b>Future Voices/ Shepparton Nelson Mandela Learning Centre projects</b>
10.00am	Overview of Nelson Mandela Regional Youth Leadership Summit & explains rules of the day and how it will work	<b>Margaret Hepworth</b> The Gandhi Experiment
10.05am	Welcome to Country	<b>Joda Cooper</b> Student at Greater Shepparton Secondary College
10.07am	Welcome the guests, acknowledge the sponsors and supporters	<b>Aaron Mashano</b> CEO of Leader of Tomorrow
10.10am	<b>Welcome and Leadership Speech</b> Reflection on 40 years of youth leadership: Lessons for the future and its impacts and implications of Nelson Mandela legacy. What a story of youth leadership he will tell?	<b>Ken Murray</b> , Principal Greater Shepparton Secondary College Wanganui Park Campus
10.17am	Thanks Ken Murray Greater Shepparton Secondary College Wanganui Park Campus	<b>Margaret Hepworth</b> The Gandhi Experiment
10.19am	Video Message from His Excellency Marthinus Van Schalkwyk South Africa High Commissioner as official representative of Nelson Mandela Foundation in Australia follow by Aaron's video's video beforehand	<b>Victor Perton</b> Chief Optimist of Centre for Optimism
10.23am	<b>Infectiously Optimistic Leadership Workshop led by Victor.</b> <b>A panel of optimists.</b> Participants to have an opportunity to learn how to overcome fear for a better future, access mature decision by building on their strengths and develop life skills, build resilience and hope for the future	<b>Victor Perton</b> Chief Optimist Officer <b>Dr Olusegu Kahinde</b> Board member of Future Voices.Inc <b>Aaron Mashano</b> CEO of Leader of Tomorrow
10.43am	Thanks Victor Perton	<b>Farzana Alizada</b> Student at Greater Shepparton Secondary College



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10.35am	<p><b>Building Cross-Cultural Relationships.</b></p> <p>Exploration and asserting of the different skills that would facilitate leaders to foster co-operation for opportunities in the context of emerging international trends, new post-COVID-19 structures regarding:</p> <p>(1) Global mutual goals (2) staying different and apart –social distancing, (3) Dealing with economic, power, and health crisis for better, and (4) achieving the foregoing under new mutual world order.</p>	<p><b>Michael F. Kleine</b> USA Consul General, Melbourne</p>
10.52am	<p><b>Problematic power dynamics in diplomacy and business arenas.</b></p> <p>Share of future strategies, opportunity and 'challenges of the 21st Century resulting from the #COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts on diplomatic relations. The role Australia would play in Africa or between countries of the African continent.</p>	<p><b>Andrew Cumpston</b> Director of the Victoria State Office Dept of Foreign Affairs Australia Government</p>
10.59am	<b>Break-out Students</b>	<b>Victor and Margaret</b>
11.03am	<p><b>Foreign Affairs Panel Diplomacy Needs Young Leaders Like You Q&amp;A</b></p>	<p><b>Andrew Cumpston,</b> Director of the Victoria State Office Dept of Foreign Affairs Australia Government <b>Michael F. Kleine</b> USA Consul General, Melbourne</p>
11.13am	<b>Thanks to the Speakers</b>	<p><b>Anna Sumaili</b> Future Voices Alumni and Deakin University student</p>
11.15am	<b>Stretch Break</b>	<b>Victor, Rashidi and Margaret</b>
11:20am	<p><b>Science and Innovation Needs Young Leaders like You</b></p> <p>Optimistic leadership in science, innovation, invention and, of course, in medicine and the pandemic. Strategic responses for addressing impacts and Implications of COVID – 19 globally.</p>	<p><b>Dr Amanda Caples</b> Victoria's Lead Scientist</p>
11.27am	<p><b>Science and Innovation needs Young Leaders like You Break-out &amp; students</b> with Dr Amanda Caples joining two groups</p>	<p><b>Dr Amanda Caples</b> Victoria's Lead Scientist</p>



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11.32am	<b>Science and Innovation Needs Young Leaders like You Panel Q&amp;A</b>	<b>Dr Amanda Caples</b> Victoria's Lead Scientist
11.37am	<b>Thanks to Dr Amanda Caples</b>	<b>Zoe Kerwin</b> Future Voices Alumni and Monash University
11.39am	<b>Business needs Young Leaders like You Leadership in Business</b>	<b>Karyn Sobels</b> President of the Victorian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
11.46am	<b>Business needs Young Leaders like You Break-out Students</b> with Karen joining two groups	<b>Karyn Sobels</b> President of the Victorian Chamber of Commerce and Industry <b>Victor Perton</b> Chief Optimist for Centre of Optimism
11:51am	<b>Business Needs Young Leaders Like You Panel Q&amp;A</b>	<b>Karyn Sobels &amp; Guests</b>
11.56am	<b>Thanks to Karen Sobels</b>	<b>Maykeesha Minniecon</b> Student at Greater Shepparton Secondary College
11.57am	Summarise event and next action	<b>Margaret Hepworth</b> The Gandhi Experiment
12:59pm	<b>Closing and Thanks</b>	<b>Cara Dooley-Heath</b> Melbourne University law student & Future Voices alumni

