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# INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON HUMAN RIGHTS 19–20 AUGUST 2019 OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

SYDNEY,  
AUSTRALIA

## Call for Applications

Join us for the first of the two International Seminars focusing on the human rights of children and young people.

The first event will take place at the University of New South Wales (UNSW Sydney) Kensington Campus, Australia on 19 and 20 August 2019. This event is supported by the Asia Europe Foundation (ASEF) and hosted by the Australian Human Rights Institute UNSW Sydney.

The second event is to be held in Belgium at the end of 2019.

## About the Seminar

This International Seminar aims to bring together students and young professionals working in the area of human rights of children and young people.

Using the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) as an over-arching framework, our expert facilitators will conduct interactive and engaging sessions focusing on the implications of the CRC on professional practise and policy-making.

## The Program

For an enriching learning experience, this International Seminar is designed to cover the following topics:

### **Introduction**

- An overview of the CRC

### **Participation of children and young people**

- The importance of listening to children and young people

### **Care and protection of children and young people**

- Abuse and neglect
- Trauma informed practices

### **Children and young people in contact with the youth justice system**

- Diversion and rehabilitation
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people

### **Moving forward**

- Translating principles into practices

To guide you on your career journey, there will be a panel with successful young professionals working in the field of human rights of children and young people. This interactive session will present an opportunity for you to ask career-related questions and engage in discussions with young practitioners.

## The Facilitators

### **Dr Razwana Begum, Singapore**

Razwana currently holds a position of a Senior Lecturer in Criminology at the Singapore University of Social Sciences and has 20 years of experience in the social services sector. Razwana started her career as a Social Worker before joining the Ministry of Social and Family Development in Singapore as a Probation Officer. She holds a degree in law, and completed her graduate studies in social work, criminology and counselling. Razwana received her PhD from Monash University for her work on restorative justice. Her research interests include children and young people, criminality, restorative justice and social work leadership.

### **Alasdair Roy OAM, Australia**

Alasdair is a Canberra based Consultant Psychologist with 30 years of experience working with children and young people. Between 2008 and 2016, he was the Children and Young People Commissioner, in the ACT Human Rights Commission. In 2016, Alasdair was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in recognition of his service to children and young people.

In 2017, Alasdair established DelRoy Consulting, which provides specialist advice with respect to creating Child Safe and Child Friendly organisations. Alasdair's areas of expertise include consulting with children and young people, and service delivery for children and young people in the care and protection, youth justice, and mental health systems.

## Eligibility Criteria

This International Seminar is open to young professionals and students between 18-30 years of age:

- Young professionals working in the field of human rights of children and young people; or
- Students from diverse fields of studies, pursuing courses related to the human rights of children and young people or those interested in the area.

Places are limited and will be allocated to suitable applicants based on merit. For a complete learning experience, participants are required to attend both days of the event.

## How to Apply

To apply, please complete the application form [online](#).

Applications must be received by 11.55 pm 25 July 2019 (Australian Eastern Standard Time).

Decisions will be announced by 5 August 2019.

## Expenditures

The participation in this International Seminar is free of charge for selected participants.

Morning and afternoon tea will be provided on both days.

Participants are required to cover all other expenses, including any travel and/or accommodation expenses.

## Contact

For more information about this International Seminar on Human Rights of Children and Young People please contact the organising team at: [humanrights2019@outlook.com](mailto:humanrights2019@outlook.com)

We encourage you to share this call for applications with your network of people who might be interested in attending the event.

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## The Organising Team

This International Seminar on Human Rights and Children is organised by the Alumni of the [3rd Asia Europe Foundation Young Leaders Summit \(ASEFYLS3\)](#) and funded by the [Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights Series](#).

The [Asia-Europe Foundation \(ASEF\)](#) promotes understanding, strengthens relationships and facilitates cooperation among people, institutions and organisations of Asia and Europe. Founded in 1997, it is the only institution of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM). For more information, visit [www.ASEF.org](http://www.ASEF.org)

The [ASEF Young Leaders Summit \(ASEFYLS\)](#) is the go-to place for young people willing to un-learn, relearn and learn new concepts, strategies and actions on how to create sustainable impact in society. ASEFYLS focuses on ethical leadership, the human-centered form of responsible leadership, and aims at dismantling and assembling the concept in the context of self-leadership, team leadership and societal leadership. ASEFYLS3 took place in conjunction with the 12<sup>th</sup> ASEM Summit (ASEM12) on 15-19 October 2018 in Brussels, Belgium.

Established in 1998, the [Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights Series](#) aims to bring together government officials, academics, and civil society representatives from ASEM member countries for shared dialogue on human rights issues. ASEM priorities. The Seminar Series is co-organised by the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF), the Raoul Wallenberg Institute (nominated by the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs), the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs, the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China.