SOCIAL JUSTICE SUMMIT

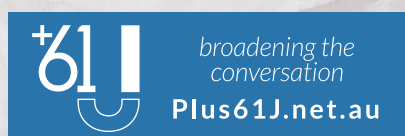## 25-26 AUGUST 2018

BEYOND THE TRIBE

Welcome to this stimulating summit of innovation of ideas, where you will learn from social justice trailblazers who are creating impact 'Beyond the Tribe'.

We hope you will take this opportunity to connect to a growing movement of social justice activists, thinkers and disrupters - from the Australian Jewish community and beyond – and be inspired to explore and create positive impact in your own sphere.

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OPENING DINNER: WELCOMING THE STRANGER

SATURDAY 25TH AUGUST, 7:30PM

Keynote address by the inspiring **KON KARAPANAGIOTIDIS OAM** – CEO of the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre

Reflections by respected community leader **RABBI RALPH GENENDE OAM** – Chief Rabbi Caulfield Hebrew Congregation

Catered by Asylum Seeker Resource Centre & Falafel Omisi (Kosher)

SUMMIT PROGRAM

SUNDAY 26TH AUGUST, 9:30AM – 6:00PM

Please note that the schedule is subject to change.

Time		
9:15am	**Registration and Morning Tea**	
9:30am	Summit opening by +61J and Stand Up **EVAN THORNLEY** Social Movements and Social Enterprise: Moving beyond 'the Guv'ment oughtta …' and 'triple bottom line'	
10:40am	**NEVO ZISIN** My Gender Journey	**MICHAEL VISONTAY, BENJY PREISS AND REBECCA DAVIS** The Good, the Bad and The Ugly: How the media impacts social justice conversations
11:35am	**Morning Tea**	
11:45am	**SANDY DUDAKOV OAM, ADELE STOWE-LINDNER, SASCHA GELFAND AND REBECCAH BARTLETT** The Hungry, the Homeless and the Abused in Victoria: What is being done to combat these problems?	**EDO KAHN** A Sound Life: Our Infinite Well of Being
12:40pm	**Lunch** catered by Roquette Catering (Kosher)	
1:30pm	**DAVID RITTER** One Issue to Rule Them All, One Issue to Bind Them. There is no Social Justice on a Dead Planet	
2:15pm	**JOEL LAZAR AND LILLIAN KLINE** Stemming the Tide of Toxic Masculinity	**ZARA SARZIN** What I've Learned Working in International Development
3:15pm	**Afternoon Tea**	
3:30pm	**LISA BUCHNER WITH HAJA ADAM AND SHEMA MOHAMED** Challenging Racism and Ethnic Stereotypes: Walking in the shoes of Melbourne's Sudanese community	**MELISSA CASTAN, RUTH BARSON, BENSON SAULO AND DAVID RITTER** Working Towards Solidarity in Indigenous Justice
4:25pm	**Tea & Wine**	
4:45 – 6:00pm	**PITCH4PURPOSE WITH EYAL HALAMISH AS MC** A high-energy live pitching session. Four competing social entrepreneurs will present their passion projects before a panel of judges **Musical performance by Edo Kahn**	

SUMMIT SPEAKERS

HAJA ADAM
Haja is married and the mother of 8 children. She didn't speak a word of English when she first arrived in Australia from Darfur, Sudan 15 years ago. Haja has since studied English, Children's Services and worked in various jobs, all while running a very large family. She now runs her own cleaning business.

RUTH BARSON
Ruth is a dedicated human rights lawyer and a Director of Legal Advocacy at the Human Rights Law Centre. She leads the Centre's work promoting and protecting the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and the rights of adults and children behind bars. Ruth is passionate about challenging discriminatory laws and policies, and standing up to governments when they cross the line.

REBECCAH BARTLETT
Passionate about reducing health disparities in underserved communities and promoting respectful maternity care, Beccah is a Registered Nurse-Midwife, a PhD candidate at Monash University and the founder of Shifra, a web app designed to improve sexual and reproductive health access for refugee and migrant populations.

LISA BUCHNER
Lisa oversees Stand Up's Sudanese Refugee programs, working closely with the Darfur and Nuba Mountains communities in Melbourne and Sydney. Her 'office' is wherever she is needed, whether it be visiting community members in their homes, or on outings around town, forging the close ties that have led her to be highly regarded within the Sudanese community.

DR MELISSA CASTAN
Melissa has taught law students at Monash University for over 25 years. She researches and writes on Indigenous legal issues, human rights and public law. She has worked with Indigenous communities, and encourages her students to use the law to promote social change and legal justice.

REBECCA DAVIS
Rebecca is the features editor and a news journalist reporting on international, national, state and local stories at The Australian Jewish News. With a love for storytelling, Rebecca is passionate about sharing stories that move, inspire, or evoke thought. She has interviewed a range of personalities, from political and business leaders to fashion designers, innovators to medical pioneers, and Holocaust survivors to Hollywood stars. Rebecca graduated with a Bachelor of Arts majoring in English Literature and History, and Honours in History.

SANDRA DUDAKOV OAM
Sandy is a long standing volunteer and Board Member of FareShare. Fareshare makes over 1.1 million nutritious meals a year, free of charge, for those in the community suffering from food insecurity. She joined FareShare in 2001 when it was known as One Umbrella, an organisation co-founded by Jewish humanitarian group, Keshet (the forerunner of Stand Up). Sandy has been instrumental in the growth of Fareshare, an organisation that today is supported by over 7000 volunteers.

SASCHA GELFAND
Sascha has been practising in child protection, criminal and family law for almost 15 years. Formerly a member of the Victorian Bar, he currently manages the Child Protection Litigation Office.

RABBI RALPH GENENDE OAM
Currently Rabbi Genende is Senior Rabbi of Caulfield Hebrew Congregation, Principal Rabbi to the Australian Defence Force, Member of the Religious Advisory Council to the Minister of Defence (RACS), board member of AIJAC (Australian Israel Jewish Affairs Council) and member of the Premier's Multifaith Advisory Group.

EYAL HALAMISH
Eyal is an activist, lobbyist, political staffer, management consultant and now a social entrepreneur. He is currently a Director of OurSay, an organisation committed to improving the state of democracy by helping local leaders consult their communities with easy-to-use technologies. Eyal is also a faculty member at the School of Life Melbourne, a World Economic Forum Global Shaper, Unreasonable Institute Fellow, and Center for Sustainability Leadership Fellow.

EDO KAHN
Acclaimed musician, sound healer and social entrepreneur. Edo is the Co-founder and Director of A Sound Life - an Australian based non-profit organisation that shares the healing power of music, yoga and meditation with people in need. Edo is a major label music artist previ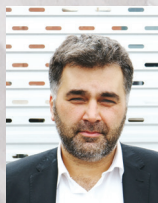ously signed with Virgin/EMI and is an APRA award-winning songwriter. Edo and his late wife Jo, toured extensively throughout the world emerging at the forefront of the well-being, mantra music scene.

LILLIAN KLINE
Lillian is a passionate social justice warrior. She was the inaugural Director of the Pathways to Politics Program for Women at Melbourne University and currently works with Small Giants and the Impact Investment Group. She was also the former Development Director at Stand Up. Lillian has Bachelor Degrees in law and business management, and a Masters in Human Rights Law.
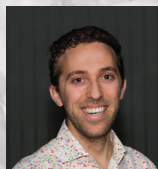
KON KARAPANAGIOTIDIS OAM

Kon is the CEO and founder of the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre, the largest independent human rights organisation for refugees and people seeking asylum in Australia. They assist over 5,000 people seeking asylum each year, with the help of over 1200 volunteers and 125 staff. Kon founded the ASRC at the age of 28, after competing 6 degrees and becoming a lawyer, social worker, and teacher. His memoir, The Power of Hope is published by HarperCollins Australia.

JOEL LAZAR

Joel Lazar is Head of Operations at The Man Cave, an organisation that facilitates preventative mental health and emotional intelligence programs for boys and young men. Previously, Joel spent a few years in commercial law firms. Joel has lead a colourful and passionate life, including as an educational program designer, editor and project manager, a youth leader and facilitator, a human rights law intern and a script writer.

SHEMA MOHAMED

Shema is the daughter of Sudanese refugee, Haja Adam, and is in year 11 at Braybrook College. She is planning to pursue a career in law or criminology. Shema is a very passionate advocate for human rights. Her long-term goal is to work in the field of politics.

BENJAMIN PREISS

Benjamin has worked at The Age since 2011. In 2014 he won the media award from the Australian Council for Educational Leaders for outstanding coverage of education issues. The following year he became The Age's state politics reporter. Last year he won a Quill award for best news report in writing with Josh Gordon and Richard Willingham. Benjamin was also part of the reporting team that won a Quill for their breaking news coverage of the Bourke Street tragedy.

DAVID RITTER

David is the Chief Executive Officer of Greenpeace Australia Pacific. He is also an Adjunct Professor in the Sydney Democracy Network at Sydney University, a research affiliate of the Sydney Environment Institute and an honorary fellow of the Law Faculty at UWA. His most recent book is The Coal Truth: The Fight to Stop Adani, Defeat the Big Polluters and Reclaim our Democracy.

ZARA SARZIN

Zara has worked for the World Bank for over 14 years. As a Senior Urban Specialist, Zara led the design, appraisal and supervision of the Tanzania Strategic Cities Project and the South Sudan Local Governance and Service Delivery Program. Zara is currently a consultant for the World Bank's Global Program on Forced Displacement.

BENSON IGUA SAULO

Benson is the Head of Community Strategy at Australian Unity. He is a descendant of the Wemba Wemba and Gundjitmara Australian Aboriginal nations of western Victoria and the New Ireland Provence of Papua New Guinea. In 2011, Benson was appointed Australian Youth Representative to the United Nations. He represented Australian Youth at the 66th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, based in New York as an accredited member of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. In 2012, Benson became the Founding Director of the National Indigenous Youth Leadership Academy (NIYLA).

ADELE STOWE-LINDNER

Adele is the National Programs Manager at Ardoch, a charity which works with 100 disadvantaged schools in Victoria, Sydney, Brisbane and Perth, 1500 volunteers and 11,000 children, each year. She has a Masters in Community Work and Anthropology, has worked in the NFP sector with vulnerable populations for 17 years, and has a passion for community as a vehicle for change.

EVAN THORNLEY

Evan is a serial co-founder and entrepreneur in high tech business, social movements and social ventures. He was a co-founder of LookSmart – Australia's first NASDAQ listed tech company, was CEO of Better Place Australia and the Global CEO and is now building a disruptive platform for property investors and landlords under the LongView brand. Evan was briefly an MP and Parliamentary Secretary to Premiers' Bracks and Brumby before being ransomed back to Silicon Valley.

MICHAEL VISONTAY

Michael is editor of the online Jewish publication Plus61J. Michael has worked for over 30 years as a journalist, author and lecturer. He is a former Assistant Editor of the Sydney Morning Herald, and former columnist with the Australian Jewish News, and is the author of several books, including Who Gave You Permission?, co-authored with child sexual abuse advocate Manny Waks, and The Happiest Refugee, with Anh Do.

NEVO ZISIN

Nevo is a Jewish, Queer, non-binary activist, public speaker and author of Finding Nevo, a memoir on gender transition and a contributor to upcomingKindred: A Queer #LoveOzYA Anthology to be released in 2019. They are based in Melbourne / Naarm and run workshops and professional development in schools and workplaces around gender inclusivity, unconscious bias and recruitment. They have appeared in various media discussing their complex relationship with gender. Nevo is a contact point in the Jewish community for other children and families confronting issues of gender and sexuality in their own lives.