

United Nations Association of Australia WA Division

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

This year is well underway and the UNAAWA has hit the ground running with an exciting strategy for the year ahead and a great programme of events and activities. We are focused on:

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Effective communications and stakeholder outreach.

We are only as effective as our ability to get messages to key stakeholders, our members and the community. I am pleased to advise that Jayne Beament has taken on the role of Communications Manager and is already having an impact under the leadership of Vice President Sandy Chong.

Increased and retained membership through an effective membership care programme.

Attendance at our first members networking session for the year was limited largely due to the short notice we provided. We will do better in future sessions and I hope to see more members use this opportunity to meet with the Executive and chat about what the UNAAWA should focus on.

We also aspire to increase our membership dramatically - so please encourage interested individuals and institutions to consider joining us. If every member can introduce one new member we will double our numbers which would be a great start!

Sustainable finances, good governance and compliance with Code of Conduct. We intend to retain our good track record of effective management of funds and governance. Our Treasurer Harvey Davies continues to keep a tight rein on our finances with oversight from the Executive Committee.

Motivated, engaged and effective volunteer network.

Our volunteers continue to be the lifeblood of the UNAAWA and once again we are privileged to have a great group of committed and skilled volunteers to assist us in achieving our goals. Any volunteers interested in contributing can contact our Secretary, Joanna Arbel at <u>joanna.arbel@unaa.org.au</u>



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An impactful National Human Rights Programme which is fully implemented in WA.

Our management of the UNAA National Human Rights Programme is gaining momentum, with a successful National launch on Human Rights Day, 10 December. Key messages shared across Australia were:

- LEARN, TELL, DO! (Investigate, Act, Reflect, Share, Sustain) The Universal Declaration of Human Rights empowers us all.
- Sustainability starts at home Think Globally, Plan Nationally, Act Locally. Human rights are relevant to all of us, every day.
- Respect the rights of others become familiar with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and live it every day. Our shared humanity is rooted in these universal values.
- Call out injustice and discrimination (especially against Indigenous Australians, Refugees, asylum seekers and women). We need to stand up for our rights and those of others. Equality, justice and freedom prevent violence and sustain peace.
- Engage with local leaders on Human Rights issues make your voice heard. Whenever and whenever humanity's values are abandoned we are all at greater risk.
- Act as positive role models and believe that every individual can make a difference
- "Crowd Source" Human Rights!

Fadzi Whande continues to lead the National Human Rights Programme. The UNAAWA Human Rights Committee, under the leadership of Tanya Finnie, has an exciting series of events aligned with this programme, and which will celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Progress in women's empowerment through awareness, equality and leadership.

Our Women's Committee has been restructured with an injection of new blood and leadership complementing the great team we had in 2017. Under the leadership of Aleisha Godenzie they have put together a great programme for the year which is already well underway.

Improved environmental awareness in the areas of climate change, water, forests, food and sustainable buildings.

Our Environmental Committee under the leadership of Beatrice Hamilton is building on it successes of 2018 and will be hoisting events on oceans, climate change, sustainable buildings, forests and food amongst other exciting initiatives.

Informed Global Citizens through an expanded Schools Education Programme and a Sustainable Model UN Programme.

Our Schools Programme under the leadership of Rees Barrett will be growing in scope and reach as we further expand our focus on global citizenship and the sustainable development goals.

Sustainable skills and leadership pipeline through Youth and Young Professionals.

Our young professionals continue to share their leadership, skills and enthusiasm in a portfolio which is integrated with the focus areas of UNAAWA.

Celebration of the United Nations through a flagship UN Day event.

Last year's UN day event was a major success and our 2018 event promises to be bigger and better. We will be building the theme around the 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Vice President David Holland is working with Tanya Finnie in arranging what promises to be a memorable event in October this year.

As is clear from the above, an exciting year is underway. Please support our events and bring friends and colleagues along (and encourage them to join as members!). Details of all events are available on our website. Please consult it regularly for updates.

Dr Steve Lennon, UNAAWA President

Women in leadership: The challenges and opportunities

On the 2nd of February Dr Sandy Chong, UNAAWA Vice President was invited to chair an open forum at Harvard Business School, Boston Massachusetts, USA. Over 80 business executives from around the world, including Google and eBay, took part in this spirited debate to the questions posed by Dr Chong.



When answering the question of "Why does the gender gap in leadership matter and what are the implications of this for business and society?", both male and female attendees were firmly on the side of increasing women's

participation in the decision-making process. Many agreed that gender equality has been shown to have a beneficial effect on business productivity and society, such as an increase in invested capital and equity, and reduced corruption.

On the subject of "What role can business play in reducing this gap" and "What can women and men do to support gender parity in leadership", some believed that the quota system is the way to increase women's participation in leadership. Others believe that inclusion is key. All attendees were united in the belief that gender equality needs to begin at home and that everyone has a role to play, beginning with valuing women more.

Such was the desire of the people present to share their stories that the event was extended by a further twenty minutes in order to accommodate their enthusiasm. Many attendees later said that this was the first time they'd been able to speak on this important subject with so many high-level executives. Judging by the amount of businesses present that pledged to do better, gender equality and the forum itself were a resounding success.

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Dr Sandy Chong, UNAAWA Vice President



Three ways East Asia can avoid a North Korean refugee 'crisis'

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With tensions in the Korean peninsula seemingly never-ending, the possibility of conflict erupting in East Asia is keeping everyone on edge. North Korea's continuous launching of missile and nuclear tests has been met with fresh sanctions from the UN Security Council – an action Pyongyang considers an "act of war".

In the event of conflict breaking out, analysts are expecting a large human toll. With a 1,670 kilometre shared border with North Korea, both China and South Korea would undoubtedly witness a mass refugee spillover.

To avoid another refugee "crisis" that would take the world, the humanitarian aid system and neighbouring countries by surprise, both China and South Korea need to be prepared. To do so, they will need to learn from other refugee emergencies by making three key policy decisions.

1. Adopting a temporary protection regime

As party to the 1951 Geneva Convention on the Status of Refugees, China and South Korea are bound by the principle of non-refoulement, which requires states not to return refugees to countries where they face potential threat.

Since this principle is also enshrined in customary international law, the international community will be expecting both countries to admit those seeking refuge to their territories.

Ideally, people fleeing persecution should be granted "refugee" status, as envisaged by the 1951 Convention. However, in the case of a mass influx situation, governements' capacities to process refugee claims individually are often overwhelmed. Therefore, some countries have opted for a temporary protection regime instead. *Ola G. El-Taliawi PhD Candidate, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore*

Ibrahim Awad Director of the Center for Migration and Refugee Studies, School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, American University in Cairo



Since 2011, for instance, the Turkish government has been providing asylum to Syrian nationals under a temporary protection scheme, which provides them with a set of rights, including the right to protection from forcible return, until a solution to their situation is reached.

To benefit from this regulatory scheme, Syrian nationals must register themselves with the authorities within a designated time, and are issued identity cards, without which they cannot access vital services such as health care.

Temporary protection then ends with return to Syria when conditions are deemed safe, or resettlement to a third country.

This scheme may prove useful in the context of a North Korean refugee spillover.

2. Allowing them choice of settlement

Over the years, practices have varied between housing refugees in camps and allowing them to selfsettle in urban areas.

Both practices have their pros and cons. While camps make the provision of aid logistically easier, allowing refugees to self-settle reduces their sense of imprisonment and idleness, which can have negative social manifestations such as gender-based violence.

The best approach would be something in the middle. China and South Korea can emulate the Jordanian model, where Syrian refugees were given a choice to self-settle or stay in one of the designated refugee camps.

Since women and children make up the majority of refugee movements, it makes sense to provide encampment for the most vulnerable, while avoiding the situation where camps turn into cities themselves as a conflict becomes protracted.

3. Including them in the formal economy

While needs in the early emergency phase mainly revolve around relief assistance, as time goes by refugees' needs change. When refugees do not have a source of livelihood, they resort to negative coping mechanisms, such as child labour and street begging.

China and South Korea can get inspiration from the Ugandan model if a refugee influx occurs. In this model, refugees work, pay taxes, and use their entrepreneurial skills to boost the formal economy.

Engaging refugees in the labour market avoids their otherwise inevitable inclusion in the informal economy, reduces their reliance on assistance, and avoids trapping them in a vicious cycle of dependency.

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Allowing refugees in, while regulating the influx, can help China and South Korea uphold their obligations while simultaneously staying in control of the situation.

And as with every refugee crisis that came before it, and every one that will sadly but inevitably follow, there can be no greater effort than the effort made in reaching a political resolution to the underlying conflict in the Korean peninsula. Diplomacy between countries can help the world avoid another tragic and protracted humanitarian crisis.

Source: https://theconversation.com/three-ways-east-asia-can-avoid-a -north-korean-refugee-crisis-

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TOP ECU EXPERTS ENCOURAGE WOMEN TO PURSUE SCIENCE





In 2016 women accounted for more than half of people earning a Bachelor's degree, however only 15% of women were working towards degrees in science and technology, why? This was a question explored by a panel of six esteemed academics in front of eighty guests at an event hosted by UNAAWA Women's Committee and Edith Cowan University (ECU) Joondalup.

The event, moderated by Dr Sandy Chong, Vice-President of the UNAAWA, encouraged women to consider careers in science and technology and boasted an impressive panel including; ECU Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Cobie Rudd, Associate Dean for Medical and Exercise Sciences Professor Rob Newton, Associate Dean of Psychology and Criminology Professor Julie Ann Pooley, Associate Professor Mary Boyce, as well as ECU Alumni Samantha Ridgway and Baila Shah.

When asked what she thought was causing the disparity between men and women in STEMM,

Professor Cobie Rudd suggested that the issue began in formative childhood. "We know that stereotypes are already beginning to form at five years old. How early do children learn that more often than not the male is in charge? I do think that we need to work to reduce stereotypes," she said.

ECU Alumni and Australia's first female certified Level 3 Rocketeer Samantha Ridgway shared a memory of stereotypes at a young age. "It was my first day of marine biology work experience. I'll never forget. The guy leading the project asked me what I was doing there and when I told him I was there for work experience, he said to me 'what do you want to do that for?"

Fellow ECU graduate and BHP Control Systems Engineer Baila Shah encouraged the women in the audience to make themselves known and actively seek opportunities, to take control of career choices.

When the panel chair raised the issues of unconscious bias and men's role in creating change,



We have to equip people with the tools, resources and scripts they need to call out biased and inequitable behaviour when they see it.

Professor Robert Newton advocated recognition of positive impact and performance which women add to the workforce.

Professor Julie Ann Pooley highlighted the importance of women supporting each other and Professor Cobie Rudd agreed adding, "there is negative self-talk that goes on that is not helpful. We have to equip people with the tools, resources and scripts they need to call out biased and inequitable behaviour when they see it."

ECU Joondalup was highly commended by the panel, especially for the University's Athena Swan accreditation program which encourages workplaces to work towards gender equity and diversity goals.

> Natasha Smith, Communications Officer UNAAWA Women's Committee



WOMEN AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Message from the UNAAWA Global Representative

Farewell 2017 and Welcome to

2018. Where has the year gone? Travelling, my work, commitments to various charities, foundations, civic invitations, functions have again turned 365 days full circle. A brief summary of my invitation calendar is below. I have enjoyed various engagements namely:

- ANZAC Day commemorative service at Perth RSL on behalf of UNAAWA, April
- Attendance at St John of God Foundation, celebrating 21 years of success
- RSL State Congress dinner on behalf of UNAAWA, July
- Italian Consul, David Balloni, Australian-Italian Foundation multiculturalism, July
- Vietnam Veteran's regional honour day in Harvey on behalf of UNAAWA, August

- Ashridge UK Business College Alumni, London, September
- Attendance with UK Miracles The Charity Trustees Board in London, as Patron, September
- Meeting at Cambridge University, Professor Derek Frey, Emeritus Professor of Materials Chemistry, re minerals research for battery powered cars, September
- Meeting with UNA-UK, Laurel Hart, Outreach and Campaigns Officer, September
- Meeting with Libyan Consular in London, Ashraf Almear, Public Relations, and Ebtisam Alsiti, First Secretary, September
- London social housing model for Perth, Mayor of London's office, September
- Government of Western Australia European office, Stuart Russell, Senior Trades and Investment Manager, September – bridging WA and the UK
- King & Spalding International



Energy Specialist Lawyers, Garry Pegg, environmental laws of the ocean, oil spills and onshore pollutants, September

- Janssen Oncology Centre London, Blood Cancer Leukaemia Research Awareness Month, September
- UNAAWA Annual General Meeting, October
- Curtin University multicultural community evening on behalf of UNAAWA, October
- AIM Leadership Summit, Australian and Global Leadership, October
- WA Environmental Safeguarding Practices from a Mining Perspective
- Meeting with Geoffrey Robertson QC, Human Rights Lawyer, October
- Murdoch University Rare Blood Disease Institute of WA, Centre for Thrombosis and Haematosis, establishment of Caruso Post Doctorate Scholarship into Research, October
- Remembrance Day in Bunbury, RSL laying wreath on behalf of UNAAWA, November
- Attendance at the Corsini Art Collection Function at the Art Gallery of Western Australia, Stefano Carboni, November
- Briefing "Giving West Green" Social Uplifting Affordable Housing Project, Perth initiative for the Homeless and Needy, Giving West Project, Patron Adrian Fini, November
- Attadale Parish Council Action Committee for aged care and

support in Attadale Parish

It has been a momentous geopolitical year with every national and global headline pulling directly to social and humanity deficiency to human wellbeing, care for the needy, preservation of life, dignity of basic human rights, terrorism, military nuclear arsenals, conflicts and abuse of human rights for asylum seekers.

At home we debate dual citizenship, same sex marriage, euthanasia, affordable housing and a concern for the unemployed and disabled. We are indeed part of the Global UN Family in this story. However, amidst and among all these events our UNAAWA humanitarian values are not limited to only encapsulate education, advancement, basic health, safe drinking water, welfare for disabled, community, social and economic development, and environmental protection of the land, sea and oceans rather a personal commitment to improving these issues.

As I write this, I spare a moment for the devastating fires in Los Angeles.

I have enjoyed very much my work, engagement with UNAAWA and the greater community, and as we are part of a Global family and in Mahatma Ghandi's words "we must become the change we want to see". Our voice is important no matter the resistance.

Finally I acknowledge everyone's work as volunteers and wish you a safe, joyous and rewarding end to 2017 moreover an exciting 2018.

> Joseph Caruso, UNAAWA Global Representative



UNAAWA Members and Networking Event

Christmas Cheer at the Hilton Perth

The last Members and Volunteers' cocktail evening was held at the 5 star Hilton hotel in Perth in December 2017. As proud sponsors of the UNAAWA, the event is now established in the Perth community attracting many attendees in a convivial setting with delicious canapes provided by the Hilton hotel.

As a thank you for the support, the guest services manager, Leela Morgan and the restaurant manager, Jeremy Nairn were presented with a bottle of wine each by the President, Steve Lennon and the organiser, Alanna Murphy.

As UNAAWA expands it's reach to the corporate world, the central venue of the Hilton in Perth is invaluable and with the well connected public transport, our students and young professionals can easily attend our events. With a hotel in almost all of the UN countries, the syngery with the Hilton Hotel Group promotes our values and goals. We look forward to our continued alliance in 2018!



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April

- 2 April 4 April World Autism Awareness Day
- International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action
- 7 April Day of Remembrance of the Victims of the Rwanda Genocide
- 7 April World Health Day (WHO)12 April International Day of Human Space Flight
- 22 April International Mother Earth Day
- 22 April World Book and Copyright Day (UNESCO)
- 25 April World Malaria Day (WHO) 26 April World Intellectual Property Day (WIPO)
- 28 April World Day for Safety and Health at Work (ILO)
- 29 April Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare

May

	First full	moon in May – Day of Vesak
_	3 May	
	8-9 May	Time of Remembrance and
-	-	Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their
-		Lives during the Second World War
	14-15 Ma	ay World Migratory Bird Day (UNEP)
		International Day of Families
	17 May	World Telecommunication and
		Information Society Day (ITU)
-	21 May	World Day for Cultural Diversity for
		Dialogue and Development
	22 May	International Day for Biological
		Diversity
	29 May	International Day of UN Peacekeepers

31 May World No-Tobacco Day (WHO)

Address By Dr SJ Lennon, President of the UNAAWA on the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust

30 January 2018

Good Morning.

Firstly, I respectfully acknowledge the traditional owners of this land on which we are meeting, the Noongar people. It is a privilege to be standing on Noongar country. I also acknowledge their elders past, present and future. This traditional acknowledgement of both the past and the future is particularly relevant for today's event – Holocaust Remembrance day – a day of reflection and learning. The theme adopted this year is "Holocaust Remembrance and Education: Our Shared Responsibility". This theme highlights the universal dimension and impact of the Holocaust, encouraging awareness and education on this tragedy so that we can work towards a brighter future in which humanity firmly rejects all forms of racism, violence and anti-Semitism. The Holocaust was a defining point in history and its lessons have much to teach about the danger of extremism and the prevention of genocide today.

These lessons are highlighted in extracts which I taken from Secretary General António's address to the United Nations at the recent ceremony marking the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust :-

"This year marks the 80th anniversary of Kristallnacht – the night of broken glass, on which so many Jewish synagogues, shops and other centres of life were destroyed. As terrible as that night was, we know it was a warning sign of far worse to come. And so on this day, we have two fundamental duties.

The first is to remember the utter evil and systematic attempt to eliminate the Jewish people.

Our second duty is to be ever watchful of dark clouds on the horizon.



After all, the Holocaust did not happen in a vacuum. It was the culmination of hatred and hostility toward Jews across the millennia. We remember the pogroms dating back centuries. The rise to power in the 20th century of Nazi racists filled with resentment. The adoption of laws that enshrined discrimination against Jews and so many others. The propaganda that poisoned millions of minds. The ghettos, expulsions and round-ups. Step by step, social order broke down and people were drawn in – as perpetrators, as passive supporters, as victims.

All of us today have a special obligation. An obligation to never lose sight of what went wrong and how it happened. And an obligation to be ever vigilant in the face of persistent anti-Semitism and other forms of hate in our time. As I scan the global landscape today, I am sorry to say that the state of our world is messy.

And the state of hate is high. [The] Neo-Nazi Threat is Growing. Almost eighty years after the fall of the Nazi regime, its symbols, mindsets and language are very much with us. Some still seek to deny or diminish the fact of the Holocaust. Others downplay the complicity of their citizens and former political leaders. And we see example after example of the rise of the neo-Nazi threat.

The Secretary General went on to list numerous and very worrying global examples of this continuing threat in recent times and I urge all of you to read the full text of his address to appreciate the scale of the threat facing the world today. He went on to say:

"With just a little research, we were able to quickly

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identify 65 groups in 25 countries. These are located not just in Europe and North America but in every region of the world.

Not surprisingly, all of this is having an impact. According to the Anti-Defamation League, anti-Semitic incidents in the United States rose 67 per cent last year. In United Kingdom, they rose by 30 per cent.

Neo-Nazis and their supporters are very actively doing something else that is a source of concern. They are busy trying to rebrand themselves. To come across somehow as something different – as kinder and gentler to win wider favour. They are *less crude and more dangerous. Their goal is clear: as* one said, "to make the mainstream come to us". To align with others on the far right to push the boundaries of acceptable conversation farther and farther. And it's working. Hard core extremists have been described as being unable to contain their glee at the newly opened doors to their hateful ideas. They sometimes seek to falsely claiming that they have no problem with Jews, their target is the other group, the other religion, the other minority. Scratch the surface and we see their true essence. Whenever and wherever humanity's values are abandoned, we are all at risk.

The Secretary General concluded with a call for Leaders across the board to step up. He said: -

"Words matter. It matters what leaders say. It matters what kind of example is set by public officials from mayors to ministers to heads of state. We must never be bystanders when lives and values are at

stake. Let us stand up to hatred. Let us work together to build a world of pluralism, mutual respect and coexistence for all."

I return to my opening remarks by emphasising the points made by the Secretary General – ultimately it all comes down to honourable values; a continued commitment to inspiring and living with integrity that supports the universal declaration of Human Rights and the values enshrined in the United Nations Charter: peace, justice, respect, human rights, tolerance and solidarity.

If we honestly reflect, we are making slow progress and have a long way to go before we can all say we are truly living these values. Indeed, it appears that we have rather gone backwards. Every day there are further reports of atrocities committed on civilians at a scale which is of great concern. A lesson from the Holocaust that must be taken forward, is that we cannot remain silent in the face of these threats to present and future generations. We must take the articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to heart when we try to answer the question of what the individual can do to prevent racism, violence, xenophobia and anti-Semitism. The UDHR was signed 70 years ago this year. It was born out of the horrors of the second World War and was forged out of the terrible experiences of Holocaust victims and survivors. As such we must respect the pain behind its creation and do all we can to turn it into a template for modern value systems.

As we remember the millions of victims of the Holocaust and reflect on the risk facing present and future generations, we must ask ourselves what we can do as individuals to create this value-based, safer and more peaceful future for ourselves and our children. This year presents us with a unique opportunity to create the way forward. The 70th anniversary of the UDHR is a great platform from which to spread the message of universal human rights and to become role models driven by turning the tide of modern day hatred into a sustainable future for present and future generations.

Thank you

SCHOOL PROGRAM UPDATE

Global Citizenship and Sustainability

The Education Committee is delighted to announce that teachers and students at Shenton College are piloting the UNAAWA program *Global Citizenship and Sustainability*. The program is for upper secondary students (Years 10 to 12) and based on the UNESCO framework for Global Citizenship Education and the SDGs. We are seeking accreditation from the *WA School Curriculum and Standards Authority* (SCaSA) so that students completing at least one unit may count it towards their WACE (Western Australian Certificate of Education).

Curtin University Recognition

Professor David Gibson advises that the UNAAWA Global Citizenship and Sustainability program is the first outside the University recognised through the Learning Futures Network. We are also proud to learn that Year 12 students who have completed a UNAAWA program will be eligible to apply for a SHAPE scholarship (currently \$3000).

Young Persons' Plan for the Planet

UNAAWA is partnering *Young Persons' Plan for the Planet* (an international program based at ANU in Canberra). Formerly called *Young Australians Plan for the Planet*, the program is now international. It empowers students to plan for the future by applying business planning to the SDGs. It dovetails with the UNAAWA *Global Citizenship and Sustainability* program.

In effect, students will potentially receive recognition from UNAAWA, SCaSA, Curtin University and at a



global level. Further information www.planfortheplanet.org.au/

Student Parliament

The 2018 UNAAWA Student Parliaments are scheduled for 5 June (Legislative Council) and 8 June (Legislative Assembly). Soon we'll publish details for schools that are members of the UNAA Global Citizenship Schools network. They will be invited to nominate up to four students to participate in a leadership program focused on *Entrepreneurial Skills and the SDGs*.

2018 YOLANDE FRANK AWARDS ARE GOING NATIONAL

To commemorate the 70th anniversary of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, UNAAWA proposes that the Yolande Frank Art Awards be available nationally. The Education and Human Rights Committees collaborated to develop a model for UNAA National Executive consideration.

The Awards promote human rights education -*'Relevant and Engaging'*. School students think about and create a visual image that communicate selected human rights. This year the selected human rights are:

Primary (Years 4 to 6) *Article 29 UN Convention on the Right of the Child:*

Education should develop each child's personality and talents to the full. It should encourage children to respect their parents, their cultures and other cultures.

Lower Secondary (Years 7 to 9) Article 29 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights:

> The law should guarantee human rights and allow everyone to respect others and be respected. We have duties to our communities.

In 2018, the Awards are open to students in Upper Secondary (Years 10 to 12) for the first time. They will illustrate the theme:

Changing the World – 70 years of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

UNAAWA members are encouraged to spread the word. In the past, many teachers have found it too difficult to adjust their programs to include the Awards in class time. In response, the organisers urge schools to encourage students interested in participating as an extension activity. For more information on how this is done and resources to support interested students go to:

www.unaa.org.au/divisions/western-australia/waprograms-for-schools/wa-yolande-frank-art-award/

Rees Barrett UNAAWA School Programs Coordinator





A people's movement promoting the aims and ideals of the United Nations through education and awareness

Each year since 2010, UNAAWA has conducted the Yolande Frank Art Awards in memory of long-time member and survivor of the Holocaust, Yolande Frank, who had a passion to ensure that children understood the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights**.

2018 Yolande Frank Art Awards Celebrating 70 Years of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

School students are invited to use any visual art media to communicate selected articles of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UN CRC) and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR).

YEARS 4 to 6: Education should develop each child's personality and talents to the full. It should encourage children to respect their parents, their cultures and other cultures. (UN CRC Article 29) Years 7 to 9: The law should guarantee human rights and allow everyone to respect others and be respected. We have duties to our communities. (UDHR Article 29) Years 10 to 12: Changing the World - 70 years of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights



Human Rights Education - Relevant and Engaging Building student self-esteem and confidence Developing tolerance and awareness of unity in diversity

Schools select their leading entries (to a maximum of four finalists) for electronic submission with an entry
form including a declaration by the Principal that it is the student's own work.

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- Entries must be submitted to gcs@unaa-wa.org.au no later than 5pm Friday 31 August 2018.
- Entries are judged according to their originality and effectiveness in conveying the importance of the selected human right/theme. The decision is final.
- Prizes for each category: Winner \$150 each for the school and the student, Highly Commended \$50 each for the school and the student. Certificates are presented to all finalists and prize-winners.
- WA prize winners are automatically entered in the national competition.
- Winning entries are published in a calendar widely available for purchase.
- Further information, including links to diverse digital resources, available through the UNAAWA website: <u>https://www.unaa.org.au/divisions/western-australia/wa-programs-for-schools/wa-yolande-frank-art-award/</u>

The Yolande Frank Art Awards are a UNAAWA Global Citizenship Education Program, supported through the UNAA National Human Rights Program.



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