



International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction webinar

# Empowering the next generation for a resilient future

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🕒 2-3pm AEDT

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# Acknowledgement of Country

AIDR acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the various lands on which you all join us from today and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people participating in this event.

We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and celebrate the diversity of Aboriginal peoples and their ongoing cultures and connections to the lands and waters across Australia.

# Housekeeping

- You will remain muted and your camera will not be activated for the duration of today's event.
- Today's event will be recorded and made available after the event.
- Please enter questions for our speakers in the Q&A function, not the chat box.
- Please use the chat box to share any thoughts or reflections during the presentation – remember to select 'all panellists and attendees' to ensure everyone can read your message.
- Please be respectful to each other when posting your comments or questions.

# Welcome

Dr. Margaret Moreton

*Executive Director, AIDR*

# Introduction

Andrew Gissing

*CEO, Natural Hazards Research Australia (NHRA)*



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# Speaker introduction

Ness Wiebford

*Youth in Emergencies – Project Lead, Australian Red Cross*

Arwen

*Program Participant, Youth in Emergencies Project*

# Youth in Emergencies Development Program

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Presented by Ness and Arwen



**Red Cross pays our respects to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Custodians across this country, to Elders, past and present, and those yet to come.**

This presentation may contain the names and/or images of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals who have since passed.



# Youth in Emergencies Development Program

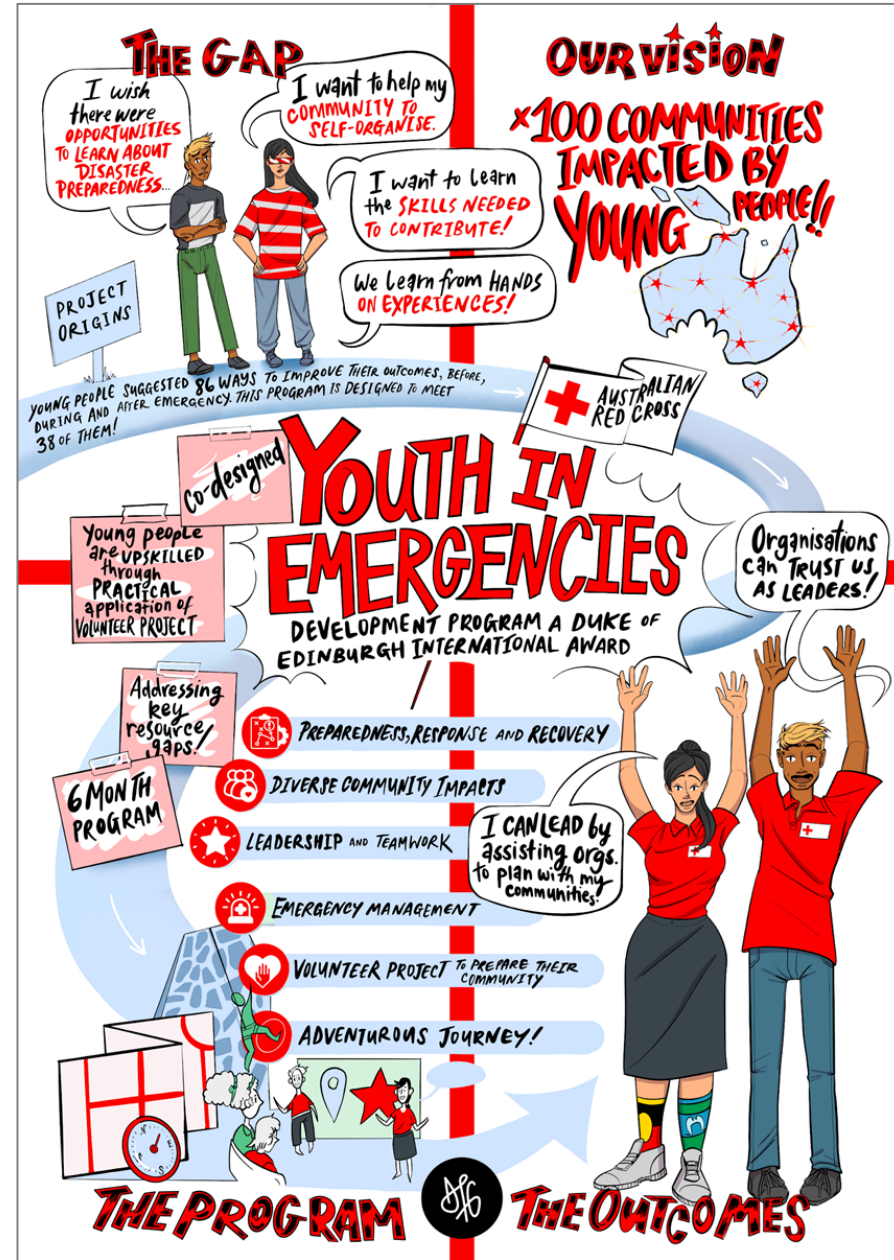
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YOUNG PEOPLE SUGGESTED 86 WAYS TO IMPROVE THEIR OUTCOMES, BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER EMERGENCY. THIS PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO MEET 38 OF THEM!



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# YOUTH IN EMERGENCIES

Young people are UPSKILLED through PRACTICAL application of VOLUNTEER PROJECT

Organisations can TRUST US AS LEADERS!

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM A DUKE OF EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL AWARD

Addressing key resource/gaps!

6 MONTH PROGRAM



PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE AND RECOVERY



DIVERSE COMMUNITY IMPACTS



LEADERSHIP AND TEAMWORK

I CAN LEAD by assisting orgs.





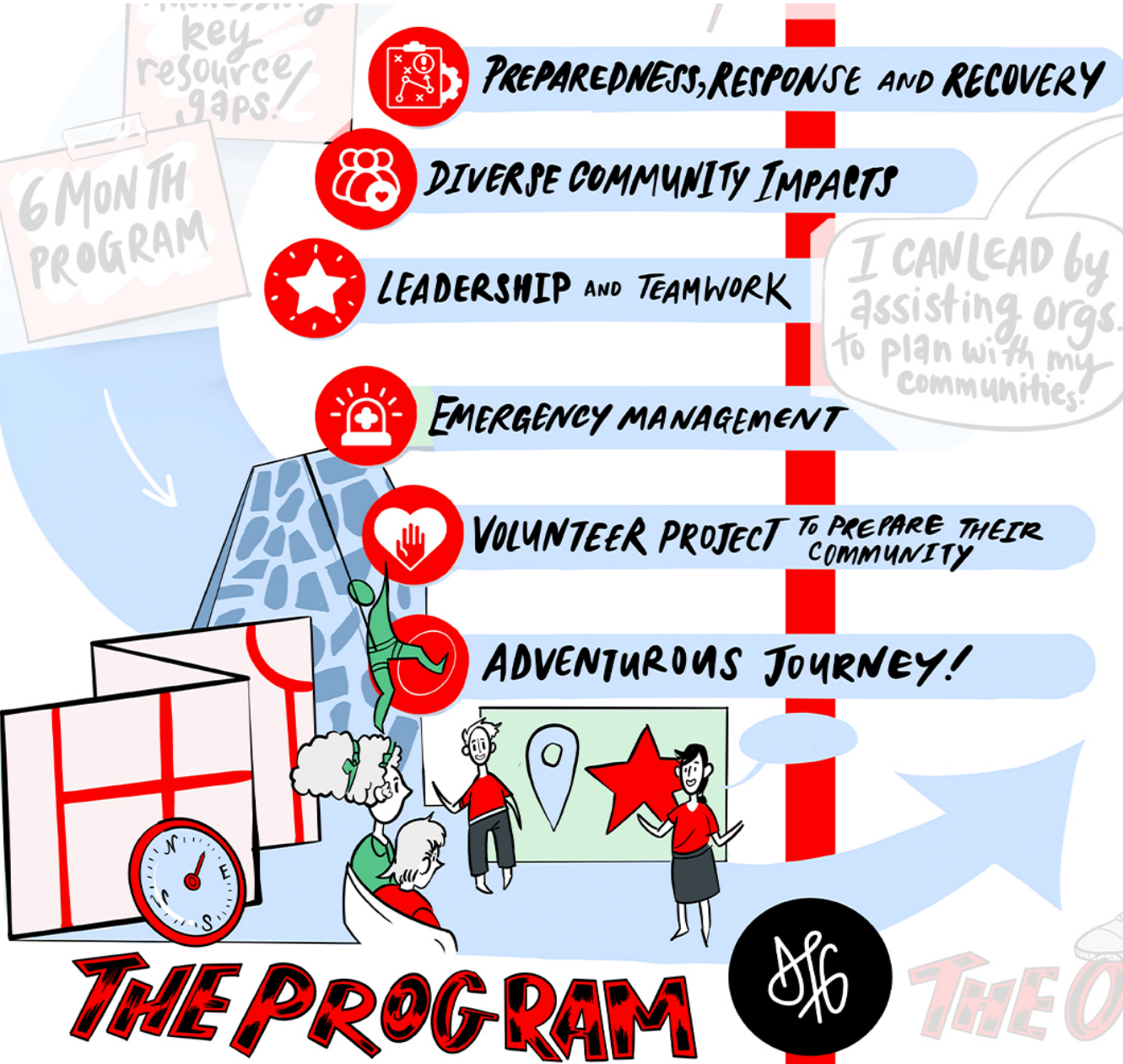
- Leave it to Z – previous Australian Red Cross project that consulted almost 600 children and young people in South Australia
- Comparison of what exists against what they want.
- The YEDP meets 38 of 86 of the initiatives young people asked for

Our Vision - 100 communities across Australia  
are more prepared for Emergencies and  
Disasters.

How?

The volunteer component of the Duke of  
Edinburgh International Award; students develop  
and implement a project that will increase the  
resilience and preparedness of the community of  
their choice.





**Learn a Skill** - Participants must complete 26 hours in total, with one 2 hour mandatory workshop from the 4 topic areas.

**Volunteering** - participants spend 13 hours developing and implementing a community preparedness project

**Physical Recreation** – Participants log 1 hour per week of any physical activity they do

**Adventurous Journey (& Showcase)** – Participants must complete an overnight camp

## The Outcomes

Empowered young leaders across Australia

A network of informed changemakers actively participating in strengthening engagement in emergency preparedness to enhance resilience and response capabilities of communities

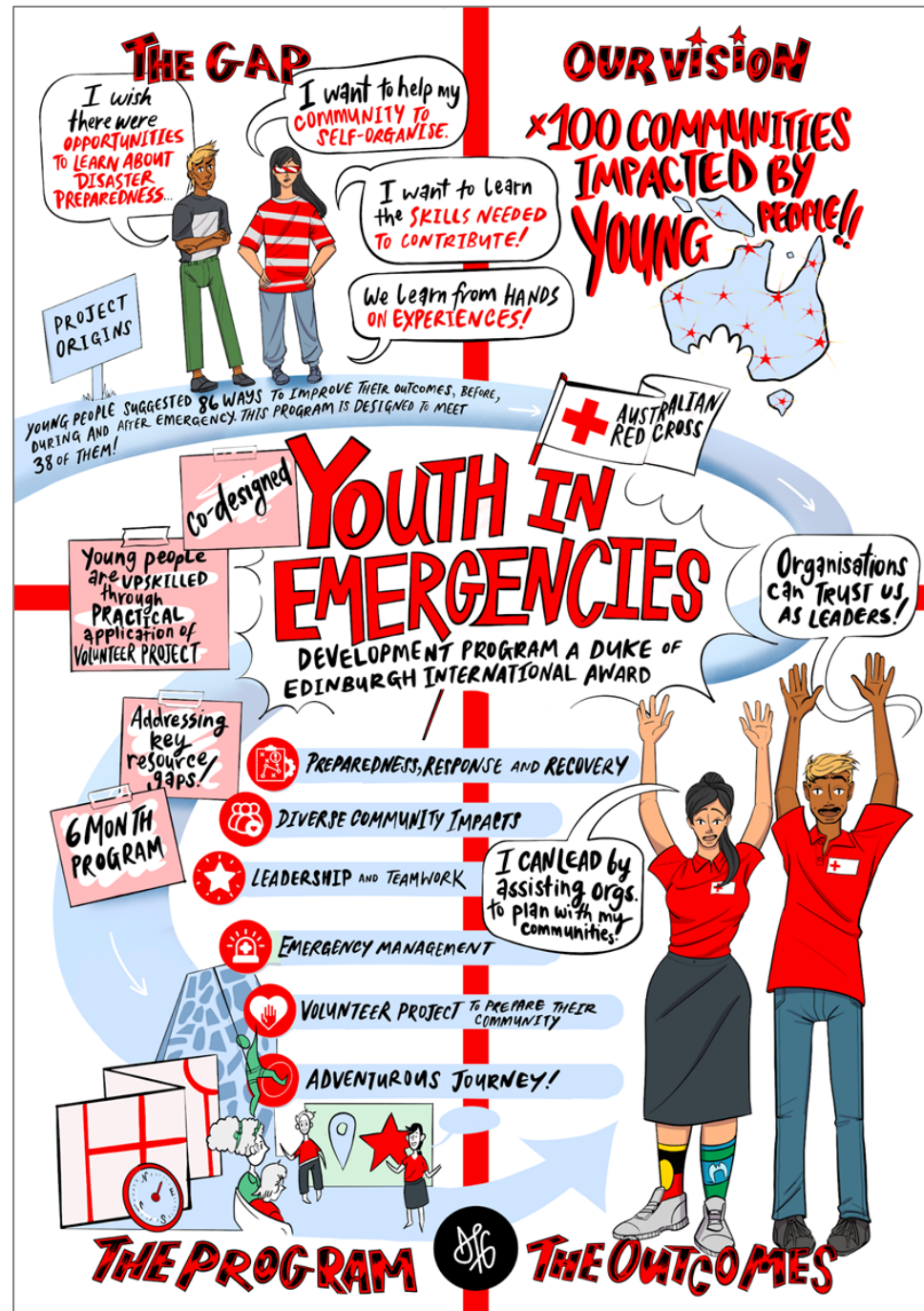
Influence on local and state policies by providing insights and recommendations

Improved engagement between young people and EM sector, enhancing policy and practice through youth-led activities

Attract and train more young volunteers for EM agencies – addressing future workforce needs and career opportunities



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# Speaker introduction

Carla Hall

*Disaster Resilience Coalition Principal, Youth Affairs Council Victoria (YACVIC)*

Harmony Carmichael

*Disaster Resilience Coalition Support Officer, Youth Affairs Council Victoria (YACVIC)*

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## YOUTH AFFAIRS COUNCIL VICTORIA

Empowering the next generation for a resilient future



Carla Hall (she/her) and Harmony Carmichael (they/she)

**YACVic pays our respects to Elders past and present for their wisdom, strength, support and leadership. Bunjil's lore states that those who walk on this land must care for Country and the waterways as well as care for the children and young people.**

***We stand in solidarity to pay respect to the ongoing culture and continued history of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nations. Sovereignty was never ceded. This always was, and always will be, Aboriginal land.***





# WHO ARE WE

Youth Affairs Council Victoria (YACVic) is the peak body and leading policy advocate for young people and the youth sector in Victoria.



**Future Proof**  
Young People, Disaster Recovery  
and Rebuilding Communities

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# YOUNG PEOPLE YACVIC PROGRAMS

Future Proof is a collective impact project led by YACVic, in response to the 2019-20 bushfires.

- Qualification pathways for local young people to kickstart careers in emergency management and community services
- The creation of local youth advisory groups (YAGs) leading locally-led projects.
- Training for young people and youth workers.



# CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE – YOUNG PEOPLE AND DISASTERS (‘THE CENTRE’)

Victoria University’s (VU) Youth and Community Research Group and Youth Affairs Council Victoria (YACVic) are partnering to establish the Centre of Excellence - Young People and Disasters (‘The Centre’).

The Centre champions the inclusion and active involvement of young people to contribute to all aspects of disasters.



# LANGUAGE MATTERS

## Moving from protection and vulnerability to empowerment and agency

Young people aren't just important for our community's future, they're important for our present.  
– Errol and Quinn Obran



# CONSIDER THIS..

## EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE



Empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to take the lead



Meaningfully involve migrant and refugee communities



Support disabled young people to get disaster-ready



LGBTIQA+ and Gender Diverse Communities are supported, valued and safe.



Empower young people experiencing homelessness



Understand Intersectionality and the ways that multiple forms of inequality or disadvantage sometimes compound themselves, and obstacles that are not often understood within conventional ways of thinking



# INCLUDING YOUNG PEOPLE IN A MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE AND DECISION MAKING



"I hear a lot of adults saying 'what young people need is' but there is not a lot of opportunities for them to be involved or say what they want"



"We need self-sufficiency, we need sustainability and we need to reinforce this sense of community if we are to weather the increased incidence of natural disasters the climate change promises us. Young people will inherit this place, so we are key stakeholders in its defence."

"Young people need to be involved as they are going to be here for the long-term, they have lots of ideas and it's just important."

"I think it goes both ways. This program has made it evident to the emergency management team that it's important [to engage with young people] and I've learned how to communicate those needs and those recovery needs through the emergency management team."



# THANK YOU

## CONTACT INFORMATION



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# Q & A

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# Event concludes

Thank you for attending today's webinar.



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