

## Youth entrepreneurs & leaders speaker series Program for Laos

### *Australian youth leading in Laos*

Australian public diplomacy program, [Australia now](#), launches its latest project the [Youth Entrepreneurs & Leaders Speaker Series](#) on July 20 in Laos. Funded by the Australian Government and curated by [Social Good Outpost](#), the 18-month program will be run across a selection of locations from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) region, and aims to celebrate and showcase youth as well as cement long standing ties between nations. The program is set to open in Laos this month before continuing to Cambodia, Vietnam, Brunei and later Malaysia. The program for Laos will consist of three major events.

#### **Laos HR Forum 2019**

The first of many events to be held throughout the ASEAN region is the Lao HR Forum. The forum was founded in 2017 and is now the biggest HR event in Laos. This year it will focus on HR technologies. The forum founders believe most business and country development challenges can be overcome through human talents and collective efforts, a theme which will be closely examined through this year's forum slogan, 'local talents, global link!'

Dr Cameron Cliff from Australia is an expert in cross-platform development and audience engagement and will be one of the keynote speakers this year. As a young social changemaker, Dr Cliff is currently Social Impact Manager at Australian start-up GO1. You can read more about him at <https://socialgoodoutpost.com/Australia-now/>

#### Event details:

Name: Lao HR Forum 2019

Slogan: Local Talents, Global Link!

Theme: "Open and Ready for HR Technologies"

Date: 20 July 2019, Saturday

Venue: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Vientiane, Lao PDR

#### **Oz Talks: Bullying & Youth Mental Health**

Similar to TED talks in style, the Youth Entrepreneurs & Leaders Speaker Series will be hosting exceptional speakers at the Oz Talks event in their Laos program. The first Oz Talks event focuses on bullying and mental health for young people and will be held in September this year. Nicole Gibson, multi-award winning social entrepreneur and former Mental Health Commissioner of Australia, will be a guest speaker. You can read more about her at <https://socialgoodoutpost.com/Australia-now/>

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**Oz Talks: LGBTI+**

The second Oz Talk in Laos will focus on LGBTI+ issues, rights, progress and empowerment. It will be held in November 2019 and Australia's Mikhara Ramsing, social entrepreneur, storyteller, and Young Australian of the Year 2019 nominee, will be the guest speaker. You can read more about her at <https://socialgoodoutpost.com/Australia-now/>

The Youth Entrepreneurs & Leaders Speaker Series curator, Social Good Outpost, is proud to be able to present such a high calibre of young Australians to lead the events.

"We are thrilled to be bringing a range of incredible young Australian entrepreneurs and leaders to Laos for this program. Both cultures have immense knowledge and wisdom to share with each other, and this speaker series as part of Australia now is a fantastic way to encourage collaboration between our future leaders on challenges we share across countries," said Elise Stephenson, Curator of the programme and Director of Social Good Outpost.

For more information on the program and for all event updates visit:

<https://socialgoodoutpost.com/Australia-now/>

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**Social Good Outpost** is an Australian women-led creative design agency founded by two sisters in Brisbane. They bring a youth-led approach to this youth-focused public diplomacy program, delivering Australia now's **Youth entrepreneurs & leaders speaker series** in order to bring powerful, diverse and creative Australian voices to the ASEAN region over 2019 and 2020.



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