



McCusker Centre  
for Citizenship



# MAKING A DIFFERENCE

2016

Achievements and Impact

# FROM THE DIRECTOR



The McCusker Centre for Citizenship at UWA has been established with a generous donation from the McCusker Charitable Foundation. The Centre, the first of its kind in Australia, commenced in October 2015.

I am pleased to report in our first year that we are, with the support of more than 200 partners, having a positive impact. In 2016, we established a quality internship program that more than 125 undergraduate and postgraduate students will complete, contributing more than 13,000 hours of service in the community. The response from students and organisations has been overwhelmingly positive.

## OUR PURPOSE



*'Create and foster community-minded thinkers and leaders.'*



*'Inspire students, the UWA community and the broader WA community, to become active, lifelong contributors to our local, regional and global communities.'*



*'Promote awareness about challenging social issues in our communities and the contribution citizens can make in addressing them.'*



## OUR VISION

*To foster caring, connected and socially engaged citizens who actively contribute to the wellbeing of their communities.*



As well as working with organisations in the greater metropolitan Perth, students have been able to contribute regionally, nationally and internationally with the support of Wesfarmers and the Kilminster family.

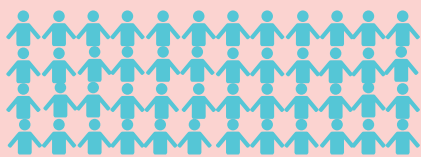
In addition to the internship program, more than 9,000 students, academics, members of the public, not-for-profit and community organisations have participated in our forums and discussions about making a difference in our community.

All of this is only possible because of the active involvement and support of students and the UWA community, not-for-profit and community organisations, business and government. Thank you all for your support in our inaugural year.

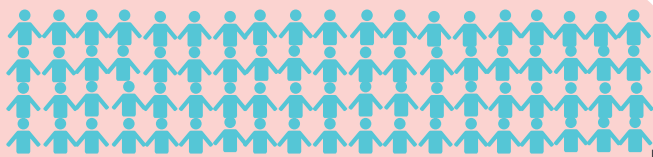
# OUR INTERNS

## MAKING A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION IN THE COMMUNITY

126 interns



200 + partners



13,360 hours contributed to the community



# OUR PARTNERS

## LOCAL, NATIONAL AND GLOBAL

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*"I believe very strongly we've got a great generation of young leaders coming up in society and these placements are a unique chance for them to connect and contribute to not-for-profit organisations early in their career. They are also a phenomenal opportunity for us to learn, to listen and to get new and creative ideas in our work."*

**Ross Wortham**  
CEO

YACWA



*"There's a great need for young people to contribute to internships like these. They bring contemporary thinking, they reflect the views of not only their own personal views but the views of their peers and that's very important... to be embedding that type of thinking ..."*

**Rebecca Ball**  
Executive Director  
Office of Multicultural Interests



## OUR INTERNS

### MAKING A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY

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*"My internship definitely changed  
my outlook on the global scale.  
It made me realise that each  
individual can make a difference.  
You lead by example."*



Dominique Roth | Global Citizen New York

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*"The experience was incredibly  
fulfilling and went far beyond my  
expectations. It makes me feel really  
good to have contributed to  
something that is showing tangible  
results."*



Ankush Wagle | Youth Affairs Council of WA

# OUR INTERNS THEIR STORIES



Jenny Vo | Australian Red Cross

I'm in the Migrant Support Program. I mainly work with the Community Development team and we focus on social cohesion so bringing together people from different backgrounds and connecting them to the wider community.

*"I've learned more about humanity working at the Red Cross. It has broadened my outlook - this has definitely made me a more well-rounded individual."*

I am a Policy Officer Intern. I have been helping develop and refine policy documents for a campaign to combat WA's extremely high Indigenous incarceration and recidivism rates.

*"I have learnt about how socially and economically costly our current situation of recurring imprisonment is and the importance of a reinvestment approach."*



*"There is a big need for young people to come through to organisations like ours... young people bring news skills and new energy which is only beneficial for any organisation."*

Alenka Jeram  
Program Coordinator  
Australian Red Cross



Madeleine Smith | Social Reinvestment WA



## OUR INTERNS THEIR STORIES

I am a media and communications intern. I create content for Edconnect. I film volunteers, staff and schools and ask them why they volunteer and partner with Edconnect.

*"I can make a difference even though it's only maybe an hour or two, anyone can make a difference to someone's life."*



Ariana Ari | EdConnect Australia

*"We are committed to diversity, learning and development but what I found about the McCusker internship, particularly, was that we were dealing with someone who didn't have to be here, but who wanted to be here, making a contribution and being an active citizen - and that really made a difference."*

Dr Nicky Howe, CEO, Southcare Inc.



Joseph Sabbagh | Office of Multicultural Interests

My internship involves reaching out to culturally and linguistically diverse communities as well as electoral commissions to try to work out the best way to encourage participation in the electoral process.

*"A key thing that I've learnt is that culturally and linguistically diverse communities require different strategies to enrich them and help them take part in the community in a broader sense."*

# THE BIG IDEA SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

The McCusker Centre for Citizenship brought *The Big Idea* competition to UWA. It is the first time the competition has been run at UWA and it is a collaboration between The McCusker Centre for Citizenship, The Centre for Social Impact and Bloom.

*The Big Idea*, run by The Big Issue, is a national competition which challenges university students to develop a concept and business plan for a new social enterprise to help disadvantaged Australians around the country.

More than 120 students entered the competition.




The Winning Idea at UWA

The **Community Umpiring Agency** is a not-for-profit social enterprise designed to help disadvantaged young people find work as umpires for local AFL 9's sports competitions. The purpose of their project is to engage disadvantaged young people with the wider community through a shared passion of sport.

“The Big Idea aims to increase awareness of the impact social enterprises can have in the community...(and) encourages the next generation to become the social entrepreneurs of the future. I was impressed by the quality and diversity of ideas presented by UWA students.”

Andrew Joske  
State Operations Manager  
The Big Issue






The winning team Andrew Mavety and Lachlan Hunt (absent) with the judges.



# OUR EVENTS

## COLLABORATING WITH THE COMMUNITY

 <div>8,000+</div>	 <div>1,000+</div>	 <div>600+</div>
MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY HAVE PARTICIPATED IN AN EVENT SPONSORED BY THE McCUSKER CENTRE FOR CITIZENSHIP	STUDENTS, ACADEMICS AND NOT-FOR-PROFITS HAVE ATTENDED AN EVENT RUN BY THE McCUSKER CENTRE FOR CITIZENSHIP	UWA STUDENTS HAVE ATTENDED A McCUSKER CENTRE FOR CITIZENSHIP INFORMATION SESSION
<div>95%</div> OF ATTENDEES INDICATED THE EVENTS WERE OF A HIGH STANDARD	<div>97%</div> OF ATTENDEES INDICATED THE PRESENTER WAS KNOWLEDGEABLE AND ENGAGING	<div>92%</div> OF ATTENDEES INDICATED THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE TOPIC HAD INCREASED



“The topic was of high relevance and interest which contributed to a good turnout and good discussion.”  
(Event attendee)

“It would be great to have more of these events.”  
(Event attendee)

“It was important to have such a diverse audience.”  
(Event attendee)



# OUR EVENTS

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2016

April 4

The McCusker Centre for Citizenship invited His Honour Judge Denis Reynolds, President of the Children's Court, to speak at a Leadership Forum at University Hall, UWA.



May 12

The McCusker Centre for Citizenship partnered with the Student Guild for Social Justice week presenting a panel on "Indigenous Issues in Focus" to more than 70 students.



May 17

The McCusker Centre for Citizenship, together with the Rotary Club of Perth, invited the 2016 Australian of the Year David Morrison to speak to more than 250 attendees at this year's Wallace Kyle Oration.



## July 6

"What is Australia's Role as a regional leader in ending global poverty?" The McCusker Centre for Citizenship co-hosted a panel discussion with Global Citizen, an organisation working to end extreme poverty by 2030, to more than 300 attendees.



## July 31

As part of the Disrupted Festival of Ideas, the McCusker Centre for Citizenship hosted a panel discussion on "Active Citizenship". It was chaired by *The Project's* Waleed Aly and panelists included WA's Chief Justice Wayne Martin, June Oscar, Michael Sheldrick and Kaliyugan Pathmanathan.



"Tim was an excellent speaker and engaged the audience on a deeper level."  
(Event attendee)



# Thank You

To more than 200 not-for-profit and community organisations. Your continued involvement helps us realise our vision.



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