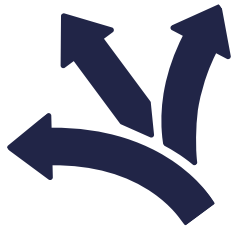




## Why youth engagement in international affairs matters

The effects and consequences of global international relations have never had a greater impact on our lives than they do today. As our world becomes vastly more interconnected, the importance of empowering Australia's emerging leaders to be better informed, experienced and enriched in international affairs is more critical than ever. YAIA is committed to ensuring Australia's youth is better prepared to engage in global affairs and navigate Australia's future in the Indo-Pacific century by:



### Diversify engagement pathways

To successfully connect with our core audience, YAIA must offer a variety of engagement pathways that reflect the diverse backgrounds of the people we aim to reach. By expanding our delivery methods, we ensure our initiatives are accessible and relevant to a youth audience from varied demographics, ensuring that we offer equitable opportunities for young Australians to engage in this sector.



### Expand program impact

YAIA will actively influence international affairs and create tangible value through our programs. To fulfil our vision and mission, every initiative should focus on driving meaningful change and measurable progress.



### Embed YAIA's intrinsic societal value

YAIA serves a unique and intentional role within the Australian global affairs sector, standing out as an independent and innovative youth-led organisation. Our mission is to foster collaborative, alternative, and progressive dialogue in international affairs. Our strategic value lies in its commitment to fostering innovative ideas, inclusivity, and leadership, equipping youth with the skills and networks needed to tackle the 21st-century challenges in the Indo-Pacific region.

## Strategic Goals 2024 - 2027

# 1

### Community building

To foster a vibrant, inclusive, and engaged community through facilitating networking, professional development, and collaborative opportunities.

# 2

### Increase stakeholder engagement

To ensure that all external engagement is purposeful, delivered appropriately, and recognises the importance of enduring positive relationships with stakeholders across the global affairs ecosystem.

# 3

### Broaden revenue streams to enhance growth and scalability

By leveraging fundraising, philanthropy, donations, sponsorships, grants, and income from monetised events and initiatives, we will strengthen our organisational sustainability.

# 4

### Program themes uniquely showcase alternative perspectives

The distinctiveness of YAIA programs elevates the organisation within the competitive realm of international affairs education by showcasing unique themes and alternative perspectives. This approach enriches the educational experience for participants and contributes a distinctive voice to the global discourse on international relations.