

Welcome to SLA eNews for April

2017 is proving to be another big year for Social Leadership Australia!

Last week we were very pleased to finally welcome our Sydney Leadership 2017 cohort to the opening retreat at Wisemans Ferry. A new group of passionate and talented leaders have embarked on an exciting and life-changing learning journey together and we look forward to following their progress over the next five months! I would like to thank our valued Associates and Alumni for all your effort and incredible support in the weeks and months leading up to the launch of SL17.

Other exciting events planned for the year include our Adaptive Leadership for Social Impact Masterclass at the end of May and the Art & Skill of Collaboration Masterclass scheduled for August. We will also be bringing our Alumni together on Thursday 11 May for a chance to catch up with fellow alumni, colleagues and friends and learn about our exciting Sydney Leadership mentoring program. We hope to see you there!

This edition of our newsletter also features an interesting article on Sydney Leadership alumnus **Chris Lacey**, reflecting on his Sydney Leadership experience and the impact it had on his career.

Thank you for your ongoing support, we look forward to a busy and exciting few months ahead!

Julie Ahern
Director, Social Leadership Australia



Sydney Leadership 2017

Meet the Sydney Leadership cohort!

Our Sydney Leadership 2017 participants got off to a great start at the opening retreat at Wisemans Ferry on 6-7 April.

Over the next 5 months participants will develop their awareness, skills, courage and resilience to lead complex change. They will be examining some of the critical issues facing our society, explore ways of working collaboratively together, think about new and creative approaches, and practice skills that will support making progress.

Our social inquiry theme for leadership learning for the 2017 program is a focus on disability and equity.

Have a look at the **Sydney Leadership 2017 Participant Directory** for an introduction of this year's participants.

[More about Sydney Leadership >](#)



31 May & 1 June 2017

Adaptive Leadership for Social Impact Masterclass

Join Social Leadership Australia for a thought provoking Masterclass about the fundamentals of Adaptive Leadership and how it is useful for leading change and creating lasting social impact.

31 May & 1 June 2017
9.00am to 5.00pm
Holiday Inn - Potts Point

Register before 30 April for a 10% Early Bird discount!

For more information and to register: [visit our events page.](#)

[Find out more >](#)



11 May 2017

Alumni Mentoring Forum

Catch up with fellow Alumni and find out more about our SL17 Mentoring Program!

We love to stay connected with our Alumni and provide opportunities for you to not only keep in touch with fellow alumni, but also be generating and sharing learnings, gaining valuable wisdom and insight.

Join us for an interactive learning forum where we will share with you information about our exciting Sydney Leadership mentoring program.

Thursday 11 May
6.00pm to 8.30pm
Holiday Inn - Potts Point

For more information and to RSVP: [visit our events page.](#)

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[Chris Lacey](#)



Alumni Profile

Chris Lacey

SL15 Alumnus & CEO of the Multicultural Communities Council of Illawarra (MCCI)

Many of our Sydney Leadership Alumni go on to achieve amazing results in their role, organisation and communities. We would like to take the opportunity to share some of these achievements with you which we hope will inspire and motivate you to reflect on your own learning and leadership journey as well as recognise and celebrate the accomplishments of others.

In this edition we are pleased to introduce Chris Lacey, Sydney Leadership 2015 Alumnus and CEO of the Multicultural Communities Council of Illawarra (MCCI).

Chris says the Sydney Leadership program helped him clarify that, while time can be of the essence in leadership roles, it is really the long game that matters in working to advance debates around complex and multidisciplinary issues. And that means establishing a deeper understanding of intention and purpose in everything we do.

According to Chris, the program helped equip him with the confidence to never lose sight of the wider perspective, to create opportunities to learn from others who hold different views, and the insight that working across complex community problems is not always about winning the argument of the day.

You can read the full article about Chris here.

[Alumni Profile: Chris Lacey >](#)

U&Me - celebrating Multicultural Australia

As CEO of MCCI, Chris Lacey has recently been involved in launching the U&Me campaign in collaboration with Why Documentaries.

The U&Me campaign is a collaborative that aims to celebrate the magic and wonder of multicultural Australia through the lens of friendship.

MCCI and Why Documentaries showcased five incredible digital stories that highlight wonderful friendships between people from very different backgrounds.

You can view the incredible stories at the U&Me channel on [YouTube here](#).

[uandme.com.au >](http://uandme.com.au)



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