

A group of people in a meeting room, with a woman clapping and others smiling. The scene is set in a modern office with large windows overlooking a city. A blue semi-transparent box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing the title and subtitle. A green triangle is visible in the bottom right corner of the blue box. The overall color palette is muted, with a light blue tint over the background image.

GROWING AUSTRALIA'S FUTURE EVALUATORS

Lessons from Emerging Evaluator
Networks across the Asia Pacific

Acknowledgement Of Country

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people as the First People of the Kulin nation where we meet today. We pay respect to Elders, past and present.

We recognize the traditional custodians of country, and their unique connection to their lands and waters, language, law, kinship and ceremony. Through this acknowledgement we commit to ongoing learning and understanding on our journey to reconciliation.

Today's Presenters

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The Plan for Today

- Session Introduction
- Overview of EvalYouth
- The EvalYouth Journey across Asia Pacific
 - Australia and New Zealand
 - Pacific
 - Asia
- Forward looking Q&A - Lessons Learned
- Wrapping up and how you can get involved

About



Founded in 2015
3 Task Forces

8 regional and 25+
national chapters
across the globe
2016 - 2024

Election of a new
EYMG
2024

Continued
activities
2024 - ?

- Support engagement in VOPE activities, governance, and leadership (TF 1)
- Evaluation mentorship program (TF 2)
- Conferences and e-learning events (TF 3)
- Representation of all regions in the Global South and Global North



EvalYouth Launch (Nov 2015) at the EvalPartner's 2nd Global Evaluation Forum, Kathmandu. 23 Founding members.

The EvalYOUTH Journey


Australia and New Zealand



Expression of interest
and scoping through
AES channels

Launched in
November 2023

Upcoming
online events

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- Driven by:
 - Work of EvalYouth networks in other countries
 - Push for youth engagement in Asia Pacific (the Asia Pacific Evaluation Association (APEA) YEE Theme)



The EVAL YOUTH Journey

Australia and New Zealand

- Areas of demand:
 - Career development support,
 - Capacity building*,
 - Knowledge and mutual experience sharing with the broader evaluation community,
 - Identifying or creating collaboration or networking opportunities, and
 - Contributing to raising the profile of evaluation as a profession.

Vision: Emerging evaluators in Australia and New Zealand are supported to conduct high-quality and useful evaluations and to pursue their career goals while youth and young people are actively engaged in evaluation processes.

Mission: EvalYouth AusNZ contributes to awareness raising, capacity building, evaluation practice and career support for emerging evaluators alongside other evaluation partners.



The EVAL YOUTH Journey

Australia and New Zealand

- Ways of providing support:

- Facilitating networking
- Mentoring support
- Knowledge sharing and capacity building
- Career support and problem solving
- Connecting with other networks and organisations (e.g. Australian Evaluation Society (AES), Aotearoa New Zealand Evaluation Association (ANZEA), Social Impact Measurement Network Australia (SIMNA), other EvalYouth Chapters and regional/global evaluation organisations)
- Supporting diverse voices
- Organising or co-organising evaluation related events where appropriate
- Other relevant activities

Learning from and engaging both emerging & experienced evaluators

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The EVAL YOUTH ASIA CHAPTER Journey

- EvalYouth Asia (EYA) was launched in December 2019
- Works closely with the Asia Pacific Evaluation Association
- Actively contributed to supporting young and emerging evaluators in the region
- Promote and support national chapters
- Co Leaders: Bhutan, China, India, Mongolia, Nepal, Philippines, and Sri Lanka

Areas of demand:

- Capacity building;
- Career development support (internships, P2P, etc);
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ASIA CHAPTER

Highlight activities

- **5th Asia Pacific Winter School 2024 (Sri Lanka) - upcoming**
- The Fourth Asia Pacific Winter School for YEEs 2023 (Philippines)
- P2P+ Career: Peer to Peer Sessions for YEE in the Asia Pacific
- The Third Asia Pacific Virtual Evaluation Winter School December 2022
- EvalYouth Asia Anniversary Celebrations (major webinars)
- The Second Asia Pacific Virtual Evaluation Winter School December 2021
- The First Asia Pacific Virtual Evaluation Winter School 2021



4th Asia Pacific Winter School 2023 in Manila. 28 participants from 12 countries

The youth transformative participatory **evaluator education and training approach**

- **Challenges traditional approaches of evaluation training**, i.e. education avenue (degree-based), or training avenue (short-courses)—YEEs seen as consumers of the program or training. **Decolonizing and democratizing evaluation**, especially in designing and implementing evaluation capacity-strengthening approaches.
- **Equity as the guiding principle** (versus a principle traditionally).
- **Education and training is more about how individuals critically engage with learning** (and unlearning) processes, collaborate with others to co-produce and co-design, contextualize reality, and apply the knowledge, skills, and understanding in real life and complex situations.
- **EvalYouth's places YEEs at the centre of evaluation**; thus, the youth transformative participatory evaluator education and training approach. **Led and co-designed by a team of YEEs** across the globe, based on the expressed needs of YEEs.

The youth transformative participatory **evaluator education and training approach**

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Questions and Answers



How do we engage all evaluators to support emerging evaluators?

How do we formulate and target support for emerging evaluators?

What are the best means of delivery for emerging evaluator support?

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