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18 - 19 JULY 2013

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On behalf of everyone at the Chifley Research Centre, welcome and congratulations on being selected as a Young Progressive Leader for 2013. In this booklet you will find out everything you need to know about the Chifley Research Centre and its staff, the program, agenda, speakers and other participants. We look forward to spending two days getting to know you whilst undergoing intensive training and learning from leaders in the progressive movement.

The Chifley Research Centre is the Labor Party’s official think tank, committed to the advancement of public policy debate and progressive thinking in Australia. To this end, the Centre promotes policy discussion in universities and throughout political and industrial forums; commissions academic research into pressing and long term public policy issues affecting Australia; provides strategic policy advice to the Federal Parliamentary Labor Party; and works in conjunction with other research and intellectual bodies to promote better understanding of the Australian political and policy environment.
Jim Chalmers is the first ever fulltime Executive Director of the Chifley Research Centre, a position he took up in February 2013 following a long stint as Chief of Staff to the Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer. Prior to that he was a senior adviser to state and federal Labor leaders, National Research Manager for the Australian Labor Party, and Secretary of the National Policy Committee. He has a PhD in political science and international relations from the Australian National University, and an honours degree in public policy from Griffith University. He hails from Logan City, to the south of Brisbane.

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The progressive side of politics is fuelled and furthered by the enthusiasm, brainpower and organisation of its young people, which is why it is so heartening to gather with such an impressive group of activists who will drive our causes forward for years to come. The Chifley Research Centre is really proud to provide this forum for you to learn and engage, and to help encourage some of the friendships, collaborations and alliances which will be so crucial to the future of progressive politics and policy. We’ve done our best to give you access to quality training and to a selection of some of the top progressive thinkers and policy-makers from here and around the world. My advice is to soak up their knowledge, and let it inform your own thinking and activism. So thank you for putting your hand up, for turning up, and most importantly for being fired up about the challenges and changes we all care about so much. Our hope is that this program will help you make your voice heard in the days and decades to come.
Take up this challenge - share your ideas, be a mentor and use this experience to better the Progressive movement.

In 2011 I was honoured to be part of the inaugural Young Progressive Leaders Program. One of the most valuable things I took away from the Program was the incredible inspiration of my seven fellow participants. Hailing from around Australia, the other Young Progressive Leaders were some of the most talented and motivating people I have met in our movement. To this day, I turn to them for advice and ideas, and am enthused by their on-going commitment to progressive politics. That’s why, when I had the opportunity to get involved in the Program again, I jumped at the chance. On the last page of this booklet you will find information about our Alumni program. I encourage you to continue being involved in the Centre and to take up this challenge – share your ideas, be a mentor and use this experience to better the Progressive movement.
It’s great to have the Young Progressive Leaders Program back again this year. We started this program as part of a new investment in building long-term, progressive infrastructure in Australia. After the Progressive Australia Conference 2011, it was clear that there weren’t enough opportunities for committed young people to access the ideas and tools for making social change. The 1st Progressive Australia Conference brought together Labor and progressive people from across Australia, with experts and speakers from around the world. We all learnt a lot from the conference, but most importantly the Chifley Research Centre took away the need for a specific program to train and mentor young progressive leaders through the sometimes tricky world of politics, organising and movement building. All of us at the Chifley Research Centre and Australian Labor know that this group of young progressive leaders go on to do great things.

“\nThis program is about investing in committed young people, for the long-term.\n”
YOUNG PROGRESSIVE LEADERS DINNER

With special guest
THE HON TANYA PLIBERSEK MP

From 7 PM
Thursday 18 July
Bungalow 8
Darling Harbour
SYDNEY

Meet Chifley Research Centre staff, board members and the 2013 Young Progressive Leaders at the Opera Bar Welcome Drinks

From 6.30 PM
Wednesday 17 July
Opera Bar
Circular Quay
SYDNEY

All costs for Program Events including Opera Bar Welcome Drinks and the Young Progressive Leaders Dinner are completely covered as part of the Young Progressive Leaders Program.
AGENDA

THURSDAY 18 JULY

9 AM // Introduction to Program and Participants

9.30 AM // Training Agenda Overview
DAMIAN OGDEN

9.45 AM // International Perspective
RICHARD ANGELL & TIM DIXON

11.00 AM // Morning Tea

11.15 AM // Theory of Change
CAMPAIGN ACTION

12.45 PM // Lunch

1.30 PM // Grassroots Organising & Mobilising
CAMPAIGN ACTION

2.45 PM // The Progressive Labour Movement
PAUL HOWES & LOUISE TARRANT

3.30 PM // Afternoon Tea

3.45 PM // Values Based Messaging
CAMPAIGN ACTION

5.00 PM // Evaluations
CAMPAIGN ACTION

5.10 PM // Daily Close

FRIDAY 19 JULY

9.00 AM // Day Two Overview

9.10 AM // Progressive Ideas
JOHN McTERNAN & DENNIS GLOVER

9.40 AM // New Media Organising
CAMPAIGN ACTION

11.00 AM // Morning Tea

11.15 AM // The 24 Hour Media Cycle
CLARABELLA BURLEY & ALEX CRAMB

11.50 AM // Policy & Progressive Issues
JENNY McALLISTER & RYAN BATCHELOR

12.30 PM // Lunch

1.15 PM // Progressive Leadership
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Introducing... 2013 YOUNG PROGRESSIVE LEADERS
AMY MURATORE, 25
FERNTREE GULLY // VIC

Amy’s passion is for working with students with Autism and Asperger’s Syndrome, in her role as an integration aide while studying her Masters in Teaching. Amy has completed a Bachelor of Fine Arts, and is specifically interested in progressive education, the arts and how children with special needs learn visually. Amy has worked on multiple state and federal election campaigns for Labor, and been active in the trade union movement since her teens, proudly working on the 2007 rights at work campaign and most recently interning with her union, the Independent Education Union Vic/Tas.

ARISHA ARAF, 20
CANBERRA // ACT

Arisha is in her third year studying a Bachelor of Arts/Law at Australian National University, with majors in both political science and Arabic. Arisha is from a mixed Nepali and Pakistani background, fluent in multiple languages, and at the age of 17 volunteered at the Fred Hollows Eye Hospital in Kathmandu, Nepal, working in an operational environment. She is active in UN Youth Australia and ACT Young Labor, and in 2012 was the Young Canberra Citizen of the Year – Young Professional/Entrepreneur.

BLAKE OSMOND, 18
WOLLONGONG // NSW

Growing up in a disadvantaged family with Labor values, Blake is deeply committed to progressive politics. While in his first year of a Law/International Relations degree at the University of NSW as a John M Green Scholarship recipient, Blake also works part time as an Advisor to NSW Labor MP Ryan Park. As a former NSW Youth Parliamentarian, Youth Governor and School Captain, Blake understands what progressive leadership is all about. He graduated as dux of his high school in 2012, is passionate about education reform and motivated to fight for those less fortunate.
Frank is in the final year of a Bachelor of Sociology at Australian National University and works full time for the University. He has a passion for Indigenous policy, and he has been elected to numerous Indigenous representative roles on his Student Association, and for the National Union of Students. He has run successful campaigns to have Indigenous students represented on university bodies.

Ethan is a proud defender of the Labor Party, being involved in numerous campaigns and currently interns for the ALP National Secretariat. Ethan studies a Bachelor of Arts/Economics at Australian National University, and has a specific interest in Middle Eastern and Central Asian Studies.

Brody combines Literature and Economics as part of his Bachelor of Arts at Melbourne University. He is passionate about both disciplines, and hopes to have a career in economic policy. Brody is active in student politics and is on the executive of Australian Young Labor. He has a keen interest in areas of policy including equality, environment and education, and aspires to challenge Australia’s perceptions of economic inequality and wealth distribution and attitudes towards taxation.
Mathew runs his own digital marketing and communications agency, helping businesses around Tasmania with their communications and social media strategies. He is active in Tasmanian Young Labor and volunteers on multiple federal seat campaigns advising on communications strategy. He has a passion for the National Broadband Network and its possibilities, and having a familial connection with agriculture, is concerned about food shortages and security both domestically and abroad.

Mia is a passionate Labor Party member, and advocate for Labor values and is undertaking her final semester in a Bachelors degree majoring in politics from Monash University. Mia has been a director at Left Right Think-Tank and senior member of Our Say, and has a particular passion for education. Mia has developed practical policy ideas for schools in low socioeconomic areas like breakfast and kitchen garden programs, aimed at alleviating disadvantage, malnutrition and childhood obesity.

Nicole is part of the Aspire Leadership program and was prefect at her high school in 2006, 2010 and Vice-Captain in 2012. Nicole is passionate about education, volunteers at Villawood Primary School and in 2014 plans to travel to Tanzania to volunteer with GIVE to teach children basic health and hygiene. Nicole is also involved in Young Labor campaigns across the Western Sydney area.
PAUL YIALLOUROS, 23

ADELAIDE // SA
While completing his final year of a Bachelor of Law/Arts, and penultimate year of a Bachelor of Music, Paul volunteers at the Young Workers Legal Service Program at SA Unions. He is involved in LEAN and Rainbow Labor, and is passionate about law reform and cultural policy. He also enjoys cycling, reading, cooking, and the music of J.S. Bach.

REBECCA HOBBS, 20

BRISBANE // QLD
Rebecca is a third year Arts student majoring in Political Science and International Relations at the University of Queensland. In 2012, Rebecca completed a semester abroad at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, and interned on the campaign for New Jersey Democratic Senator Robert Menendez. Her role included managing hundreds of phone and door knocking campaigners. She is currently volunteering for Fiona McNamara, the Labor Candidate for the seat of Brisbane, and is active in student politics.

ROBBIE WILLIAMSON, 19

PERTH // WA
Robert has a strong background in the not for profit sector, being involved with Amnesty International, AYCC, and UN Youth Australia among other organisations. At 18, he was the Director of Pacific Project where he took 10 high school students on a development tour of Timor-Leste. Currently, Robbie is the Convenor of UN Youth’s Evatt Competition National Finals which are being held in Perth. He is studying a Bachelor of Arts at the University of Western Australia, and is also the Vice-President of the University Branch of WA Labor. Robert is passionate about making progressive politics more accessible to young people.
Rosa Sottile, 22
BRISBANE // QLD

Rosa is in her final years of a Bachelor of Law/Arts at University of Queensland. Rosa is the Queensland Labor Women’s Network President, and in 2012 was the Education Officer for National Union of Students. In her role at NUS, Rosa implemented a survey with over 7000 respondents, and designed and implemented multiple campus campaigns.

Syed Talal, 24
MACQUARIE FIELDS // NSW

Syed studies a Bachelor of Law/Commerce at the University of Western Sydney. He has worked in the Legal industry, while remaining active in Young Labor. Syed is the President of the Young Pakistan Association of Australia and writes for the only online Pakistani newspaper in Australia, in English, Urdu and Punjabi. Syed coordinates a multicultural youth network and recruits bilingual Labor supporters to phone call NSW voters identified in ID calls as having an English language barrier. He is also an avid campaigner for Australia becoming a republic.

Victoria Flannery, 22
BRISBANE // QLD

Victoria is from Australia and is in her Honours year of a Bachelor of Psychological Science at the University of Queensland. She has four years of experience leading social initiatives within her state and across the country; including leading one thousand youth ambassadors on the nationwide Make Poverty History Road-trip, competing at many international forums and conferences, as well as managing the state sector of the Live Below the Line Campaign, which raises funds for Asia-Pacific education programs. Her passion is in international development in light of the creation and the pursuit of a wholly sustainable world.
GUEST & SPEAKERS PRESENTERS
Richard Angell is the Deputy Director of Progress - the UK New Labour pressure group which aims to promote a radical and progressive politics for the 21st century. Richard is also part of UK Labour’s National Policy Forum, a former official with Community the Union and is an active member of LGBT Labour. Richard studied public policy and government management at Birmingham University.

Damian Ogden launched Campaign Action after witnessing first hand how an empowered and excited community can radically change the national political landscape while working on the 2008 Presidential Campaign for Barack Obama. Since that time, Damian and Campaign Action have trained over 3500 graduates from across Australia and New Zealand.

Louise Tarrant is a lifelong unionist who is now leading United Voice, one of Australia’s largest unions. Louise is passionate about the issues that affect her members, such as low pay, insecurity and lack of respect at work. Under her leadership, United Voice has emerged as one of the country’s most progressive and innovative commentators on social, economic and industrial issues.
TANYA PLIBERSEK
MINISTER FOR HEALTH
MINISTER FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH
LABOR MEMBER FOR SYDNEY

Tanya Plibersek is a great supporter of the progressive movement. Tanya was first elected to Parliament in 1998, and since that time has been an advocate on progressive issues like paid parental leave, gender equality for women and the removal of discrimination against same sex couples.

DENNIS GLOVER

Dr Dennis Glover is a professional speechwriter, a Fellow of the Per Capita think tank, and a political columnist in The Australian and the Australian Financial Review. He has previously worked on the staff of Kim Beazley, Simon Crean, Mark Latham, Julia Gillard and Wayne Swan, and was a senior executive member of the Treasury Department. He has a B.A. Hons from Monash University and a PhD from the University of Cambridge, where he was a member of King’s College.

ALEX CRAMB
DIRECTOR
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AUSTRALIA

Alex is a seasoned communications specialist having held roles such as Communications Director to NSW Premier Nathan Rees, Communications Director for the Australian Labor Party during the 2007 campaign and Chief of Staff to the Federal Minister for Home Affairs. Alex is currently a director at Government Relations Australia where he advises clients in relation to Federal Government issues. Alex started his career as a cadet journalist at the Sydney Morning Herald.
Jenny McAllister has been the National President of the Australian Labor Party since 2011. Prior to this role, Jenny held senior roles in the NSW government and public service. Jenny founded the Labor Environment Action Network (LEAN) and has policy interests in economics, indigenous culture and welfare, the environment and Australia’s relationship with the Pacific.

John McTernan is a seasoned political strategist, a member of UK Labour and was Director of Communications for former Prime Minister Julia Gillard. John's previous roles include Political Secretary to British Prime Minister Tony Blair and various advisory roles to Scottish Labour.

Tim Dixon is the chief political strategist at Purpose.com in New York, where he works across Purpose’s US and international projects, building new movements for progressive change. Tim worked as senior economic adviser and chief speechwriter to Prime Ministers Kevin Rudd and Julia Gillard, and to Labor Leader Kim Beazley, between 2005 and 2010. Tim is also a former lawyer and co-author of Australia’s leading economics textbook.
Rebecca

Ryan is currently a senior adviser to the Federal Labor Government, co-ordinating policy development for the 2013 Federal Election. Previously Policy Director for Prime Minister Julia Gillard, and Chief of Staff to Jenny Macklin as Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Disability Reform, he has been involved in key social policy reforms since the Labor Government’s election in 2007, including DisabilityCare, paid parental leave and early childhood reforms. Ryan also served as campaign policy director during the 2010 Federal election, and worked on policy development in the 2007 Federal and 2005 WA election campaigns.

Rebecca Clarabella Burley has worked as a digital and communications strategist for both the Australian Labor Party and the Federal Government. Recently, Clarabella spearheaded the launch of Women for Progress.

Paul Howes has spent his career dedicated to bettering the lives of working people and in 2007, was elected as the National Secretary of the Australian Workers Union at the age of 26. Paul is on the Chifley Research Centre board and is part of the ALP’s National Executive Committee.

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To qualify you must write an essay or series of short articles on a progressive issue of your choice. Your article will be published and promoted by the Chifley Research Centre.

As an Alumni member you will:
// be invited to exclusive events as part of the annual Progressive Australia conference;
// be included in an online group of all Alumni where you can share ideas, brainstorm and talk about leading progressive campaigns; and
// take part in a mentor program with future Young Progressive Leaders.