



Young Professionals – UN Careers Evening

Thursday 30 May 2024: 5:30pm for 6pm – 7pm AEST at Level 13, 356 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000



In partnership with the [United Nations Association of Australia Young Professionals \(Victoria Division\)](#), the Australian Institute of International Affairs Victoria is excited to invite you to this event to explore career pathways at the UN.

How can young professionals embark on a rewarding career trajectory with the UN? How can young professionals enhance their skills for a career in international relations? What is the experience of working at the United Nations

like?

Join us for a night of engaging discussions with three esteemed speakers who have built their careers on diverse platforms within the United Nations.



Lynette Phuong is a public health professional with more than nine years' experience working in health promotion and advocacy, and digital health across Australia, Mongolia and Switzerland.

Lynette holds a Bachelor of Arts/Commerce and a Master of Public Health. Most recently, she worked as a consultant in international health where she provided technical support and inputs to increasing momentum towards universal health coverage in the Region. Prior to this, she worked on advancing infodemic management worldwide as part of the global COVID-19 response with the World Health Organization

(WHO) Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. Her desire to make an impact and follow a career path focused on empowering communities worldwide stems from being the daughter of parents with refugee backgrounds. Lynette is currently a Board Member of the United Nations Association of Australia (Victorian Division), where she did an internship year between 2010-2011 and volunteered for ACCESS, AIIA's youth network in the same year.

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In-person: AIIA VIC and UNAAV Young Professionals members **FREE**. Student/Young Professional Non-Members **\$15**.



Adrian Morrice has been a practitioner and researcher in political transitions and armed conflict since the 1990s, for NGOs, government, and the United Nations. Adrian is a Member of the UNAA Victoria United Nations Alumni Network.

Adrian began his career in the Australian Navy at UN Force Headquarters, Somalia. After leaving the Navy, he joined UN peacekeeping operations and political missions in Liberia, Western Sahara, Timor Leste and Sierra Leone. The work included a decade supporting transitional elections in these locations and in Nigeria, Nepal, Mexico, Pakistan and Thailand.

After completing a comparative politics Masters at the London School of Economics, Adrian worked in UN headquarters New York from 2005-2011 with the peacekeeping and political departments focussing on new approaches to peacekeeping and peacebuilding, the evolution of thinking on transitional political arrangements, civilian control of security forces, and UN reform.

Adrian then spent over six years in Myanmar, including as the UN adviser to the conflict parties' Joint Ceasefire Monitoring Committee. Before returning to Australia, Adrian was the UN sustainable peace advisor in Nepal 2020-2023 working on pandemic response, climate change and digital violence on social media.



Ian Howie is currently Adjunct Professor in International Studies School of Global, Urban and Social Studies at RMIT University, Melbourne and is Associate Professor Nossal Institute for Global Health University of Melbourne.

Ian has spent more than 30 years working in the field of international development, including with the United Nations as a career official and as the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) representative in China (with responsibilities also for Mongolia and North Korea), Viet Nam, Ghana, Rwanda and Papua New Guinea. Ian also worked with the International Labour Organisation (ILO) managing primary health care projects in

Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, and Kenya. Ian spent seven years at UN Headquarters, New York, as Director, Division of Human Resources.

Ian is also the Chair of the Australasian Centre for Human Rights and Health, and on the boards of Marie Stopes International and as Past President of the United Nations Association Victorian Division.

