



Young Professionals – 'Life as a Diplomat' with Jakahn Von Senden, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Monday 16 September 2024: 5:30pm for 6pm – 7pm AEST at Level 13, 356 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000



Attention students and young professionals aspiring to a career in diplomacy! AIIA Victoria invites you to the third instalment of its very successful Young Professionals 'Life as a Diplomat' series on Monday, 16 September.

Explore a career diplomat's first-hand experiences working in Australia and overseas, learn about essential diplomatic skills, and discover various career pathways and opportunities in diplomacy.

What does the day-to-day life of an early career diplomat entail? What challenges do diplomats commonly face? And how can young professionals kick-start their careers in diplomacy? Join AIIA Victoria for an engaging information session, where you will gain a deeper understanding of what a career in this field entails.

Jakahn Von Senden is a Wulgurukaba man from Townsville in the North Queensland region. At 19 years old, Jakahn moved to Canberra to start his career at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade on a public service wide entry level program. In his two years with the Department, he has worked across national security, human rights, multilateral policy, Indigenous issues, and international trade. Jakahn has had two short-term postings; one to New York to attend the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, and the other to Fiji to work across Australia's human development activities in the Pacific. He has also travelled extensively domestically, engaging key stakeholders on a range of issues. Jakahn currently works in the Office for First Nations International Engagement in the Development, Multilateral and Europe Group. The Office, under the leadership of the Ambassador for First Nations People, is working to embed First Nations perspectives into Australia's foreign policy, development, and trade and investment activities. As a 21-year-old diplomat, Jakahn brings a unique perspective to the foreign service.



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