

Border Crossings: My Journey as an Outsider Book Launch

Author Mohammad Chowdhury in Conversation with the Hon Jaala Pulford

Thursday 17 August: 5.30pm for 6pm – 7pm AEST at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

Whether negotiating the mind-games of border security services or performing ablutions in a London bathroom, Mohammad Chowdhury's life travelling the world brings daily challenges.

Mohammad Chowdhury's new book [Border Crossings: My Journey as an Outsider](#) (NewSouth Books, July 2023) has been chosen by the Sydney Morning Herald as the non-fiction pick of the week and praised for being "a tale that is cosmopolitan yet down to earth, poignant yet comic, and above all, humane." A journey of finding one's own identity, it is the story of a British-born, Bangladeshi man of Muslim faith, trying to reconcile his western and eastern identities and the inconsistencies between the two.

Hustling his way through days and nights negotiating one cultural micro-adjustment after another, Chowdhury's story reflects our own struggles to find a place where we truly belong.

AIIA Victoria invites you to join author Mohammad Chowdhury as he discusses his journey across cultures and the journey of someone living and growing up in diaspora. Copies will be available for sale and for signing.



Mohammad Chowdhury is a British–Bangladeshi man who grew up in 1980s London balancing a clash of cultures. Driven by a curiosity to decipher the world he grew up in, Chowdhury has worked in over 80 countries and is a leading expert in digitisation, frequently cited by the BBC, Financial Times, Australian Financial Review and the Australian. Having lived restlessly across four continents, Chowdhury has settled in Melbourne with his Australian wife and two children. Seeking to shape Australia's, and other countries', place in a world that is rapidly going through digitisation, he is the Founder of Long Street Advisors, a firm serving clients locally and worldwide.

The Honourable Jaala Pulford is a Vice Chancellor's Fellow at the University of Melbourne and Chair of MTP Connect, Australia's life sciences innovation centre. She is a director at Cyban and the Children's Cancer Foundation. An experienced leader with deep experience in Cabinet government, public administration and governance, Jaala is passionate about making sure people and businesses can thrive in an economy undergoing fast-moving, often destabilising, but exciting and transformational change.



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