

# DIALOGUES @SCHOOL

**Better discussions = a brighter future!**

Dialogues @ School is a significant civic and pedagogic initiative to **stimulate student voice** and leadership in **collaborative discussions on complex topics**. The program:

- Encourages civic-mindedness and civil discourse
- Provides ways to 'disagree better'
- Increases collaboration and reduces alienation
- Helps schools to hear and articulate student voice

***"The aim of argument, or of discussion, should not be victory, but progress."***

Joseph Joubert

## HOW D@S WORKS

Dialogues @ School can be run in a small-group Club Format, or as a larger standalone event with our Annual Series. The basic tenets of the program for both are simple and flexible:

- A panel of 3-5 students
- A moderator, equipped with our toolkit
- An audience
- **NO** cost, and flexible format to suit your school

Through preparation and discussion of the topic, students explore their own beliefs and points of contention with their peers. Speakers and audiences learn how to express their beliefs, engage with contrary ideas, and productively navigate disagreements.



# PROGRAM BENEFITS

## STUDENTS

- Critical thinking and communication skills
- Learn to exchange ideas freely
- Group reasoning skills for work or further study
- Engagement with important issues

## SCHOOLS

- Articulated student voice
- Improved culture of intellectual curiosity and freedom of expression
- Capacity for school community to discuss challenging issues

## SOCIETY

- Shift from debate to dialogue, enabling search for common ground and solutions
- More confident and independent young people
- Greater capacity to progress society through real discourse

# THE BIG PICTURE

Dialogues @ Schools comprises a growing network of educators and schools invested in society's ability to have meaningful, insightful conversations. The program is promoting these principles and the schools that utilise them by:

- Publishing video highlights to showcase participating schools
- Producing the annual Voice of Youth report for presentation to parliaments
- Supporting 'Dialogues Clubs' in schools
- Developing online resource and community

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