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Organisation	Initiative	Summary
ASEAN-Australia Strategic Youth Partnership	Break the Chain Programme	<p>Break the Chain was an intensive online program that brought together young leaders and changemakers from across ASEAN and Australia to better understand modern slavery, human trafficking and forced labour, with a focus on working together to find regional solutions. The digital program ran in early 2021 and was held over five sessions with additional training and activities. The program culminated in a communique which highlights youth perspectives on policy and business solutions; opportunities for collaboration; and the prominence of these issues in a post-COVID region.</p>
	Digital Dialogues	<p>Digital Dialogues provides a platform and forum for future leaders from across the region to contribute to policy making and diplomacy. Selected delegates learned from regional experts, developed policy-making skills and built people-to-people networks with other engaged young people from across the region. This program resulted in the Digital Dialogues 2021 report which encapsulated 29 recommendations across three central issues to COVID-19 recovery: balancing diversity, green recovery and emerging economies.</p>
Australia-China Young Professionals Initiative	ACYPI Book Talks	<p>ACYPI ran multiple book talks which were presented in a hybridised format. For example, in some locations members could meet physically and communicated with the author via Zoom. These book talks and other hybridised events have been incorporated into ACYPI's existing calendar of member events.</p>
Australia-China Youth Dialogue	Alumni Symposium	<p>The Alumni Symposium 2021 was designed to build on the foundations set by the Australia-China Youth Dialogue, a leading forum for people-to-people exchanges between emerging leaders from Australia and China held annually since 2010. The online event was hosted in evening sessions held over a week and featured different speakers each evening as well as 'alumni roulette' events.</p>
Australia India Youth Dialogue	Rapid Response Challenge (additional information available here)	<p>The Rapid Response Challenge sought to fund innovative solutions to issues arising within the Australia-India relationship as a result of COVID-19 and proposed by AIYD alumni. In total, \$10,000 in funding was available and two alumni projects were funded: Girls Take Over Parliament India and Australia and the Australian Indian Digital Creative Festival.</p>
	Build Back Better: A Post-COVID19 recovery strategy	<p>This report outlines the vision of young leaders for the Australia-India bilateral relationship in a post-pandemic world. Grounded in consultations with diverse AIYD alumni, key industry leaders and emerging leaders, this recovery strategy offers a suite of ideas and recommendations to drive the short and long-term recovery of five sectors of interest in the bilateral relationship: education; arts and media; public diplomacy; health and technology.</p>
Australia-Indonesia Youth Association	Flexible Language Exchange Program (FLEX) (additional information available here)	<p>AIYA had delivered language exchange programs to its members well before the pandemic and these functioned as a safe space for young Australians and Indonesians to practise each other's languages. FLEX offers a remote, online alternative to maintain and grow language engagement, using the Discord platform.</p>

<p><u>Australia-Japan Youth Dialogue</u></p>	<p><u>GATHER</u> (additional information available here)</p>	<p>With their annual dialogue moving online due to COVID-19, AJYD wanted to ensure delegates were still provided with opportunities to connect socially, outside of formal dialogue events. To facilitate this, they used <u>GATHER</u> in which hosts create customisable spaces, similar to gaming environments. Attendees create avatars to navigate this virtual space and can interact, talk and engage in formal and informal events, replicating the social mingling that characterises physical in-person conferences and dialogues.</p>
<p><u>Australia-Vietnam Leadership Dialogue</u></p>	<p><u>Vietnam Surges Series</u></p> <p><u>RISE</u></p>	<p>This is a collection of 12 online videos which provide new insights from local business leaders and innovators in Viet Nam to the Australian market. The series highlights key industries; market trends and intelligence; and case studies to inspire greater engagement from Australian business to forge new networks and to spur investment and trade.</p> <p>In 2021, AVLD introduced its first social impact playground, RISE, to nurture Viet Nam’s next generation of leaders, to raise awareness and to action United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. RISE enables passionate and action-oriented youth, aged 16 to 24 years, across Viet Nam to assemble, brainstorm and collaborate with like-minded peers to bring about impactful solutions towards a sustainable future.</p>
<p><u>Council of International Students Australia</u></p>	<p><u>CISA Racism Report</u></p>	<p>This report presents the findings of a survey conducted in 2021 and highlights the increased experiences of racism by international students from Asia studying in Australia throughout the pandemic. The report found that many of these students experienced heightened racism, predominantly in public settings, and that many of these incidences were not reported to education institutions or to the police.</p>
<p><u>Young Australians in International Affairs</u></p>	<p><u>Policy Lab</u></p>	<p>Policy Lab provides a unique platform for young Australians to contribute fresh perspectives and innovative solutions on policy issues facing Australia and the world. Policy Lab comprises two initiatives: <u>Policy Briefs</u>, which are considered explorations of particular issues, providing both an overview of the problem and outlining specific policy recommendations, and <u>Policy Pitches</u>, which capture short, snappy policy ideas presented in an engaging video format which are designed to prompt – and disrupt – policy discussions.</p>
<p>Collaboration between</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>ASEAN-Australia Strategic Youth Partnership</u> • <u>Australia-China Youth Association</u> • <u>Australia-Indonesia Youth Association</u> • <u>Australia-Japan Youth Dialogue</u> 	<p><u>Indo-Pacific Youth Student Mobility Dialogue</u></p>	<p>Held in August 2020, this event brought together 160 Australian students to discuss the challenges they experienced during their mobility programs and to develop practical recommendations to improve future student mobility programs. Following the Dialogue, over 80 participants worked together to collate and document these challenges and recommendations into a report, <u>From Dialogue to Action</u>. Focusing on lived student experiences, this report outlines how Australia’s higher education sector can better enable and support student mobility experiences in the Indo-Pacific.</p>