OUR IMPACT
OUR STORY SO FAR...

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OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

Over the last three years the McCusker Centre for Citizenship at UWA has embedded itself in the Western Australian community.

The Centre is collaborating with students and the broader UWA community, not-for-profit and community organisations, government and business to make a difference in our communities locally, nationally and globally.

Our extensive partnerships (over 250) with organisations enables us to provide students with a structured quality internship experience which facilitates their learning about important social challenges in our community, while at the same time developing their skills to make a practical contribution.

Our students contribute to a wide range of social benefits in the community, from working with organisations in regional and remote communities delivering youth services, securing philanthropic funds and grants for homeless services, developing practical resources to assist vulnerable families coming into contact with the legal system, creating innovative ways to communicate with men who need mental health services, to researching and measuring the effectiveness of services in the community so that mental health, alcohol and drug programs can be expanded to those who need them.

Our students are active in Armadale, Gosnells, Fremantle, Midland, Perth, Joondalup, the Pilbara, Albany, Geraldton, and the Kimberley.

The interest from students wanting to undertake internships continues to grow. This is consistent with what research is telling us — that young people are looking for social purpose in their education and career paths.

More than 540 students have already completed an internship with the Centre and over this summer another 50 students will complete projects as active citizens.

93% of our students said they learned more about being an active citizen through their internship. Many continue to volunteer with their organisation and some students have been offered employment with their organisation.

100% of our students said they will continue to contribute as an active citizen to community and social issues.

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We have also expanded other opportunities for students:

- Postgraduate students are offered the opportunity to learn and contribute towards reducing entrenched unemployment in the Mirrabooka community, working alongside community organisations and local government through a transdisciplinary unit ‘wicked problems’

- Undergraduate students interested in becoming an active citizen can undertake the Pathways to Citizenship unit

- Students can undertake global internships with partners such as Global Citizen in New York and Pollinate Energy in India and Nepal

- Students can undertake a Global Exchange with like-minded universities (Durham University and the University of Otago) committed to educating global citizens.

The McCusker Centre for Citizenship is also committed to public discussion in the community about social challenges and the contribution citizens can make.

We partner with the State Library each year on their Disrupted Festival of Ideas. ABC Perth Radio, Rotary Club of Perth, City of Perth Library, Celebrate WA, not-for-profit organisations and the Perth USAsia Centre have all joined with the Centre to sponsor a number of events.

Over 28,000 people have participated in these public conversations on topics such as the impact of technology, the self determination of Aboriginal women, building more inclusive communities and the role of international aid in the security of our region.

In 2018, the McCusker Centre for Citizenship was awarded the 2018 UWA Award for Excellence in Teaching Programs that Enhance Learning.

The Centre was recognised for its educational partnerships and collaborations with other organisations working on collaborative approaches to learning and teaching.

I would like to thank you personally for partnering with the Centre to build a greater capacity for an engaged, connected and caring community.

I look forward to continuing to work with you all in 2019.

Michelle Scott
Director, McCusker Centre for Citizenship
INTERNERSHIP PROGRAM
WHERE WE ARE NOW

Through our internship program students are learning about important social challenges and developing their skills to make a practical contribution.

57,000
(24,260 in 2018)
hours contributed to the community

Students complete a minimum of 100 hours during their internship

250
partner organisations

These include not-for-profit, community and government organisations, locally, regionally, nationally and globally

540
(235 in 2018)
internships undertaken

Students undertake their internships during semesters one and two and the summer and winter breaks

“My time at St Pat’s reminded me of the responsibility I possess as a citizen to extend care and compassion to the people around me. It also highlighted to me the difference showing care can make in society.”
Christy Ho, St Patrick’s Community Support Centre intern
INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Vanessa Ma
Kwinana Early Years Services (KEYS)
Perth

Vanessa Ma utilised her skills to help develop a critical tool that measures the positive impact of KEYS services. KEYS use this tool in their funding applications and to show the effectiveness of their work.

"While I was aware of disadvantage and inequality, it had never struck me how ‘real’ the issues were and how widespread the effects on society are as a result. My internship helped me work out what I want to do in the future as the importance of helping people in the community became clearer to me."

Jerone Downie
Youth Involvement Council Inc. (YIC)
South Hedland

Jerone Downie assisted youth workers working with vulnerable young people in YIC’s many programs, including their drop in centre, recreational and educational activities, Fresh Start Café, and accommodation service.

"A McCusker Centre internship was an invaluable, unique opportunity to enter and contribute to a facet of society that seemed unreachable and gain an understanding of it. I realised I am more than capable of making a meaningful contribution to society by instigating positive change."
INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

HEAR FROM OUR INTERNS

LISTEN - Shakira Donovan
• Global Citizen NYC intern
• Pathways to Citizenship
• Student Advisory Committee member

LISTEN - Riley Dolman
• Fair Game intern
• Student Advisory Committee member

100%
of students surveyed said they will continue to contribute further as an active citizen to community and social issues

94%
of students surveyed felt there was value in completing their internship

93%
of students surveyed learned more about being an active citizen
GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES

Our global opportunities include internships in the USA and India and exchange programs in the UK and New Zealand.

Emma Oxenburgh
Global Citizen
New York, USA

Emma Oxenburgh completed her internship at Global Citizen. Emma worked in the Global Policy Department focussing on women, girls and education where she wrote research reports, visited the UN for meetings with ambassadors, worked on key government targets and helped organise events.

"I am passionate about people taking on a role as a ‘global citizen’.”

Ming Luo
Matariki Global Citizenship Exchange Program
Durham University, UK

Ming Luo completed the Global Citizenship Exchange Program at Durham University. Ming conducted accessibility reviews, ran a workshop on disability awareness and recommended initiatives to enhance diversity and inclusivity in the university’s workforce.

"I have gained valuable skills and work experience and my confidence has grown as a result.”
Our partners organisations come from the not-for-profit, community, government and business sectors and are based locally, regionally, nationally and globally.

Kristy Tomlinson  
Coordinator of Extended School Services  
Challis Community Primary School

"We have wanted to create a sensory room for some time and Oak Soe Nathan’s [intern] vision for the space was exactly what we were looking for. The room now serves as a ‘safe haven’ for children who are feeling overwhelmed or dysregulated – and they will be able to spend time in it until they feel better."

Tori Anderson  
Director Marketing and Philanthropy  
Anglicare WA

"Anglicare WA was incredibly fortunate to be matched with Luke Thomas [intern] who joined our Philanthropy team. Luke produced outstanding work and as a consequence of this experience, we offered Luke a role on our team.”
LISTEN -
Angela Perkins
Service Delivery Manager,
Zonta House

LISTEN -
Our partner organisations discuss the benefits of the internship program

100% of organisations surveyed would recommend the McCusker Centre's internship program to other organisations

89% of organisations surveyed believe their intern demonstrated an enhanced understanding of the challenges addressed by their organisation at the end of the internship

100% of organisations surveyed believe the McCusker Centre’s internship program achieves its objectives of promoting active citizenship
EVENTS

More than 28,800 students, academics and members of the community have participated in an event sponsored by the McCusker Centre for Citizenship. These events promote public discussion in the community about social challenges and the contribution citizens can make.

100% of attendees surveyed thought the event was enriching and relevant to them

Community events

Turbulence and Volatility: Australia's Foreign Aid and Security
20 February 2018
Co-hosted with the Perth USAsia Centre and the City of Perth Library, the panel held a robust and thought-provoking discussion on the significance of Australia’s foreign aid amidst the current turbulent and volatile geopolitical environment.

Disrupted Festival of Ideas
28-29 July 2018
The McCusker Centre for Citizenship sponsored the State Library's weekend of events including conversations, panel discussions, keynotes and activities shining the spotlight on technology and its impact on humanity.

Professor Fiona Stanley AC addresses the audience at the 2018 Sir Wallace Kyle Oration
EVENTS

Community events cont.

Sir Wallace Kyle Oration, delivered by Professor Fiona Stanley AC FAA FASSA FAAHMS
22 August 2018
More than 250 people attended the Oration where Professor Stanley spoke about her inspirational career and passion for improving and advocating for the health and wellbeing of our children through her work in public health.

The Sir Wallace Kyle Oration is supported by the Rotary Club of Perth.

Listen to the Oration here.

What does it mean to be a good citizen? L-R: Leanne Drewitt, Michelle Scott, Jonathan Ford, Linda Savage, Kim Collard, Kay Goldsworthy AO, Mike Daube AO and Nadia Mitsopoulos

What Does it Mean to be a Good Citizen?
31 October 2018
Co-hosted with ABC Radio Perth, with support from City of Perth Library and Celebrate WA, the panel of four respected Western Australians discussed what makes a good citizen with moderator Nadia Mitsopoulos of ABC Radio Perth.

Listen to the panel discussion here.

Student Advisory Committee events

The View from the Outside: Homelessness in Perth
8 May 2018
The issue of homeless was discussed by panellists who provided their insights into the issue on a local level and a perspective on homelessness as it affects students and young people.

“I enjoyed the level of interactiveness, allowing us to engage with questions and discuss how the topic related to us.”

Modern Slavery: Breaking the Chain
11 October 2018
This discussion covered the panellists' specialist areas in relation to modern slavery, including human rights and the law, front line work with victims, social enterprises, advocacy and how to take local action.

“I enjoyed the range of panellists and the experiences and knowledge they had to offer.”
THANK YOU

A Maze of Story
ABC Perth Radio
Aboriginal Health Council of WA
Aboriginal Legal Service of WA
Activate Perth
Anglicare WA
Auspire - Australia Day Council WA
Avivo
Awards WA
Awesome Arts Australia
Befriend
Cancer Council
Challis Community Primary School
City of Perth Library
Communicare
Community Arts Network
Community Legal Centres Association WA
ConnectGroups
Consumer Credit Legal Service WA
Department of Communities
Developmental Disability WA
Directions Disability Support Services
Dismantle
Donor Mate
Durham University
EdConnect
Ethnic Disability Advocacy Centre
Employment Law Centre
Fair Game
Financial Counsellors’ Association of WA
Foyer Oxford
Fremantle Foundation
GenerationOne
Global Citizen
Gosnells Community Legal Centre
Greenbatch
Greenpeace
Huntingtons WA
Inclusion Solutions
Ishar Multicultural Women’s Health Centre
Kwinana Early Years Service
Legal Aid WA
Lions Eye Institute (Lions Outback Vision)
Mental Health Law Centre WA
Mission Australia
Museum of Freedom and Tolerance
National Disability Services WA
Ngala
Ombudsman WA
Organ Donation Transplant Association
Oxfam
Parkerville Children and Youth Inc
Patches Paediatrics
Perron Institute
Perth USAsia Centre
Pollinate Energy
Public Health Advocacy Institute WA
Rotary Club of Perth
Ruah Community Services
Save the Children WA
Shelter WA
Silver Chain
Skills of the Modern Age
Social Reinvestment WA
St Patrick’s Community Support Centre
State Library of Western Australia
Street Law Centre
Swan Alliance Communities for Children
Telethon Kids Institute
Telethon Speech and Hearing
The Fathering Project
The Humanitarian Group
Tuart Place
United Nations Association of Australia
Valuing Children Initiative
Volunteering WA
WA Aids Council
WA Council of Social Service
Walk Free Foundation
Western Australian Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies
Wanslea Family Services
Wirrpanda Foundation
Youth Affairs Council of WA
Youth Futures WA
Youth Involvement Council Inc
Zonta House