

GLOBAL PEACE SUMMIT SYDNEY 2025

EVENT REPORT



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 RADISSON BLU PLAZA HOTEL, SYDNEY



EVENT SUMMARY

The Global Peace Summit Sydney 2025, Organized By The **Global Peace Chain**, Brought Together 100 participants from over 60 nationalities. The Summit Served As A Platform To Explore Critical Global Challenges Through Sessions On Leadership, Sustainability, Multilateral Cooperation, Human Rights, And Refugee Empowerment. Moreover, Delegates Engaged In A Guided Parliament Visit, Expert-Led Discussions, And Practical Activities Addressing The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGS).



The Summit Discussions Touched Upon Esg Standards, Ethical Leadership And The Role Of Youth In Conflict Resolution And Governance As Well. With Cultural Exchanges, Social Project Presentations, And Interactive Simulations, The Summit Emphasized Inclusion And Youth-Driven Solutions. Delegates Left Equipped With New Knowledge, Meaningful Connections, And A Strong Commitment To Drive Impact Within Their Communities And Beyond.

MESSAGE FROM THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

“Organizing The **Global Peace Summit Sydney 2025** Came With Its Set Of Challenges, But The Dedication And Resilience Of Our Team Made It All Worthwhile. We Were Honored To Host An Exceptional Cohort Of Young Leaders Who Engaged With Sincerity And Purpose. Their Active Participation In Every Session And Activity Enriched The Summit Beyond Measure. From Policy Discussions To Cultural Exchanges, The Delegates Brought Fresh Perspectives And Genuine Curiosity. The Summit Successfully Achieved Its Goal Of Promoting Leadership, Youth Empowerment, And Global Awareness. Most Importantly, It Helped Build A Connected And Committed Network Of Future Leaders Ready To Drive Meaningful Change In Their Communities And Beyond”.



TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

- **ESG & SDGs:**
The Storm of International Sustainability Standards
- **Leadership, Values & Beliefs in a Turbulent World:**
Australia's Role in Shaping Peace
- **Refugee and Migration Crisis:**
From Acceptance to Empowerment
- **Empowering the Next Generation to Restore Peace:**
Youth in Action
- **The Power of Multilateralism:**
Strengthening Global Institutions for Conflict Resolution



THEME OF THE SUMMIT

“Empowering Change Through Dialogue and Action”

SUMMIT AIMS

- To equip young leaders with strategic insights on diplomacy, conflict resolution, and inclusive governance through expert-led sessions.
- To enhance understanding of leadership through practical simulations and group-based decision-making activities.
- To strengthen global networks by encouraging cultural exchange, collaborative policy simulation, and presentation of social impact projects.



DAY 1

Arrival of Delegates

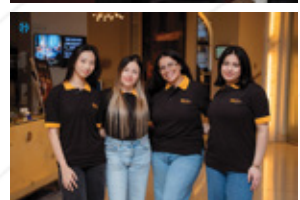
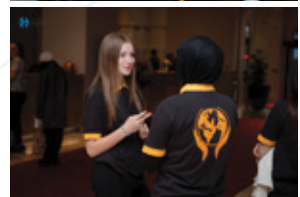


The first day of the **Global Peace Summit Sydney 2025** started with the arrival and hotel check-in of delegates at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel, which served as both the summit venue and accommodation. Upon registration, delegates were provided with official merchandise including personalized t-shirts, stationery kits, badges, and program booklets. These materials were thoughtfully prepared to create a sense of unity and shared purpose among participants from different regions.

Following the registration, delegates proceeded to the **Parliament House of New South Wales** for a guided institutional visit aimed at offering practical exposure to Australia's legislative system. The group observed two live sessions: a Legislative Assembly debate on updates to laws concerning workplace bullying and sexual harassment, and a Legislative Council session focused on procedural matters. This visit allowed the delegates to better understand how policy is discussed and shaped within a formal setting, prompting comparisons with parliamentary practices in their own countries. The exposure also led to informal discussions on the importance of institutional checks and transparent debate in effective governance..



The day ended with free time for sightseeing and informal interaction. Many delegates gathered at Bennie's Café, where they shared their thoughts about the day and engaged in conversations on cultural values, governance systems, and their expectations for the summit. These early exchanges helped set a comfortable and collaborative tone for the days to follow.



DAY 2

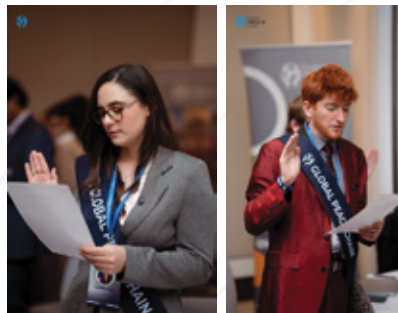
Opening Ceremony

The second day of the Global Peace Summit Sydney 2025 officially commenced with a structured registration process, followed by the Opening Ceremony hosted by **Ms. Joy Tianyuan Yin**. Delegates were introduced to the mission and journey of Global Peace Chain since its inception in 2018, including major summits, community-based projects, and youth empowerment programs held worldwide. The orientation offered delegates a comprehensive understanding of what to expect during the summit and how their engagement would contribute to the broader goals of peacebuilding and sustainable development.



Oath Taking by Mr. Kamran Zafar

A significant highlight of the opening was the Oath-Taking Ceremony, led by Mr. Kamran Zafar, **CEO of Global Peace Chain**. With a collective spirit, delegates stood together and recited a formal commitment to participate actively, absorb knowledge throughout the summit, and return to their respective communities with a renewed sense of responsibility.



This was followed by a keynote address by **Mr. Muhammad Ahmad**, Co-Founder of GPC, who encouraged delegates to strengthen their communication and leadership abilities to effectively engage with global conflicts, influence policies, and uphold human rights through Peaceful Means.



Introductory Speech



In the next session, **Ms. Fibha Farmeen**, Peace Ambassador and Diana Award Holder, addressed the audience with a motivational speech. She emphasized the critical role of youth-led innovation in shaping future diplomacy, sustainable solutions and grassroots-level advocacy. Her words served as an important reminder that real impact begins with collective resilience and consistent local efforts.

Following the opening, the **Ice-Breaking Session** facilitated by **Ms. Joy Tianyuan Yin**, brought warmth and energy to the room. Delegates introduced themselves, shared personal stories, cultural backgrounds, and unique experiences, ensuring immediate bonds and setting the tone for inclusive dialogue. The icebreaking activities encouraged openness and allowed delegates to understand one another's perspectives, promoting mutual respect across cultures and countries.



Session on ESG & SDG

One of the key academic sessions of the day was delivered by **Prof. Dr. Rahat Munir** (FCA, FCPA, SFHEA) on the theme “ESG and SDGs: The Storm of International Sustainability Standards.” Dr. Munir discussed **how environmental, social, and governance (ESG) frameworks are evolving globally** and how they intersect with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The session unpacked the growing demand for ethical investments, corporate accountability, and transparent sustainability reporting. Delegates explored how young leaders can contribute by championing socially responsible business practices and policy advocacy in their regions.



Session on Leadership

The summit continued with a compelling session by **Mr. Phillip Fernandez**, titled “**Leadership, Values & Beliefs in a Turbulent World: Australia’s Role in Shaping Peace.**” Drawing from his expertise in leadership coaching, Mr. Fernandez discussed the importance of value-driven leadership in today’s divided world. He also highlighted Australia’s contributions to peacebuilding, including its diplomatic presence in the Asia-Pacific, humanitarian programs for refugees, and peacekeeping support through the United Nations. The session focused on how youth can adopt ethical leadership approaches inspired by Australia’s commitment to regional stability, inclusion, and reconciliation with indigenous communities.



During the Lunch Break, delegates had the opportunity to network, exchange contact information, and reflect on the day's learning in a relaxed environment. Concurrently, the organizing team conducted interviews with selected delegates, gathering their impressions of the summit thus far and the impact it had on their thinking and aspirations.



Panel Talk

Post-lunch, a powerful panel discussion took place on the theme "Refugee and Migration Crisis: From Acceptance to Empowerment." Moderated by **Brian Laul and Ronna Guzman**, the panel featured insights from Dr. Patricia Jenkins, Ms. Maryam Zahid, Mr. Oliver Slewa, and others. The panelists emphasized the **importance of going beyond humanitarian acceptance and recognizing refugees as contributors to society**. The session addressed gaps in current migration policies, community integration strategies, and the urgent need for global cooperation in addressing root causes of displacement. Delegates engaged with real-world cases, especially focusing on the experiences of Afghan, Syrian, and Rohingya refugees, and discussed models of empowerment through education, legal support, and economic inclusion.



A short tea break followed, alongside continued delegate interviews to capture the momentum and reflections of the participants.

The final panel of the day was titled **“Empowering the Next Generation to Restore Peace: Youth in Action.”** Moderated by Brian Laul and Ronna Guzman, the panel brought together inspiring voices including **Sahera Samar, Numan Rasul, Tyne Ashley Williams, Ryan Deitsch, and Angelica Ojinnaka Psillakis.** The speakers shared their journeys of activism and community engagement, highlighting practical strategies to involve youth in peacebuilding initiatives. Discussions focused on mental health awareness, social equity, civic responsibility, and policy advocacy. The diversity of the panel, with speakers from Australia, Pakistan, the US, and South Africa, illustrated the universal potential of young individuals to lead constructive change when supported and heard.



The day concluded with a closing segment, followed by a group photo capturing the spirit of **unity and collaboration**. Final interviews for the day were conducted to document individual experiences, learning outcomes, and personal goals shaped through the summit so far.



Day 3

Opening Speech

The third and final day of the Global Peace Summit Sydney 2025 opened with a welcoming session organized by Ms. Joy Tianyuan Yin, setting a thoughtful and anticipatory tone for the most solutions-focused segments of the summit. The day began with an opening address by **Mr. Usman Amjad**, Director of Global Peace Chain, who highlighted the pressing need to dismantle systemic violence, particularly against women, through education, justice reforms, and inclusive policy development. He emphasized the critical role of youth in driving these changes, urging them to leverage their energy, intellect, and global awareness. His remarks also underlined the importance of bridging the intergenerational gap, so today's challenges are addressed with insight and without unnecessary resistance.



Keynote Speech

The keynote session was delivered by **Kath Koschel**, award-winning speaker, author, and Kindness Advocate, also recognized as NSW's Australian of the Year 2025. Through a powerful narrative rooted in personal experiences, she shared the importance of resilience, inner strength, and human kindness as central to effective leadership. Her talk reinforced the idea that leadership often begins in the quiet decisions to persevere and uplift others, especially in difficult times.



Interactive Discussion

This was followed by an interactive discussion titled “The Power of Multilateralism: Strengthening Global Institutions for Conflict Resolution”, led by Professor Catherine Renshaw, Dean of the School of Law at Western Sydney University, and moderated by Brian Laul and Ronna Guzman. The discussion explored the role of international cooperation in solving cross-border conflicts, the relevance of institutions like the United Nations, and how global frameworks must be reformed to reflect modern realities. Professor Renshaw also emphasized the importance of legally binding frameworks, inclusive diplomacy, and international accountability. Delegates engaged with questions about the UN’s effectiveness, the balance of power in global institutions, and how youth voices can influence global decision-making processes more directly.



Delegates Leadership Activity

After a short tea break, the delegates participated in a highly engaging leadership simulation titled “The Affairs of Authority”, organized and moderated by Ms. Joy Tianyuan Yin. Delegates were grouped and assigned roles representing various global blocs and governing bodies. Each group was tasked with proposing ten actionable policies they believed essential for global progress.



Following lunch and another round of delegate interviews, the focus shifted to the **Social Project Presentations** segment, where delegates showcased the work they are already leading in their communities under various UNSDG themes. The initiatives spanned sectors including education access for underserved populations, climate action, public health, gender equality, and digital literacy. The session allowed peers and mentors in the audience to ask questions, offer support, and extend potential collaborations. The quality and depth of these projects reflected the delegates’ commitment to long-term community development and practical leadership.



Cultural Peace Walk

In a final moment of cultural pride and shared identity, the **Cultural Showcase** allowed delegates to appear in traditional attire, walking on stage to represent their countries with confidence and pride. This segment celebrated the diversity of the summit and served as a reminder that peace begins with mutual respect for culture, heritage, and history.



Closing Ceremony

The closing ceremony of the Global Peace Summit Sydney 2025 was marked by an incredible traditional performance that filled the atmosphere with light, color, and inspiration. The rhythmic movements, cultural expressions, and vibrant energy served as a reminder of the beauty of unity in diversity, leaving every participant with a sense of wonder and gratitude



The performance also symbolized the hope that each voice, when joined with others, can create harmony far beyond the walls of the summit!

Closing Remarks

The program concluded with a closing speech by Qamar Zaman, **Consulate General of Pakistan in Sydney**, followed by the Awarding Ceremony, where certificates of participation and shields of appreciation were presented to recognize both contributions and commitment throughout the summit. Final group photos were taken to commemorate the conclusion of the Global Peace Summit Sydney 2025, capturing the spirit of connection, responsibility, and shared purpose that had defined the three days.



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