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## Not-for-profit leadership 2023 award finalists announced

The Australian Scholarships Foundation (ASF) is delighted to announce the finalists for the inaugural Not-For-Profit Leadership Awards.

The awards program shines a light on organisations, teams and individuals who have demonstrated excellence and courage in their leadership. The program also helps recognise and support the outstanding leaders of the many charities and not-for-profits that deliver on fundamental societal needs.

Louisa Graham, CEO of the ASF, said: “I’m incredibly inspired by our first list of finalists, all of whom deserve this acknowledgement. By celebrating their achievements, we can create a stronger and more effective not-for-profit sector that is better equipped to address key social and environmental challenges important to us all.

“In a sector where salary is not the primary career motivation, rewarding excellence is crucial. We look forward to celebrating the winners in Sydney on June 15.

“We would also like to acknowledge and thank the organisations who have supported the awards through their sponsorship, in particular **The NonProfit Alliance**.”

Finalists are peer-judged and assessed on the overall merit of their contribution to the sector. The ASF encourages a diversity of entries from NFP leaders around Australia.

You can find out more information about the [judging process](#) and [criteria for entry](#) on the ASF website.

The Australian Scholarships Foundation has a mechanism for dealing with any conflicts of interest, actual or perceived, that may arise during the judging process. The guidelines are based on the principle that all actual conflicts of interest are to be avoided and that even a perceived conflict may be damaging to all parties. You can read more about the [conflict guidelines here](#).

**All 2023 Not-For-Profit Leadership Awards winners will be announced at a cocktail event at Doltone House, Hyde Park, in Sydney on Thursday, June 15.**

**Tickets to attend the event are available for purchase [HERE](#).**

In each award below, the finalists are listed in alphabetical order.

## 2023 Not-For-Profit Leadership Awards Finalists

### OUTSTANDING LEADER

Supported by **The NonProfit Alliance**

*Finalists: Outstanding Leaders currently working with organisations with annual revenue of **over \$3 million***

- **Sharon McGowan**, CEO, [The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists](#)
- **Tanya O'Shea**, Managing Director, [IMPACT Community Services](#)
- **Suzie Riddell**, CEO, [Social Ventures Australia](#)

### OUTSTANDING LEADER

Supported by the **Australian Scholarships Foundation**

*Finalists: Outstanding Leaders currently working with organisations with annual revenue of **under \$3 million***

- **Shaun Christie-David**, Founder, [Plate it Forward](#)
- **Sonia Di Mezza**, CEO, [Loddon Campaspe Multicultural Services](#)
- **Paul Higginbotham**, Executive Director, [Earbus Foundation of Western Australia](#)

### OUTSTANDING EMERGING LEADER

Supported by **Leadership Space**

*Finalists: Outstanding Emerging Leaders currently working with organisations with annual revenue of **over \$3 million***

- **Hally Lara and Laura Glendinning**, National Partnerships Lead (shared role), [OzHarvest](#)
- **Trent Miller**, Executive Manager of Employment, Training, and Social Enterprise, [Youth Projects](#)
- **Vicky Worland**, Head of Program Management, [Gotcha4Life Foundation](#)

### OUTSTANDING EMERGING LEADER

Supported by the **Australian Scholarships Foundation**

*Finalists: Outstanding Emerging Leaders currently working with organisations with annual revenue of **under \$3 million***

- **Noel Lim**, CEO, [Anika Legal](#)
- **Liz Martin**, CEO, [Accessible Arts](#)
- **Angelique Wan**, Co-founder and CEO, [Consent Labs](#)

### OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP IN TALENT GROWTH

Supported by **Clayton Utz**

- **Francesca Caccamo**, Head of People and Programs, [Consent Labs](#)
- **CHASE Team**, [Community Health Advancement and Student Engagement](#)
- **Angela Gaylard**, People and Culture Manager, [Youth Projects](#)

### **OUTSTANDING EDUCATION PROVIDER**

Supported by AGSM at UNSW Business School

- CareFlight, [Trauma Care Workshops](#)
- Minus18 Education Team, [Minus 18](#)
- UNSW Sydney, The University of Western Australia, Flinders University and Swinburne University of Technology, [Centre for Social Impact](#)

### **OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP IN WELLBEING GOVERNANCE**

Supported by The Wellbeing Hub, an initiative of The Xfactor Collective Foundation

- [Lifestart](#)
- [Starlight Children's Foundation](#)
- [Youth Projects](#)

### **OUTSTANDING SCHOLAR**

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The winner of Outstanding Scholar will be announced on June 15. No finalists are announced in this category.

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### **THANK YOU TO OUR JUDGES**

We sincerely thank all the hard-working judges who donated their time this year.

- Josephine Buontempo, Kasali Migration Australia, and Chair of ASF Assessment Panel
- Justine Butler, Corporate Giving Specialist
- Tara Castle, Queensland Community Foundation
- David Crosbie, Community Council for Australia
- Petrina Fraccaro, Cystic Fibrosis Queensland
- Anne Frankenberg, Musica Viva Australia
- Julia Keady, The Xfactor Collective
- Ric Leahy, XEd Space
- Rachael McLennan, People for Purpose
- James Montgomery, AFL SportsReady
- Kylie Pussell, Miracle Babies Foundation
- Katherine Raskob, Fundraising Institute Australia
- Leisa Sadler, Dress for Success
- Mary Spongberg, Southern Cross University
- Leonard Vary, The Myer Foundation and Sidney Myer Fund
- Ben Vasiliou, Youth Projects
- Beth Weatherly, Kilfinan Australia

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The **Australian Scholarships Foundation** is a registered charity that works with not-for-profit groups to develop inspirational leaders. In the past 14 years, it has partnered with experts to offer education in leadership, governance, finance and project management to more than 5,000 people from a wide range of not-for-profit organisation organisations.

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