A FAIRER WORLD

presents a public talk by
2013 Young Australian of the Year

AKRAM AZIMI

Introduced by VGen State Manager

LAURA SYKES

Sir Raymond Ferrall Centre, University of Tasmania Newnham Campus
Monday 2\textsuperscript{nd} September
4:00 – 5:00pm

Entry by note donation (concession, gold coin)
RSVP to admin@afairerworld.org or 6223 1025

All Tasmanians are invited to take this opportunity to be inspired by the current Young Australian of the Year and hear his unique perspectives on the journey from refugee to advocate. Akram’s advocacy has encompassed remote Indigenous communities, people with a disability and the global war on polio.

Refreshments will be available and there will be an opportunity to meet informally with Akram and young Tasmanian changemakers, as well as staff and local supporters of A Fairer World including:

- Dr Robbie Johnston, UTAS Faculty of Education
- Ros Lewis, Oxfam Australia Volunteer (Tas)
- Janine Davis, Trevallyn Primary School
- Robert Hortle, Oaktree Foundation
- Laura Sykes, VGen State Manager

Akram is in Tasmania as a keynote speaker for the 2013 Fairer World Festival, Tasmania’s largest youth social justice event.
Akram Azimi is a dedicated mentor to young Indigenous people. Arriving in Australia 13 years ago from Afghanistan he went from being ‘an ostracised refugee kid with no prospects’ to becoming his school’s head boy. An outstanding student, he topped the tertiary entrance exam scores among his classmates. He’s now studying a triple major – law, science and arts – at the University of Western Australia, and intent on giving back to his adopted country.

Akram uses his leadership and pastoral skills to help young people in remote and rural Western Australia. In 2011 he co-founded a student-run initiative, *i Am the Other*, set up to raise awareness about Indigenous issues in universities.

His philanthropic roles have included working with True Blue Dreaming, which helps disadvantaged remote Indigenous communities. Akram is also mentoring a Special Olympics athlete to help raise community awareness of disability issues.

**A Fairer World** is a social justice hub comprising the Tasmanian Centre for Global Learning, the Global Learning Resource Library and www.afairerworld.org.

Our mission is to engage schools and the Tasmanian community in action for social justice, peace and a sustainable world future. We do this by providing access to education programs, training, resources and networks.

Our programs include ruMAD?, *Living in Between: Diversity Education through Storytelling*, the Hobart Human Library and monthly film screenings.

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**The Fairer World Festival** was the Hobart City Council Australia Day 2012 Community Event of the Year and is the largest youth human rights event in Tasmania. Around 1400 students from grades 3 to 12 attend one of four days, with primary and secondary student days at UTAS campuses in both Hobart and Launceston. The Festival inspires young Tasmanians to be a driving force for positive change in their local and global communities by exploring social and environmental issues within the framework of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

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