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ADVOCATE, AUTHOR AND SOCIAL COMMENTATOR YASSMIN ABDEL-MAGIED IN-CONVERSATION AT SPECIAL EVENT

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International advocate, author, and 2015 Queensland Young Citizen of the Year, Yassmin Abdel-Magied, will appear at a special She Leads In-Conversation event, hosted by YWCA Canberra on Wednesday 22 February at the University of Canberra.

Abdel-Magied has achieved national and international attention as a leading advocate for social inclusion and cultural diversity, as well as being a prominent woman in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

In this special event, Abdel-Magied will be in-conversation with science communicator and chemist, Dr Alice Williamson, and will share her journey to leadership as a Sudanese refugee, balancing her diverse identity as a young woman, Muslim, engineer, writer and founder of the not-for-profit, Youth Without Borders.

The event forms one part of YWCA Canberra's women's leadership pathway, [She Leads](#), which comprises conferences for emerging leaders and girls, workshops, and a nationally accredited Diploma of Leadership and Management.

"Our She Leads program has a joint goal of developing women's leadership potential, as well as promoting a diverse model of leadership," YWCA Canberra Executive Director, Frances Crimmins said.

"Leadership is not just about being a CEO or company director, it's about building communities, strengthening families, empowering others, and promoting equality. That's why Yassmin is a perfect fit for our first event of 2017.

"We're excited to be able to host Yassmin in Canberra, and promote the need for women in STEM and leadership roles more broadly."

The She Leads In-Conversation series is supported by the University of Canberra, as Venue Partner. This event is the first of four to be hosted in 2017.

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Frances Crimmins and Yassmin Abdel-Magied are available for interview.

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About YWCA Canberra: YWCA Canberra is a feminist, secular, not-for-profit community organisation that has been providing community services and representing women's issues in the Canberra community since its establishment in 1929. YWCA Canberra employs more than 300 staff across the ACT, and delivers 30 quality programs in children's services, community development, housing, youth services, women's leadership, advocacy, and training. Represented in 122 countries, the YWCA has a global reach of 25 million women and girls. As part of this international movement, YWCA Canberra works for a world where reconciliation, justice, peace, health, human dignity, freedom and care for the environment are promoted and sustained through women's leadership. For more information visit: www.ywca-canberra.org.au

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About She Leads: The She Leads Program is YWCA Canberra's leadership pathway for women who are looking to explore and develop their leadership potential, and includes the [She Leads Diploma of Leadership and Management](#), the [She Leads Conference](#), the [She Leads In-Conversation Series](#), the [She Leads College Conference](#) (for girls in Years 11 and 12), and [She Leads Workshops](#).

Through the She Leads Program, we are equipping the next generation of women leaders, from all sectors and industries, with the skills they need to further their potential.

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