

The **2016 KAIAN Melbourne Youth Mentorship Pilot Program** aims to foster relationships between young intercountry adoptees aged 12 to 17 years old and adult intercountry adoptees aged 18 years and over.

The main objectives are:

- To foster personal relationships with adult intercountry adoptees who have shared similar life experiences
- To develop positive self-perception through role modelling and companionship from the intercountry adoption community
- To provide opportunities for discussion about identity, race, and adoption
- To grow a community in which young intercountry adoptees can feel empowered and find their own voices

About the Program:

- Young adoptees will be matched with an adult adoptee mentor, based on race, birth country, personality and interests where possible
- Young adoptees and mentors will meet (at least) four times between March to December 2016
- Scheduling and types of activities will be negotiated by the adult mentor, parents of the young adoptee, and the young adoptee
- Adult mentors and young adoptees must agree and adhere to KAIAN's behavioural guidelines

Information for Parents:

If you would like your son or daughter (aged 12 to 17 years old) to be part of the Youth Mentorship Pilot Program, applications for parents will open on *Monday 22nd February, 2016*. Program places will depend upon numbers of adult mentors.

- Parents of the young adoptees will pay a fee of \$200 to cover the cost of outings and program administration
- Parents will need to complete an application form and brief phone interview

Information for Adult Intercountry Adoptee Mentors:

We encourage adult intercountry adoptees (aged 18 and over) to seek this opportunity to become a friend, role model, and an enriching addition to a young person's life. Applications for mentors will close on *Friday 19th February, 2016*.

- Mentors will require a Working With Children Volunteer Check (application is free of charge)
- Mentors will need to complete an application form (available from www.kaian.org.au) and informal in-person interview

Contact KAIAN:

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