

ACTiveNSW Branch President Report 2022  
For Financial Year from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022

In 2022 ISANA ACTiveNSW Branch Executive Committee members were involved in multiple international education advocacy activities and initiatives in international education industry. We worked with government and non-government student support groups. We actively promoted initiatives for international students and the education sector in general.

As a president of the branch, I took active part in:

- State Insurance Regulatory Authority advisory panel. Further consultation on personal injury insurance arrangements for food delivery riders in the gig economy
- National Anti-Racism Framework from the Human Rights Commission
- City of Sydney Multicultural Advisory Panel
- Department of Education, Skills and Employment's Workforce Specialists Initiative 2022–28
- International Students Health Hub
- PRISMS modernization working group

ACTiveNSW Branch supported number of Study NSW Partner project applications including

- AusLEAP: Facilitating the voluntary involvement of international students in established community, charity and social enterprise organisations
- "Technology-Enabled 'Regional NSW Study Pathways to Careers Toolkit"
- Cross-Cultural adjustment support for RHD international students of CALD background
- Beyond Orientation Week - Cultural Transition Support framework for Post Graduate International Students of CALD Background in NSW, Australia

I am also pleased to announce that we have recently completed Lived Experience Toolkit, a partner project funded by NSW government. A unique toolkit to help international students and international education providers destigmatize mental health. The original title of the project was replaced by LET Your Story Talk. Official launch of the toolkit is scheduled for Tuesday, 6 December 2022.

I have to admit that work on the project was time consuming and involved multiple industry collaboration and feedback sessions. I would like to thank everyone who took their time to contribute to the creation of this resource.

ACTiveNSW Branch Executive Committee was also focused on providing the professional development opportunities for our branch members.

NSW – Understanding the ESOS Legislative Framework – May 2022

ACT - Managing the Welfare arrangements of student under 18 of age – May 2022

ACTiveNSW Branch Mini-Conference – November 2022

There was also preparation for a leadership themed PD session “Discover the superpowers of introverts and extroverts in the working environment” which needed to be postponed and later cancelled due to lack of interest.

Plans for 2023 and beyond.

ISANA ACT/NSW Branch would like to farewell the outgoing executive committee member Mitchell Ribbons. Thank you and we wish you good luck with your future endeavors.

I am also happy to announce that our current Vice President Ms. Nuala Myatt-Bocarro would like to move into the branch communications role.

November 2022 is marking completion of my 4 years as ACTiveNSW Branch President, and I would like to announce that I’m stepping down from this position and moving to the position of the Vice President in the ISANA National Council. I will stay on the ACTiveNSW committee in 2023.

I am confident that ACTiveNSW branch will continue to work hard to advocate for international student rights in multiple forums.