

CONFERENCE CLOSE

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For those of you who this is your first YSPN event, what a way to start, hey our biggest event ever and one of the biggest events for Sikh professionals not just in the southern hemisphere but around the world. So, let's do a quick recap of what we learnt today so, I mean for us the five who started here three of whom actually in this room today. The five who started YSPN this has been quite a journey over the last five years, for five people sitting in a room with an idea to what it's grown to today and to you know culminate in such a big event I think we all feel very proud and privileged to be in this situation. As Ramneek said when we started a consistent thread in YSPN has always been this idea that we know really that all the work we do is not really about networking nor is it about fancy words that we use in our mission statement which is creating the conditions for young Sikh professionals to succeed and amplify their success and influence. At its core it's about an organization that's committed to helping others receive and impart do their own, savor which is what brings us to the theme of today, savor in a rapidly changing world, so we've been taken on a journey of Sikhs in Australia. We started with the migration story on how we actually got here, then we moved on to the professional world talking about as Ramneek put it the big five jobs, financial profession, financial services, professional services, law, medicine, engineering and how we move from that to then the stories that we heard in the entrepreneurship panel and, the by the way our role was in entrepreneurship panel I think everyone can agree that there was no one was pulling any punches it was quite raw and quite inspiring to see someone talk so openly about entrepreneurship. And finally we ended with this conversation that we had around amplifying our influence with the broader community and moving into politics and how, how we can influence not just the Sikh community with the broader community through our political capital.

So after hearing all of these phenomenal stories on stage, I think there are a few key themes that we can kind of take out of it number one which you learnt not just through the migration panel but across the whole day is this idea of inclusion. How do we bridge the gap between the migrants that have been here for the last 50 years since the 1800s the generations that have come to the new migrants that just come the student migrants that we talked about? How do we bridge that gap and make them all included in the broader Sikh community? And we talked about professional savor and this concept which is prevalent in Sikhs this concept of humble servitude and how it's not new to Sikhs and how it makes us different in the professional fields in our professional fields. We built on that again with the fireside chat with Vivek in there, who then talked about the importance of role models and this key point that they kind of stuck with me that Vivek said which was that be what you can see, so in that talking about how it's so important for Sikhs to do well because for the future generations they will be able to see what they want to become so the people as the more we grow into bigger and better positions, the more our community will prosper. And then we ended with this well we didn't, we moved on to Entrepreneurship which was a fantastic panel for me as an entrepreneur myself, I think it was great to hear that you know it's not all rosey there are two sides of every equation and entrepreneurship is a big part of not just our community but also you know it shows they showcase the values the values of Sikhs where we are risk takers, and we are able to do what maybe other communities can't do with the prevalence there's so many more Sikh entrepreneurs than most other communities, just as a percentage and it's because we have this ability to take that risk.

And then we ended with politics. Yeah, what a way to end to have such influential speakers talk about you know how important public representation is not just for Sikhs as a community but also you know generally inspiring the, the youth to do better and also helping our community through public servitude. So I think I've learned a lot today and hopefully you've all learned a lot today. I just like to once again thank the YSPN team, the group that has organized this event has worked tirelessly over the last few months in particular I'd like to thank one person Jasdeep Singh Chhabra who has worked very, very hard he's in the back there..

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He's done a fantastic job and there's been countless hours of savor done by the whole team and I would like to thank you all the most important part of this you guys for coming to this event and hopefully you will continue to support YSPN and SYA in the future so thank you all very much for coming.

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