



# AIEC 2018 Fact Sheet

**Name:** 32<sup>nd</sup> Australian International Education Conference 2018 (AIEC 2018)

**Location:** Sydney, Australia

**Venue:** ICC Sydney

**Dates:** 9-12 October 2018

**Website:** [www.aiec.idp.com](http://www.aiec.idp.com)

## AIEC Co-hosts

The Conference is jointly presented by the International Education Association of Australia (IEAA) and IDP Education.



## Social media

**Hashtag** #aiec2018

**Twitter** @AIEC

**Instagram** @AIECphotos

**YouTube** [www.youtube.com/user/aiecvideos](http://www.youtube.com/user/aiecvideos)

**LinkedIn**

<http://www.linkedin.com/groups?home=&gid=2802555>

## About AIEC

The Australian International Education Conference (AIEC) is the major opportunity each year for international education practitioners, teaching staff, researchers, policy makers and other stakeholders to learn about major industry trends and development and to network with Australian and international colleagues. The conference attracts experts from all education sectors, including English language, schools, higher education and vocational education and training, as well as government representatives, NGO staff and private providers.

## Who attends?

The conference attracts national and international education experts in a number of sectors, including English language, schools, university and vocational education, as well as media, government and public and private sectors. On average, 15 per cent of attendees come from overseas. About two thirds of Australian attendees are from NSW and Victoria.

The conference in Hobart is expected to attract approximately:

- 1100 attendees
- 25 exhibitors
- 200 speakers

For details, please visit [www.aiec.idp.com/who-attends](http://www.aiec.idp.com/who-attends)

## Key dates (2018)

Call for proposals opens	16 January
Call for proposals closes	23 February
Registration opens	1 June
Early bird registration ends	1 August
Conference workshops	9 October
IEAA Research Roundtable	9 October
Conference	9-12 October

## Theme for 2018

### Empowering a new generation

AIEC 2018 will focus on the potential of international education to empower a new generation of students and international educators to have a positive impact in challenging and uncertain times. Technological innovation, socioeconomic shifts and geopolitical changes are occurring on a global scale and at an accelerated pace. We are more hyper-connected and yet disconnected; the world as we know it is rapidly evolving. A dynamic is building that will shape a new generation and the challenges and opportunities will be enormous.

As the emerging social, economic, technological and geopolitical changes play out, a new generation of students and international educators and professionals will need to gain insights and apply expert knowledge and skills if they are to manage potential disruption, achieve positive influence and become adept global citizens.

What does this all mean for international education? How do we ensure that our industry continues to be relevant and meaningful? What are the key disruptions already occurring and how is international education responding and adapting? How might international education best orient itself to support a new generation of students, educators and professionals? How can we look up and out beyond our own profession to learn from and engage with the broader community and other industries? How can we work collaboratively to ensure that we empower future generations and prepare them for this new world?

AIEC 2018 will address these questions, and more, as it contemplates how international education will empower its next generation.

## Program

AIEC 2018 will feature:

- 4 plenary sessions (including opening and closing ceremonies)
- 50 concurrent sessions
- 8-10 workshops
- 1 research roundtable
- e-posters
- 1 trade exhibition on all three days of the conference
- social events on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Preliminary schedule is available on the website here: [www.aiec.idp.com/program-schedule](http://www.aiec.idp.com/program-schedule)

## Registration and accommodation

Registration for AIEC 2018 will be available from 1 June 2018. Special accommodation discount rates will be available at a number of hotels near the venue.

For further details, please visit the website at [www.aiec.graydesign.com.au/registration](http://www.aiec.graydesign.com.au/registration)

## Sponsorship and exhibition

Sponsorship, exhibition and advertising opportunities are available. To download the prospectus, please visit the website [www.aiec.idp.com/sponex](http://www.aiec.idp.com/sponex) or contact the conference organisers for more information.

## Newsletter

To receive regular conference news and information about website updates, please register your interest by signing on to our AIEC news mailing list at [www.aiec.graydesign.com.au/media-subscribe-to-eneews](http://www.aiec.graydesign.com.au/media-subscribe-to-eneews)

See latest news and past newsletters at [www.aiec.idp.com/media-latest-news](http://www.aiec.idp.com/media-latest-news).

## AIEC Committee

The conference is supported by a joint IDP Education and IEAA Steering Committee.

The members of the committee for AIEC 2018 in Sydney are:

- **Melissa Banks**, Vice-President, IEAA
- **James Bennett**, Key Account Manager, NSW/QLD/ACT/NT, IDP Education
- **Janelle Chapman**, Director, TAFE Queensland International, TAFE Queensland; and Vice President, IEAA
- **Phil Honeywood**, Executive Director, IEAA
- **Lyndell Jacka**, Head of Research, IDP Education
- **Brian Smith**, Stakeholder Engagement Manager, IDP Education
- **Josephine Williams**, Conference and Events Leader, IDP Education
- **Chris Ziguras**, Associate Professor, RMIT; and President, IEAA

## Contact

### Conference Office

For all general enquiries including registration, accommodation, sponsorship and exhibition sales, call for proposals or program, please contact the AIEC conference organisers:

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*Call for proposals and program enquiries: Please always include the reference number and title of your abstract in your email for easy reference.*

### IDP Education

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