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## **A new generation of changemakers paving a new way forward**

Australian actress and environmental protection advocate, Isabel Lucas will be hosting a number of discussion panels at the 3rd annual Newkind conference, alongside speakers from Amnesty International, The Bob Brown Foundation, the Australian Youth Climate Coalition and Sustainability Australia.

With its no holds barred programming, organisers seek to directly address some of the most pertinent issues facing Australian society. From the mental health issues underlying domestic violence, human rights violations with the treatment of refugees locked in Manus, to the Indigenous Treaty movement, and the effect of government corruption on environmental policy.

Event director, Erfan Daliri says “A new generation of Australian youth are preparing to deal with issues previous generations are still struggling to acknowledge. Our mission is to empower them to be the change-makers they’re destined to be.” He finishes with “Today’s youth have highly tuned BS detectors and a very low tolerance for injustice. Global unity is the philosophy that informs this new cohort”

Highlights include a video call with Kurdish-Iranian journalist and filmmaker, Behrouz Boochani locked up on Manus for seven years, keynote lectures from Helena Norberg-Hodge, founder of Local Futures, Brad Chilcott, founder of Welcome to Australia, Sara Rickards, founder of FuckGiving, as well as a Welcome to Country by the traditional owners and the Uluru Statement from The Heart presented by Thomas Mayor.

Everything about Newkind makes a statement; a vegan event with a zero-waste policy shows how far off the mark other events are, a zero drugs and alcohol policy turning the pill-testing debate on its head, and running the entire event on 100% renewable energy championing an end the use of fossil fuels.

In a charged political climate of election year, with the climate action conversation not going away, the MeToo and Change the Date movements gaining momentum, and the Kids of Nauru campaign forcing the government to back-track on its offshore detention policy, it’s certain that 2019 is going to be a massive year for social justice movements, and Newkind 2019 is definitely going to egg it on. Pun intended.

For interviews with the event director or any of the presenters speaking at Newkind 2019, please call Sebastian Berry on 0402 082 753 or email [director@newkindfestival.com](mailto:director@newkindfestival.com)

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