



Vanessa Cullen

Workshop topics: Business Career Community

When not FRANK Teaming: Vanessa runs her own business; she is the Principal of Forward Thinking Design.

Bio: Work out what you want. Then make it happen! That's the ethos that drove Vanessa Cullen to start her own interior and graphic design business - Forward Thinking Design. Vanessa holds a Bachelor of Design (Hons) and Postgraduate qualifications in Museum Studies, as well as being an Accredited Member of the Design Institute of Australia. As a FRANK Team facilitator, Vanessa hopes to inspire young people to live their dreams with integrity and success.



Madelaine Dickie

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Madelaine has crammed as much as possible into the last 22 years! She's worked as a rollerblading and skateboarding instructor, facilitated a Transition to Work Program for young people with disabilities, and facilitated the Connectors Program for young people disengaged from education, or expelled from school.

Work has provided her with the means to hit the road . . . So far, she's contracted malaria in Indonesia, hitchhiked through Cambodia, surfed deserted reefs in the Philippines and fallen from a very high coconut tree in Tonga. She loves to write. Loves to surf. And loves to race motorbikes through mad Asian traffic!

With The Frank Team, Maddy has presented to young people around the country - facilitating programs for the Sutherland Shire Council's Media program, the Australian Apprenticeships Roundtable, the Australian Federal Police, and for youth groups, schools and youth councils from Gloucester to Canberra.

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Luke Howes

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When not FRANK Teaming: Lukes runs his own telecommunications business, Corporate Connections.

Bio: Luke loves life with all of its oportunites and possibilities. He learnt the value of hard work and saving money from his parents and started delivering the local paper when he was just seven years old.

After finishing school and a couple of years at uni he used his savings to go to Europe for two years as a volunteer with his church. He came back, finished his degree and started his first business in 2003. That business evolved into Corporate Connections, a telecommunications consultancy and brokerage for SME businesses, which he still runs today.

Since 2007 he has also become involved with a number of online businesses and internet marketing projects. Two of the most recent projects are www.BroadbandDeals.com.au and www.EmailMarketingSoftware.com.au

Most of all Luke enjoys spending time with his wife and two young boys. He also enjoys playing Basketball and Tennis and is currently completing his MBA at Macquarie University.



Natasha Munasinghe

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When not FRANK Teaming: taking some time off to travel!

Bio: Natasha Munasinghe was brought up in Sri Lanka, the Fiji Islands and finally Sydney. She spends her moments mentoring young people, running a business teaching English, practicing meditation and listening to loud salsa beats.

Natasha is a solicitor - with a Bachelor of Arts (Spanish) and a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) from the University of Sydney and a Grad Dip in Legal Practice from ANU.

She loves all that is wacky and outrageous. What juices her you ask? "To be able to harness the absolute latent creative potential that is omnipresent in each human being and to laugh all the way!"

Natasha joined The Frank Team in 2008 and so far has worked with Macquarie University to facilitate their Student Leadership Day with high school students and the ME Inc program with uni students, and has facilitated for high school students through Canterbury Bankstown Career Connections.

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Phuong Nguyen

Workshop topics: Community Career

When not FRANK Teaming: Phuong is a social work student at UNSW, and is working as the Administration Assistant at The Centre for Social Impact and volunteers in her spare time.

Bio: Phuong is studying her final year of the Bachelor of Social Work at UNSW and is learning French and Spanish at NSW TAFE.

Since the age of 12, Phuong was determined to find her passion in life and through this participated in school and community life from Leadership roles to engaging with communities to fundraise for local charities. As a result, she found her passion in community work and since then has dedicated her life to Social Work.

Nine years later, at the age of 21, she has volunteered extensively in South Africa, the Philippines and will soon travel to Fiji, Peru and other parts of Africa. She has also worked locally in rural areas of Australia and for several years with organisations such as World Vision Australia, Fairfield City Council and the Australian League of Immigration Volunteers (ALIV).

Phuong has been recognised for her work by The Order of Australia Association, Mary Mackillop College and Rotary Australia for her service to the community. She aims to continue to empower young people to find their passion and work as an International Social Worker.

Phuong aims to consistently contribute her strong work ethic, passion and communication skills in an atmosphere of honesty, fun, integrity and teamwork in all things that she may participate in.

With the FRANK Team, Phuong has presented to young people around NSW - facilitating programs recently for the Nepean Career Expo, Broken Hill LCP, Ryde Council, the Commonwealth Bank Foundation Start Smart Program and for youth groups, schools and committees from throughout NSW.



Talia Taylor Jones

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When not FRANK Teaming: Talia runs her own consulting and personnell agency, Rare Indigo.

Bio: Talia is the Creative Director of Rare Indigo, a specialist consulting and personnel agency for events, hospitality and promotions. She started Rare Indigo in early 2007 at the age of 24 while completing Bizness Babes, a business development program for young mothers. Recently she felt she wanted to give something back, so she initiated a support network for graduates and is now Assistant Coordinator & Facilitator for the Bizness Babes Program, this puts her in contact with young mums on a regular basis.

Rare Indigo has already been recognised as a fresh, dynamic and innovative business, being a finalist in the small business awards for Outstanding New Business in the Sutherland Shire.

Talia has been an exchange student to the USA and completed the Young Endeavour program. She has also just been selected to be a mentor in the Big Sister program.

Talia believes in the importance of self-development and is always striving to improve both personally and in business. She has been a participant in a number of Frank Team workshops and experienced their impact first hand. Now it is her turn to motivate and inspire young people to achieve their dreams.

Talia has been presenting and facilitating with The Frank Team throughout 2008 for schools and community groups.