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Australian social enterprise recognised for innovative solution to intractable global problem

The McNulty Foundation, in partnership with the Aspen Institute, announced today the Laureates for the annual McNulty Prize recognising exceptional leadership ventures aimed at intractable problems.

Australian Mehrdad Baghai was among the five Laureates named today by the McNulty Foundation in recognition of his work in co-founding and leading High Resolves. High Resolves is recognised as the leader in the design and delivery of learning experiences for citizenship and leadership development of young people.

"It is humbling to see a not-for-profit venture that started in Australia and grew offshore, is now being recognised as a global leader in the education space," Mr. Baghai remarked. He added, "The entire High Resolves team is so energised to receive this prestigious nomination."

High Resolves has engaged over 200,000 young Australians in over 300 high schools through its programs and has now expanded into Canada, China and the United States, where it has been recognised for its game-changing work through grants by major philanthropic organisations like the Omidyar Network and the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative.

About the Prize

Founded by Anne Welsh McNulty in honour of her late husband John, the McNulty Prize celebrates the boldness and impact of individuals who are using their exceptional leadership abilities, entrepreneurial spirit and expertise to address the world's toughest challenges. The Prize is given in partnership with the Aspen Institute, and recognizes exceptional leadership ventures undertaken by Fellows of the Aspen Global Leadership Network.

The 2018 McNulty Prize Laureates will be honoured on July 25, 2018 at the Resnick Aspen Action Forum, and each will receive US \$25,000 to further his or her venture. The winning venture to be decided in November will receive US \$100,000, selected by an international jury chaired by US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright that has included Olara Otunnu, Brizio Biondi-Morra, Darren Walker, Mary Robinson, Bill Gates, Sr. and Sir Richard Branson, among others.

About High Resolves & Mehrdad Baghai

In response to rising intolerance, strategist and author Mehrdad Baghai, and his wife Roya, founded High Resolves, a multi-year, transformation program that immunises high school students against racism and hatred, and trains them to be active agents of constructive social change in their communities. High Resolves has engaged over 200,000 young Australians and is recognised as the leader in the design and delivery of learning experiences around citizenship and leadership, recently receiving the Patron's Award from Good Design Australia for its work.

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