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Founded in early 2008, Left Right's mission is to empower all young people to make a contribution to public policy. Its vision is for an Australia that holds the values of equality, opportunity, sustainability, peace and security to be both self-evident and universal.

Richard is currently in the final year of his Arts / Law degree at Monash University and has completed a major in politics, focusing on international relations and terrorism. He has also been published in the Law student's journal on a number of occasions, focusing on Australian politics, international terrorism and social justice.

Richard has served two terms on the Committee of the Monash University Law Students' Society, both as the First Year Representative and the Social Justice & Environment Officer. Throughout his studies, Richard has also taken a keen interest in mentoring and counselling young people, by running VCE workshops and as an APS Soccer Coach.