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Thom Woodroffe, 19, is the **Founder & Executive Director of Left Right Think-Tank**, Australia's first independent and non-partisan think-tank of young minds.

Raised in country Victoria, Thom graduated as the **male dux of Daylesford Secondary College** and is currently studying international affairs and politics through a **Bachelor of Arts (Global) Degree at Monash University** where he is a member of the **Vice Chancellor's Ancora Imparo Leadership Program**. Thom also holds a **Certificate in International Humanitarian Law from the Australian Red Cross**.

Thom currently fulfils a number of community appointments including on the **Board of Governance of the Youth Affairs Council of Victoria**; on the **Victorian Youth Advisory Committee of the Australian Red Cross**; on the **Youth Reference Group of the Victorian Mental Health & Wellbeing Summit**; as a **Human Rights Ambassador for the Victorian Equal Opportunity & Human Rights Commission**; as a **'Roots & Shoots' Youth Ambassador for the Jane Goodall Institute of Australia**; and as a **Youth Consultant to Highland Agricultural**.

In addition, Thom has previously served on the **Policy Advisory Council of the Youth Affairs Council of Victoria**; on the **Youth Reference Group of the Youth Affairs Council of Victoria**; as the **Chairman of the National Cadet Reference Group in the Australian Air Force Cadets**; as the **Government Engagement Leader of the MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY Campaign**; on the **Youth Advisory Committee of the Daylesford & Hepburn Shire Council**; and as the **President of the Student Representative Council at Daylesford Secondary College**.

In early 2008, Thom was handpicked by Dr. Jane Goodall PhD DBE, a United Nations Messenger of Peace, to represent Australia at a **Global Youth Leadership Summit in the United States of America**. Thom has also participated in the **The Whitlam Institute's Imagining a New Democracy Forum**; **The Centre for Independent Studies' Liberty & Society Conference**; **The Halogen Foundation's Young Leaders Conference**; and **World Vision's Global Leadership Convention**, as well as the **Roosevelt Institution's Policy Expo** on a working visit to the United States that included meetings with a number of youth organisations and think-tanks.

Thom has written extensively on contemporary domestic and international politics and regularly contributes to radio as well. Thom has addressed numerous corporate and community clubs including the **Congressional Youth Leadership Council and the White House Press Corps at the National Press Club in Washington D.C.** and facilitated the **Victorian State Government's Young People Direct Forum**.

Thom has also travelled widely overseas on **study tours to Asia, Europe and North America**, including on former **Premier Alan Carpenter's official delegation to Malaysia**.

Thom is the recipient of several awards including the **Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award**, the prestigious **Trehwella Scholarship**, the **RVAC Mobil Aviation Flying Scholarship**, the **RSL Spirit of the ANZAC Award**, the **Air Vice Marshall Wrigley Sword of Honour**, the **Daylesford & Hepburn Shire Lions Youth of the Year Award**, and was his school's nominee for the **VCE High Achiever Award**.

In the future, Thom plans to continue his focus on international affairs and politics through further study and continued leadership positions with a desire to ultimately see Australia as a nation renowned for its ideas, vision and idealism.