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WORLD-CLASS TECH INCLUSION CONFERENCE COMES TO MELBOURNE

Melbourne will be the first city in Australia to host Change Catalyst's world-class Tech Inclusion Conference on the 13th February 2018, direct from Silicon Valley as part of a new partnership agreement with LaunchVic.

Change Catalyst, who partners with the tech community to solve diversity and inclusion through conferences, career fairs, strategic consulting and training, has worked with hundreds of tech companies and startups globally, including the likes of Google, Reddit, Asana, Capital One, NBC Universal and Yelp.

LaunchVic CEO Dr Kate Cornick said LaunchVic's strategy announced in June 2017, highlighted the need for more programs and activities to drive diversity and inclusion in the startup and entrepreneurial community.

"We are delighted to bring undoubtedly one of the best and most qualified group of experts on the subject to Victoria to stimulate a positive debate in our local startup community," Dr Cornick said.

Founder & CEO of Change Catalyst and its Tech Inclusion programs, Melinda Briana Epler said we are excited to convene the Victorian startup community to help drive diversity and inclusion together – so the wealth of diversity in this region is reflected in the makers, products and technologies of today and tomorrow.

The Tech Inclusion Conference is an all-day event from 9.00am to 5.00pm followed by networking drinks on Tuesday 13 February 2018. Tickets are \$99 for startups and founders and \$250 for corporates. Register [here](#).

Change Catalyst will also run additional free 'Inclusive Startups' Workshops on the 15th and 16th of February for founders focused on leading with empathy, working through biases, supporting underrepresented team members, examining recruitment processes and more. Register [here](#).

LaunchVic is Victoria's startup ecosystem development agency.

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