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### RESULTS International (Australia)

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#### Celebrating 25 years of empowering everyday Australians

**Grass roots anti-poverty advocacy group RESULTS will hold its Annual National Conference at the University of Tasmania this weekend. Its members will travel from around Australia, joining the strong local RESULTS group to learn about cutting edge poverty alleviation initiatives and hone their advocacy skills.**

In its 25th year, the not-for-profit organisation has played a pivotal role in alleviating life-threatening situations in the most poverty-stricken parts of the world.

Most recently, RESULTS played a significant role in encouraging the Australian Government to commit \$200 million to the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisations (GAVI) Alliance at the Saving Children's Lives Pledging Conference in London in June.

As a result of Australia and other donors commitments it is estimated that over the next five years 250 million children will receive life-saving vaccinations in some of the poorest parts of the world, which will end up saving the lives of a further four million children.

Brian Tisdall from the Geneva based GAVI Alliance will join via video to talk about "Saving Children's Lives" and Nicole Cardinal, the Save the Children's Policy and Advocacy Advisor will be speaking about Save the Children's efforts to address the global health worker shortage.

This will be followed on Sunday with a workshop 'What makes a good advocate?' led by The Hon Julie Collins MP, Federal Member for Franklin and Andrew Wilkie MP, Federal Member for Denison.

Senator Carol Brown will also speak at Conference Fundraising Dinner to be held at the University's Pepperz Restaurant on Saturday evening.

"I am proud of RESULTS achievements over the last 25 years and delighted to be hosting our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference. Our agenda is full of opportunities to educate ourselves and build advocacy skills and it will also be a good time to reflect on and celebrate our successes." said Sarah Brinckman, RESULTS Hobart Group Leader.

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