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YANQ concerned about proposed amendments to education legislation

As many of you will be aware from previous newsletter articles, the state government intends to amend education legislation. The thrust of the changes is to give school principals more powers in regard to excluding and suspending school students.

The changes also propose the introduction of long-term suspensions (up to 20 school days), during which a student will have to be referred to an alternative program. These alternative programs will be developed with an injection of funds from Treasury.

As at 29 October, the Bill was yet to be tabled in parliament; however, it is likely to be tabled in the very near future as the government is hoping to have the changes in place for the next school year.

The Bill will:

- give sole discretionary power to school principals in the suspension of school students. There will no longer be any necessity for principals to have suspension of students approved by the regional education office,
- give sole discretion to school principals to exclude post-compulsory school students (i.e. those over 15 years of age), and

- devolve powers to regional education department offices to decide on the exclusion of compulsory school students (those under 15 years).

Appeals in regard to suspensions of all students will be to regional education department offices.

Appeals against exclusions will be made to the Director General. Except

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Merry Christmas!



*As this is the last
newsletter for 1996, the staff
and committee at YANQ would
like to take this opportunity to
thank you for all your support over the past
twelve months.*

*We wish you a merry and safe christmas and
new year. See you in 1997!*

Decisions made September–October 1996

That changes to the Network
Development Coordinator's
Position be approved and the
process be reviewed in three
months.

That the new Strategic Plan be
ratified.

That a constitutional review be
instituted and a sub-committee be
established, to report by the end of
December.

That staff clarify government budget
processes, and based on this

information, recommend the
implementation of a process to tie
together YANQ's planning and
review processes.

That Penny, Wally and Ben look
into the possibility of funding for a
research project to look at the
issues of youth unemployment,
targeting funds from state and
federal government.

That the membership subcommittee
be reconvened to consider the
issues of fee structure as a matter of
urgency.

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in unusual circumstances, appeals will be made and decided by written submission.

The whole package is being funded to a level of about \$23 million. This money will mainly be used to set up a range of alternative programs where students under long-term suspension will be placed. There are also 200 positions across the state for support workers within schools. YANQ believes that the introduction of the 200 positions across the state is commendable, though spread across the state does not result in a huge increase in resources. We do not agree with the setting up of alternative programs and are of the view that the huge amount of resources allocated to these programs would be much better utilised in early intervention and pastoral care within schools.

The Morris Report, published in May 1995, pushed strongly for schools to take on the role of pastoral care and to make initial responses to children and their families who are experiencing difficulty. While teachers have a role in identification and referral of children, it is the role of specialist workers to make primary interventions and referrals to other community agencies where necessary.

Currently a draft Bill has been developed with draft guidelines. If the bill is passed in its present form, there are a number of areas which YANQ will lobby to have amended. The key issues are:

- the devolution of power to the level of principal in many cases to make decisions likely to have a severe effect on young people's future,
- lack of an impartial and unbiased appeals process,
- the process outlined (except where the decision rests with the school principal) does not allow the person under threat of exclusion to put their case to the decision maker verbally and in person, but relies on the account of the school principal wanting to exclude them, and

- the process as proposed is discriminatory, as it outlines separate and different processes for students facing exclusion, depending on their age.

YANQ met with the Shadow Minister for Education, Mr Steve Bredhauer, on 29 October to discuss these issues. Presently we are also developing a response to the draft guidelines circulated by the Education Department. YANQ received the draft Bill and guidelines on 28 October and has been asked to respond by 1 November.

Anyone who wishes to be involved in YANQ's on-going work with education and alternative programs can join YANQ's education working party.

If you are interested in getting involved, please contact us on (07) 3852 1800 or 1800 177 899.

Penny Carr
Policy and Research Coordinator

Public hearings on youth employment

The Federal House of Representatives Standing Committee on Education, Employment and Training is holding national consultations on the Factors Effecting the Employment of Young People. Written submissions were taken earlier in the year and the Committee also met with national peak bodies.

YANQ has a hearing on 13 November at 11.15am. Any members with specific issues they believe YANQ should raise at the hearings are asked to contact Penny at YANQ. There are no further terms of reference so input can be broad.

QCSC policy on young people in detention — forum in November

The Youth Justice Coalition is holding a forum to allow the Queensland Corrective Services Commission (QCSC) to discuss its policy on young people in detention. This forum is on 19 November at Yungaba in Brisbane.

As many people will be aware, the Coalition Government has split the responsibility for juvenile justice between three departments, giving the QCSC responsibility for the running of juvenile detention centres. This is a significant philosophical shift from when that responsibility rested with the Department of Families, Youth and Community Care (or its equivalent).

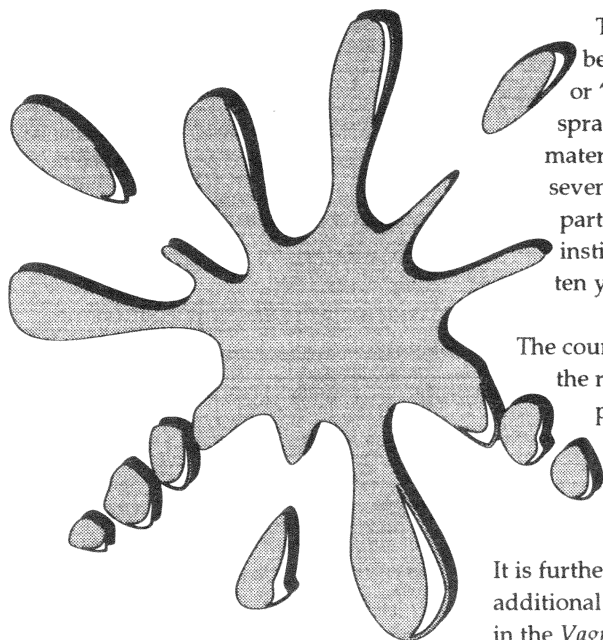
The concern of people in the field working with young people in the juvenile justice system has been to ensure that the adult and juvenile systems remain distinct and that all international principles in regard to the treatment of young people in the juvenile justice system are maintained.

The Youth Justice Coalition has therefore decided to hold a forum to allow the QCSC to put their policy forward and for the field to discuss and comment on this.

Those wanting more information can contact Penny at YANQ on (07) 3852 1800 or 1800 177 899 or Wally Dethlefs at Church Network for Youth Justice on (07) 3846 7336.

Red alert! Proposed new graffiti offences

The state government intends to introduce legislation into parliament by the end of 1996 which would make graffiti a special case of wilful damage — with maximum penalties of imprisonment up to ten years.



The penalties applied will be five years' imprisonment, or 'if the offence involves the spraying of obscene or indecent material', to imprisonment for seven years, or if the property is part of an educational institution, to imprisonment for ten years'.

The court will also be able to order the removal of graffiti and the payment of compensation.

These provisions are part of the proposed changes to the *Criminal Code*.

excuse for having the 'graffiti instrument' in their possession. The proposed maximum penalties are a fine of \$5,000 or imprisonment for two years. The court can also order the removal of graffiti and the payment of compensation.

These proposed changes have extremely serious implications for young people, and the proposed amendments to the *Vagrants Gaming and Other Offences Act* in particular will provide opportunities for harassment of young people by police.

It is further proposed that an additional graffiti offence be included in the *Vagrants Gaming and Other Offences Act*, whereby a person who is in possession of a spray-paint can, or any other marking implement, can be charged with an offence unless they can prove that they have a lawful

Workers and young people may wish to voice their concern prior to the introduction of the legislation into parliament. At the very least, people need to keep themselves informed about if or when the proposed changes may become law.

Anne McMillan
Policy Officer

Youth Advocacy Centre Inc

WORKSHOPS

Brisbane Youth Service offers free education workshops for young people and youth workers on:

- sexuality • relationships
- values • negotiation
- HIV/AIDS and STDs
- contraception and reproduction • drugs and alcohol • art on the above topics

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Rural and isolated working party update

The rural and isolated working party has once again begun meeting. The focus is currently on drawing together the discussion paper on the idea and rationale behind its push for cross-departmental funding. This position paper will form the basis for lobbying and campaigning to establish a pool of funding (as a pilot program) which would fundamentally change the way in which services in rural and remote communities are funded.

The working party also met with Judith Rowell from the Youth Bureau to establish what they are doing over the next year. The Youth Bureau are establishing a Rural and Remote Strategy and both the Youth Bureau and the working party are keen to work together where appropriate.

Anyone interested in becoming involved in the rural and isolated working party should contact Penny at YANQ on (07) 3852 1800 or 1800 177 899.

NESBYIN update ...

Planning meeting

The main project for NESBYIN currently is a planning session. NESBYIN developed a strategic plan in 1994 and members have agreed that it is time to review our work. There will be an update from this planning meeting in the next *Network Noise*. The NESB Youth Issues Coordinator at YANQ (Susan Ferguson) has recently completed a report outlining activities of NESBYIN members since January this year, for use during the planning session. The report gives a snapshot of what's happening for young NESB people around the south-east corner of the state. If anyone is interested in getting a copy, please call Susan and she will send you one.

Professional development and peer supervision project

YANQ received funding through the gaming machine community benefit fund to set up peer supervision groups. The reason that YANQ applied for this funding on behalf of the NESBYIN was because workers have continually requested additional support and learning opportunities in their work, which is often done in isolation.

The aim of the project is to increase links between the mainstream and NESB sectors by bringing people together to talk about their work and learn from each other. We hope that increased links will tighten the net of support for young people from NESB.

The project is only in its beginning stages. If you are interested in taking advantage of this free project, please call Susan at YANQ. At this stage, there is no set idea about how peer supervision groups would run, or where, so Susan is wanting your ideas about what would work in your region.

Anti-racism project

It's no secret that racism has raised its ugly head in Queensland again. The recent controversy and debate around Pauline Hanson's comments has greatly concerned NESBYIN members. There have been anecdotal incidents of young people from different cultural backgrounds being increasingly targeted for racist taunts and, in some cases, physical violence.

The fact that the major political players took so long to speak against Ms Hanson's views has further exacerbated the problem. There is a question about whether the political parties would have made any comments at all if Australia's trade hadn't been affected.

The Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs (DIMA) has a pool of funding to resource an anti-racism campaign nationally. DIMA is in the process of consulting with community members about how this funding could be used. YANQ and the Australian Youth Policy and Action Coalition (AYPAC) have been involved in collating examples of successful anti-racism campaigns in the past so that DIMA has an overview of possible strategies to fund. Given the level of racist sentiment in the country at the moment, this anti-racism campaign will be an important tool in attempting to effect changes in people's attitudes.

Funding submissions

Job Placement and Employment Training (JPET)

Several NESBYIN sub groups are working on submissions for funding services for NESB young people. The

reworked Job Placement and Employment Training program has a focus on refugee young people this time around. JPET was axed under the federal Labor government, despite the fact that the program was considered an important initiative for young homeless people as it acknowledged additional support needed to access training, education and work opportunities. The program was able to provide a flexible approach to supporting young people through the maze of difficulties associated with homelessness and finding work.

JPET has been resurrected under the new government and NESBYIN is pleased to see that there is emphasis on providing support for young refugees. Refugee young people have experienced homelessness to the largest degree, many having lost their homes, families, their country of origin, familiar culture and spending periods of time in unsafe refugee camps. Refugee young people arrive in this country often having suffered the effects of traumatic experiences, and are expected to compete equally in the job market. Young people from refugee backgrounds have had interrupted schooling and, as well as trying to adjust to the education system here, finding secure accommodation, learning English, dealing with loss and emotional trauma, they are supposed to find work and start supporting themselves. It is encouraging that JPET recognises refugee young people as a target group. We hope that the current submission being drawn up to provide support to these young people will be successful as there is a huge gap in support services at present.

Youth homelessness pilot program

The other submission that NESBYIN is working on is funding for a service under the Youth Homelessness Pilot

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Program. This is a new program under the federal government and seeks to provide support for homeless young people generally. NESBYIN completed an expression of interest and was asked to resubmit recently. There is a great need for a service to provide support to homeless young people from NESB as many young people are not using mainstream services. Part of the role of this new service would be to forge stronger links between mainstream services and NESB communities to increase access to existing services.

State NESB youth issues networking project

YANQ has received funding from AYPAC to run a state networking project jointly with the Ethnic Communities Council of Queensland (ECCQ). The idea of the project is that workers will be employed in Cairns, Mount Isa and Townsville to consult with young people from NESB, and workers from mainstream and NESB-specific agencies about setting up local NESB Youth Issues Networks as a way of raising awareness of the needs of young people and developing strategies to meet these needs.

So far, Cairns Migrant Resource Centre and Townsville Migrant Resource Centre have been funded to employ workers to begin this consultation. One of the difficulties that YANQ has in fulfilling its networking function, is that with four staff and a small budget, it is very difficult to give the regions the support needed to develop networks. YANQ is hoping that this project will show us new ways to link effectively with regions.

Susan Ferguson
NESB youth issues coordinator

If you would like any more information about the NESB Youth Issues Network, please contact Susan at YANQ on (07) 3852 1800 or 1800 177 899.

Cultural diversity training on Brisbane's south side

Racism is a major problem for young people. A report sponsored by the University of Queensland, *That happened to me: An exploration of the issues facing young people in the outer southern suburbs of Brisbane*, found high levels of racial intolerance among young people in the region. And that was in 1993, before the current venting of societal frustration on the racial scapegoat!

To find a starting point to begin to address this issue, I worked with Dale Johnson from the Youth Sector Training Council to organise an accredited two-day cultural diversity training workshop based on Annie Goldflam's ART program (Cultural Diversity Training is a more positive way of saying 'anti-racist training' or ART).

The approach of the workshop was that racism is not only a youth problem. We are all prone to unintentional racism at times due to the racist conditioning we were subjected to before we were mature enough to question the assumptions involved. Hence the training focuses on raising people's awareness of their own and institutional racism in a supportive manner and gives participants the skills and motivation to reduce racism, particularly in their workplaces.

The workshop was also a community development exercise because I particularly wanted school staff and

youth workers to go through the program together so that they could inform each other's views and hopefully find ways to collaborate in the future.

My old fear, 'What if I threw a workshop and nobody came?' was laid to rest on the first day of the workshop with the attendance of twelve participants. With Francine Seeto's facilitation the participants explored their experiences and strategies for countering racism. The discussions had an intensity and urgency which was heightened by the current ugly climate on racial matters. The forming of a network was an important outcome as effective anti-racist work needs a good support network. The participants will meet again on 20 November to discuss their progress in implementing the anti-racist strategies they conceived during the workshop.

Mitch Lawrie
Mt Gravatt Youth Development
Officer

Southside Network of Young People's Agencies and The Mount Gravatt Youth Development Office presents a lunch for all people who work with young people on the south side

The School-Youth Sector networking lunch

Noon to 1.15pm on Tuesday 26 November

The Memorial Hall, Mount Gravatt Showgrounds, 1646 Logan Road
Mount Gravatt

with guest speaker Bruce Muirhead, Project Officer — Alternative Programs,
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Young people empowered towards independence

YETI is situated at 77b Lake St, Cairns and provides services for young people aged between 12 and 25 years. It stands for Youth Empowered Towards Independence. Our aim is to provide opportunities for young people to use whatever resources we have available (staff knowledge, electronic mediums, phones and stationery) to improve their quality of life and get the chance to achieve goals that are usually beyond their reach due to various reasons.

YETI encourages young people to believe in themselves and their ability to improve their own life without relying on the traditional 'welfare model' that a lot of 'at risk' young people are familiar with. We don't believe in doing for young people what they are capable of doing for themselves. This in itself sounds a lot easier than it actually is. It is much easier to assume the role of 'worker' and do things ourselves. But we keep away from doing that as we believe that young people really do know themselves, their goals and needs better than any professional worker could hope to. Some of the projects that YETI has supported young people in includes:

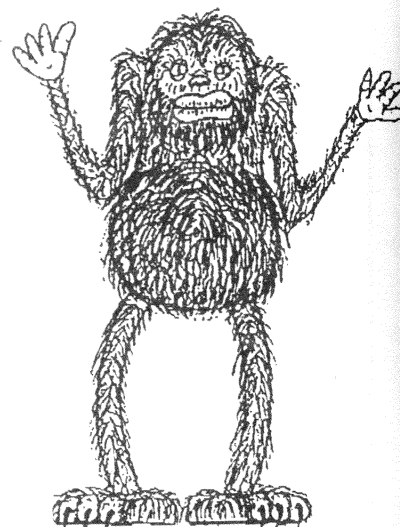
- the Pyrogene group who created and designed their own alternative type t-shirts which were sold at Temple
- a Gay and Lesbian support group
- Northern Objektors who produce an alternative type magazine with anarchist views
- a street kids' paper featuring street kids' language is in the pipeline
- support to up and coming young hands

We have three workers at YETI. Sue is the Counsellor-Coordinator and keeps everything together, as well as providing the vision and inspiration for the agency. Sue also counsels on issues such as sexual abuse, substance abuse, self-esteem, relationships, spirituality and so on. Katy is the Peer Support Worker and provides access

to young people in her own unique fashion. We believe that peer support is a valuable way to access and relate to young people on their own level, so Katy is available for general support and living skills education. Katy also has developed group workshops that happen on a Friday at YETI. The workshops have been really successful. So far the workshops have been on body piercing, young people and their rights, and CPR. The next lot of workshops feature aromatherapy, HEP C and Tarot reading. Katy also does outreach at events to young people, for instance Expression nights at Graft 'n arts and also local festivals.

Nikki is the youth group worker and the majority of her position involves doing educational and group workshops for young people at school on issues such as self-esteem, sexuality, assertiveness, communication and so on. We have developed packages on issues of self-esteem and sexuality that are available to take into schools. This is something we feel is really important for young people and we have had an increasing amount of interest as well as referrals. These packages will take into account the differing needs of individual schools. We are also looking forward to working collaboratively and in conjunction with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander groups — so that we will be aware of cross-cultural issues when speaking to young people at school.

At the moment we are developing a training package for volunteers to go out onto the streets and talk to young people. In this way we are hoping to talk and meet with young people who do not usually access agencies or services. YETI is young people driven and as such supports innovative initiatives and empowerment of all young people. Following is a poem written by one of the young people who regularly accesses YETI services and is a valued volunteer member of YETI. This best sums up the spirit of YETI.



The YETI

A gentle, friendly and helpful creature
Rarely visible to non-believers, but
can be
of great assistance to the hopeful.
The YETI can aid young people in
times
of need and personal crisis.
The YETI is very good at assisting
people to get back
on their feet again and shining light on
the path. He knows the sidewalks
inside out,
despite his rare sightings.
The YETI implies a feeling of hope,
where
situations seem desperate and
intangible.
Just as the YETI is seen to be
mythical
and untouchable, so too are some of
life's
problems. But once the YETI has
touched
you, you know in your heart that there
is hope.
You know that there is a way to do it.
How does the YETI survive on the city
streets, amongst all the calamity and
confusion? This could be quite difficult
for
the YETI, just as life can be quite
difficult
for us sometimes.
This that the YETI has shown me,
gives
confidence to the individual. As the
YETI
has helped me, let the YETI be a
guide to you
in times of need also.

by Peter Charles Mead

Skateboards and strategic plans: reflections on the LGAQ youth development strategy

In September 1995, I started work at the Local Government Association of Queensland on the Youth Development Strategy. I approached the job with some caution, having seen media reports from the recent LGAQ conference which called for the public naming of juvenile offenders.

Reading through the resolutions from the conference, the only mention of young people was in relation to crime. It looked like the job was going to be a challenge!

With all this in mind, my steering committee decided that the best start to the project would be to conduct a survey, looking at the current role of local government in youth affairs. I designed a survey and sent it out, and sat back to see what happened. After a month or so, 98 completed surveys had rolled in (from a possible 135)!

The survey results showed the massive contribution that local government was making to young people in their communities. It showed that councils were far more concerned about young people in relation to unemployment and recreation than in relation to crime and vandalism (although these are still in the top six issues).

During the course of the project, and travelling around the state, I have discovered that there are a lot of well-intentioned councils when it comes to young people and there are some brilliant examples of local innovation. There are now approximately 35 youth development officers or youth workers employed by councils and these workers are having significant impact on the shape of local government in Queensland. It is likely that many of these positions will be taken up by councils which will further increase the workforce around the state.

There is some commitment to young people, there are some services and strategies being developed. What is needed is:

- a more coordinated and integrated approach to youth issues,

- connecting youth issues to broader council goals, for example, through the corporate plan,
- councils being clear about the role they want to play in youth affairs, and how they will work in partnership with other players (development of policy statements),
- incorporating the needs of young people into council planning — that is, building communities which are good to live in for all residents including young people,
- clear processes for consultation with young people, and
- a recognition by other spheres of government and the community of local government's role in youth affairs.

I am currently finalising a kit for councils which will include:

- a policy framework for Queensland local government containing some broad policy themes and policy statements,
- a resource manual which will include practical information for councils in developing youth strategies, and
- a good practice guide with examples of innovative proactive from around Queensland.

The kit will be launched in February 1997 at which time the project will be over. A set of recommendations is also being developed that will help push youth issues further with councils and with other spheres of government. Please call LGAQ on (07) 3334 2222 for further details.

Liz Upham

FNQ radio project

A radio project targeting people who have lived in violent homes is under way in the Cairns area. A number of groups are being targeted, such as women from a variety of cultural backgrounds, children, women in domestic violence situations and young people.

The group of young people is working in conjunction with Youthlink. The project developer and workshop facilitator, Ruby Red, has been funded by the Community Cultural Development Unit of the Australia Council.

The young people will participate in a six-week program of workshops which will explore a variety of writing to performance mediums such as performance poetry, story and song which will then be further developed

into three one-hour radio programs. This will be produced by the community radio station 4CCR and then be sent by satellite interstate.

It is hoped the project will raise awareness of the issues facing people within these groups and that participants will walk away with a sense of achievement and knowledge of the arts.

Wendy Jensen
Youthlink

Young mothers for young women

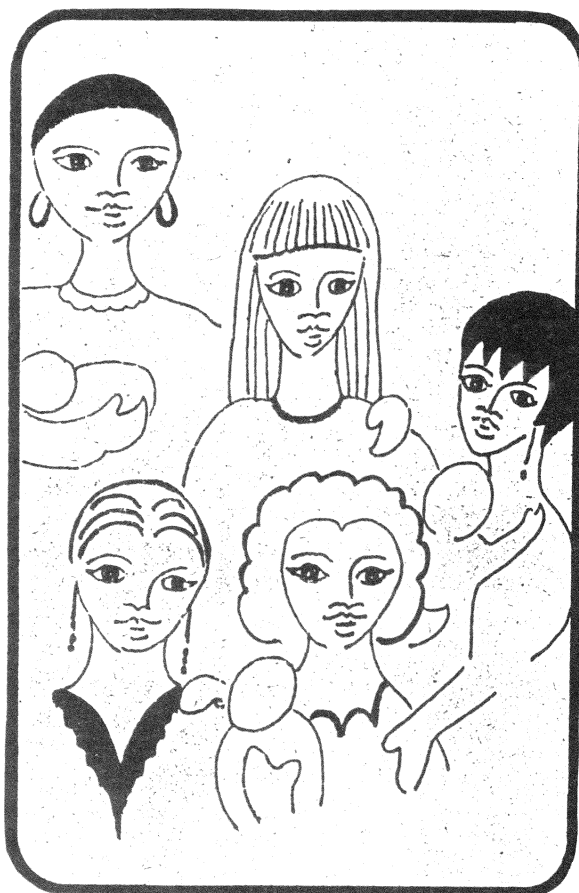
Peer support network

As a peer support network we want to offer support to young women through meetings and a phone line — to give young women information about what is available in community, housing, relationships, parenting and domestic violence services. We want to speak out with other young women about our experiences as young mothers, especially about how we are judged by both professionals and the community.

Members of the network are young women (under 25) who wish to share their experiences and support others who are pregnant, parenting, experiencing violence and isolation.

You can phone us for more information on (07) 3844 0383 or (07) 3844 4866 or join our mailing list and we will keep you in touch with what is happening.

Young Mothers for Young Women Network, PO Box 189, Zillmere Q 4034 (Individual membership is free, organisations \$20)



The Youth Program — *Hot House*

The Youth Program provides a free and confidential alcohol and drug counselling service, in a caring and friendly environment, called *The Hot House*.

Counselling

Counselling is available on

Mondays 8.30am to 9pm
Tuesday–Friday 8.30am to 5pm

Please phone to make an appointment.

Services

Services include individual counselling and support for:

- young people under 25 years of age whose alcohol and/or drug use is causing them difficulties
- young people who are being affected by someone else's alcohol and/or drug use

- parents, other family members and friends who are personally involved with and concerned about a young person who is using alcohol and/or drugs.

Staff also provide general information on:

- health issues
- accommodation
- employment
- other youth services

The Hot House also offers:

- For young people the opportunity to engage in drug-free activities such as pool, basketball etc

- For parents a five-week education and support group for parents, who are concerned about their son or daughter's drug use
- For workers training in the area of youth drug and alcohol issues for workers from other agencies providing services for young people.

Contact

The Hot House is located at:

29 Grimes Street (cnr Milton Road),
Auchenflower 4066
☎ (07) 3870 9122

*The Youth Program is part of the
Brisbane North Alcohol and Drug
Services*

Here's your chance to
win

one of five **free**
membership renewals
or one of fifteen 'meet the
challenge' **t-shirts**

All you have to do, (and what
we'd really love you to do) is
take a few minutes to
complete the following
readership survey ...

... and return it to YANQ (fold it
up and post if for FREE, or fax
it) by Friday 29 November.

Winners will be drawn on Monday 2 December, 1996. The first
five names drawn will win free membership for 1997. The next
fifteen names drawn will each win one conference t-shirt.

readership survey

network noise

1. How do you currently get *Network Noise*?
 personal membership ☐ my organisation is a member ☐
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 occasional reader (at work) ☐
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3. Do you read *Network Noise*:
 out of work interest? ☐ out of personal interest? ☐
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 informative ☐ irrelevant ☐
 boring ☐ interesting ☐
 useful ☐ other _____
5. What do you read in *Network Noise*? (tick as many as apply)
 General news ☐ Committee update ☐
 Funding ☐ Conferences/Workshops ☐
 Publications/resources ☐ Interagency meetings ☐
6. What would you like to see more of in *Network Noise*? (tick as many as apply)
☐ short news stories ☐ features ☐ member contributions
☐ young people's contributions ☐ other (please list) _____
7. Please list any other comments/suggestions about the content/format of *Network Noise* that could make it a more useful publication to you:

transitions

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 occasional reader (at work) ☐
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3. Do you read *transitions*:
 out of work interest? ☐ out of personal interest? ☐
4. Do you find *transitions* (tick only one)
 informative ☐ irrelevant ☐
 boring ☐ interesting ☐
 useful ☐ other ☐
5. What do you read in *transitions*? (tick as many as apply)
 Articles ☐ Editorial ☐
 Projects ☐ Reviews ☐
6. What would you like to see more of in *transitions*? (tick as many as apply)
 shorter articles ☐ longer articles ☐ profiles ☐
 other (please list) _____
7. Please list any other comments/suggestions about the content/format of *transitions* that could make it a more useful publication to you:

8. Do you find: *Network Noise* more useful than *transitions*? ☐
transitions more useful than *Network Noise*? ☐
transitions and *Network Noise* equally useful? ☐

Why?

9. How highly do you rate *transitions* as a resource?

☐ essential ☐ very valuable ☐ quite valuable ☐ not very useful ☐ useless

10. Do you see *transitions* as an important aspect of YANQ's membership?

☐ yes ☐ no

11. Which of the following (in addition to *Network Noise*) would you find to be useful for meeting your information needs? (tick as many as apply)

- ☐ fact sheets on current issues (by post or fax)
☐ information on the Internet
☐ information provided on audio tape
☐ information by disk/CD
☐ other (please specify):

information technology

1. Do you have access to the Internet at your workplace?
☐ yes (go to question 2) ☐ no (go to question 5)

2. If yes, do you have a home page, or is your organisation linked to a home page?
☐ yes ☐ no

2. How often do you access the Internet?

☐ daily ☐ weekly ☐ occasionally ☐ rarely

3. What do you access the Internet for? (tick one or multiple responses)

- ☐ government information ☐ info on youth issues
☐ young people's stuff ☐ chat
☐ surfing ☐ other (please specify)

4. Do you have e-mail? ☐ yes ☐ no (go to question 7)

5. Are you likely to be connected to the world-wide web in:

☐ 0-6 months ☐ 6-12 months ☐ 1-2 years
☐ not planning to ☐ don't know

6. If you are not connected to the world-wide web, what are the reasons for not being connected? (tick as many as apply)

- ☐ lack of resources
☐ not interested
☐ don't see any need to be connected
☐ don't know enough about it

7. Do you have any other comments about information provision?

Thank you for taking the time to fill this in!

Now fax this survey back to YANQ on (07) 3852 1441 or post it to us using the post-paid fold-up overleaf, for your chance to WIN (don't forget to fill in your contact details). If you have any queries, call Judith at YANQ on 1800 177 899 or (07) 3852 1800

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YANQ
PO Box 116
Fortitude Valley Q 4006

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Name: _____

Organisation: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

e-mail: _____

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Townsville youth arts and culture centre

After a long process of negotiation and funding applications, Townsville is set to have its first Youth Arts and Culture Centre. To experiment and create, the LAB will enable young people to direct their own cultural development by providing and resourcing a permanent, safe, accessible, community-based space.

This space will operate in a way that is relevant and responsive to changes in contemporary youth cultures and will proactively create opportunities for all young people to make a positive contribution to the community identity of Townsville and Thuringowa.

The LAB is the result of many months of lobbying, planning and frustration which involved input from a range of community and government workers and young people. Our working party was successful in obtaining funding from the Townsville City Council and Townsville Youth Entertainment. This has enabled us to secure a twelve-month lease in which time we plan to provide and support a wide range of youth-focused activities and obtain further funding to continue operations.

The LAB was born out of collaborations between Hedgehog Productions and La Luna Youth Arts and their quest for a permanent base from which to conduct their activities. Hedgehog Productions aims to provide a range of programs and events that improve young people's access to music industry training, relevant entertainment and resources such as instruments, sound and lighting equipment. La Luna Youth Arts is a broadly focused community-based youth arts organisation



working to encourage, facilitate and support the creative development of young people within the Townsville community. This collaboration has enabled a pooling of resources and skills within one centre from which we can then more effectively resource the young people of Townsville and Thuringowa.

Once the LAB has been established and is operating, we will be able to provide a resourced space from which young people can manage and create their own entertainment, recreation and skills based projects. The LAB will have the facilities to provide a performance venue for music, theatre and arts based events, workshop areas, meeting and conference facilities, jam/rehearsal space, art studio and wet work areas as well as administrative support for young people and youth organisations.

Renovations are continuing with involvement from young people and a variety of community members. We are hoping all major works will be finalised in the next two weeks. This is a unique project for the Townsville and Thuringowa region and we believe it is assured of success. Enquiries regarding use of the space are already being made from the community and open-age band nights

are being planned for the end of November.

If anybody would like information about our project or can offer some constructive input, please give me a call on (077) 713 648.

Heath Storrie
Coordinator, Open Youth Project

Graduate Diploma in Child and Adolescent Welfare

This course provides specific qualifications for people working in the child and adolescent welfare field. Key government and other employers cooperated in the development of the course. The course is available by part-time study externally, normally taking two years to complete.

Apply now for Autumn 1997 admission.

Inquiries: Lew Wilson, Course coordinator ☎ (069) 332 249

Brochures and application form available from The Admissions Office, Charles Sturt University, Locked Bag 676, Wagga Wagga NSW 2678
☎ (069) 332 121 Fax (069) 332 063

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presents

Shifting ground: Family matters

A two-day workshop that will focus on the knowledge and skills required to support the current shift in youth work practice towards working with young people in the context of their families and family relationships, rather than in isolation.

Dates: 2 & 3 December 1996

Venue: Conference room,
1st floor, Cnr St Pauls
Tce & Amelia St,
Fortitude Valley

NB Registrations are limited to the first 20 paid bookings.

Workplace Assessor Training

A two-day, nationally accredited training program based on the national Workplace Trainer and Assessor competencies. This course has been specifically adapted for supervisors in the community and youth sector.

Dates: 29 November &
5 December 1996

Venue: Conference room,
1st floor, Cnr St Pauls
Tce & Amelia St,
Fortitude Valley

NB Registrations are limited to the first 16 paid bookings.

**For more information about these courses, contact Pat at the Youth Sector Training Council, PO Box 459, Fortitude Valley 4006
☎ (07) 3852 2311 fax (07) 3852 2265**

Homophobia — what are you scared of?

The New South Wales Attorney-General's Department has made a grant of \$50,000 towards the development of a campaign to reduce young people's involvement in violence against gays and lesbians. The *Homophobia: What are you scared of?* campaign is the first of its kind in Australia.

The involvement of young people in homophobic violence is well documented. The 'Streetwatch', 'Count and Counter' and the 'Off our Backs' reports (all New South Wales studies into violence against lesbians and gays) show that perpetrators of assaults are predominantly young men between the ages of 16 and 24 years. There have been 22 gay related murders in New South Wales since 1991. Of the 16 murders where arrests have been made, it appears that 15 of these murders have involved perpetrators under 25 years of age, with 11 being of school age at the time of the murder.

Focus groups of young people which formed part of the development of the campaign and new research by Paul Van de Ven found that up to two-thirds of young people don't believe that lesbians and gay men should be victimised. However, currently they will participate in acts of violence against lesbians and gay men rather than take a stand against it.

The campaign seeks to encourage and support young people in choosing not to participate in homophobic violence by fostering the creation of young people's environments which are supportive of this decision.

The campaign operates through two main components:

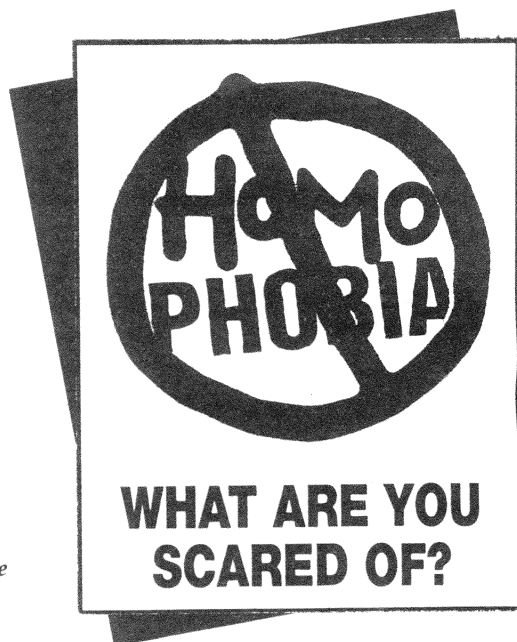
1) A strong, high-profile media campaign featuring the campaign logo, concepts of anti-violence and anti-homophobia, and using some high profile Australians speaking out against homophobia

2) Schools, youth centres, TAFE and university campuses and youth networks are encouraged to mount local community campaign activities, through the distribution of local campaign action kits

According to campaign coordinator, Amanda Nickson, 'it's about saying all young people have a right to live in an environment where they are not pressured into participating in acts of violence. Young people get talked down to all the time — we get told "don't do this", "do that", "dress this way", "act that way". This campaign is about young people, particularly young heterosexual people, having the opportunity to say "I see the pressure to pick on someone who is different to me, but I am my own person and I don't have to bash or pick on anyone to prove it."'

**For more information about the campaign, contact Amanda Nickson, campaign coordinator
☎ (02) 9360 6687.**

Reprinted from up2date, AYPAC newsletter, September 1996



Linking education, health and community services

In early September, the Australian Centre for Equity through Education (ACEE) hosted the Full Service Schools conference in Adelaide, to consider how schools, other agencies working with young people, and communities can collaborate.

The conference was the first national gathering of people from education, health and community agencies who are working towards more integrated, coordinated and collaborative services.

The conference was an important part of the ACEE's long-term agenda for whole school and community action to ensure a future in which all young Australians gain the maximum benefit from schooling. Many projects aimed at improving collaboration have focussed on protocols between agencies, and cooperation between professional service providers. However, the involvement of parents, students and communities in project development was recognised by conference participants as a key factor for success.

Chris Chamberlain, senior lecturer in Sociology at Monash University,

presented research which suggests that in a typical high school of 1,000 students there will be 100 to 140 young people who are at risk of homelessness. To support these young people, a typical school must be a caring institution with a good pastoral care system and links with other agencies providing support to young people.

Jennifer Westacott, Assistant Director-General in the New South Wales Department of Housing, highlighted the importance of community involvement and empowerment in the New South Wales Neighbourhood Improvement Program.

Conference participants found that despite working in quite distinct fields, there were many common issues and communication was easy. There was surprise at the number of projects and programs emerging from all sectors which are aimed at

improved collaboration. The conference also underlined the importance of the ACEE's Equity Information Exchange and Equity network.

The Equity Information Exchange includes a database (which will eventually be available on the internet) of school and community initiatives aimed at improving educational outcomes of disadvantaged children and young people. The Equity Network is a national network of people working in education, health and community services which facilitates the exchange of ideas and information between sectors and levels of government and non-government organisations.

For further information, contact the ACEE ☎ (02) 9332 3548 fax (02) 9332 3541 e-mail: devm@ozemail.com.au. WWW: <http://www.ozemail.com.au/~devm>

Reprinted from Impact, ACOSS newsletter, November 1996

Preventing adolescent depression

Promoting mental health for adolescents to prevent the onset of depression is the key focus of a study in two Brisbane high schools.

The study is being conducted by the School of Applied Psychology at Griffith University.

Senior Lecturer Ian Shochet said the current intervention phase followed a successful pilot carried out last year.

Young people in Year 9 in two Catholic schools were given a questionnaire which assessed their risks to the onset of depression.

Promoting a positive self image

Since June, students have been divided into groups of 15. With a facilitator, they discuss areas such as positive self-image and problem solving.

Another key area is interpersonal

relationships, specifically promoting positive relationships with parents.

The intervention work will be completed next June and will be

followed by a detailed evaluation.

Reprinted from Perceptions, newsletter of the National Mental Health Strategy, October 1996. Cartoon by Sue Wicks.



Innisfail Youth Services Network

13 November 1996 at 3.30pm
Allan Maruff House,
Rankin St, Innisfail

Contact Margaret McDonald-James
C/- Johnstone Shire Council
PO Box 887
Innisfail Q 4860
☎ (070) 302 255

Regional interagency meetings

November–December 1996

Regional Queensland interagency meetings

Cairns Region Youth Services Network

28 November 1996 at 3.30pm
Cairns FRS,
218 McLeod Street, Cairns

Contact Desley Renton
Cairns City Council
PO Box 359, Cairns 4870
☎ (070) 507 322

Central West Youth Network

December
Longreach

Contact Michael Meehan
c/- Longreach Shire Council
96A Eagle St, Longreach 4370
☎ (076) 511 211

Youth Services Interagency

3 December 1996 at 12 noon
Youth Access Centre,
Fitzroy Street, Rockhampton

Contact Tricia Miller
Youth Access Centre
PO Box 1331
Rockhampton 4700
☎ (079) 227 107

Mt Isa Youth Forum

To be advised
(Review of interagency under way)

Contact Sylvia Fisher
C/- DTSY
PO Box 1605
Mt Isa 4825
☎ (077) 432 130

Gladstone Youth Interagency

20 November 1996 at 11am
Neighbourhood Centre
105 Toolooa St, Gladstone

Contact Gail Law
Gladstone City Council
PO Box 29
Gladstone 4680
☎ (079) 724 855

Bundaberg Youth Forum

5 December 1996 at 9.30am
Community Development Office,
Upstairs, Target Arcade

Contact Lou Gatti
C/- Community development office
PO Box 253
Bundaberg 4670
☎ (071) 532 227

SunCoast Youthworkers Forum

21 November 1996 at 10am
The Place, Beach Street,
Maroochydore

Contact Patrice O'Callaghan
C/- Youth Access Centre
PO Box 1174
Maroochydore 4558
☎ (074) 420 888

Gold Coast Youth Network

27 November 1996 at 10.30am
Gold Coast Youth Service
15 Oak Ave, Miami

Contact Kerry Schonfisch
Gold Coast Youth Service
PO Box 740
Burleigh Heads 4220
☎ (07) 5572 0400

Beaudesert Interagency

27 November 1996 at 10am
Illoura Centre
31 Duckett St, Beaudesert

Contact Marg Moss
C/- Beaudesert Community
House, 4 Davis Street
Beaudesert 4285
☎ (07)5541 3762

Toowoomba Youth Organisation Network

21 November at 12 noon
Venue to be advised

Contact Ed Bradbury
Department of Education
PO Box 775
Toowoomba 4350
☎ (076) 384 899

Magnetic North Youth Service Providers

19 November 1996 at 10.30am
TAFE, City Campus, Room B103

Contact Karyn Buosi
Townsville City Council
PO Box 1268
Townsville 4810
☎ (077) 714 431

Mackay Youth Connection & Network Inc

20 November 1996 at 2pm
YACCA, 10 River St, Mackay

Contact Diane Macrae
Mackay YACCA
PO Box 3223
North Mackay 4740
☎ (079) 512 661

Regional interagency meetings

November–December 1996

South-east Queensland interagency meetings



Redlands Youth Network

18 November 1996 at 2pm
CES, 27 Mt Cotton Road,
Capalaba

Contact Bettina McGrath

C/- Redlands CES
27 Mt Cotton Road
Capalaba Q 4157
☎ (07) 3245 9333

Caboolture Youth Network

20 November 1996 at 1pm
Youth Access Centre,
11 Haskings Street, Caboolture

Contact Damien Edwards

C/- Youth Access Centre
PO Box 482
Caboolture 4510
☎ (074) 908 078

Logan Youth Interagency

26 November 1996 at 3pm
Logan Regional Resource Centre,
21 Station Rd, Woodridge

Contact Pat Taylor

C/- Youth Access Centre
PO Box 645
Woodridge 4114
☎ (07) 3808 0570

Wynnum Youth Interagency

19 December 1996 at 2pm
Community Corrections Office
2/71 Clara Street Wynnum

Contact Bettina McGrath

C/- Redlands CES
27 Mt Cotton Road
Capalaba Q 4157
☎ (07) 3245 9333

Youth Health Workers Interagency

22 January 1997
Venue to be advised

Contact Brendan or Lea

C/- Brisbane Youth Service
PO Box 1389
Fortitude Valley Q 4006
☎ (07) 3254 1131

Youth Issues Task Group

27 November 1996 at 2.30pm
The Base, Cnr Mills and Queen
Sts, Goodna

Contact Rachel Robinson

The Base
PO Box 228
Goodna 4300
☎ (07)3818 3118

Inala Youth Interagency LARGEFLY

12 December 1996 at 1pm
CES Conference Room, cnr Corsair
Ave & Civic Centre, Inala

Contact John Rigsby-Jones

C/- Inala Youth & Family Support
Service
PO Box 141
Inala 4077
☎ (07) 3372 2655

Ipswich Youth Focus

24 November 1996 at 12noon
West Moreton Community
Health Auditorium, Bell St,
Ipswich 4305

Contact Michelle Ruthenberg

C/- TEQ
PO Box 669
Ipswich 4305
☎ (07) 3812 2359

North Albert Youth Interagency

5 December 1996 at 2.45pm
DFCS Meeting room, 1st Floor,
100 George Street, Beenleigh

Contact Kerry Clayton

C/- BAYS Inc
PO Box 1147
Beenleigh 4027
☎ (07) 3287 1290

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RURAL AND REGIONAL COMMUNITY HOUSING PROGRAM

Call for Submissions for Consideration by the QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT COMMUNITY HOUSING GRANTS BOARD

Submissions for funding are invited from community organisations, Local Government Authorities and religious organisations to provide long term community managed housing for low income earners. The Program is specifically targeting community housing needs in rural and regional Queensland. This excludes Brisbane and major urban areas where there is a large supply of public housing and an active rental market. However, applications which demonstrate a project would address a need not likely to be satisfied by the private market may also be considered.

Funding under this Program is available for:

- the construction and/or purchase of dwellings, and
- the modification and/or upgrading of existing community housing dwellings.

Preference will be given to proposals involving purchases where appropriate existing housing is available.

Project proposals must clearly address the following:

- a demonstrated housing need which is unable to be met by other providers (including the private sector rental market), and
- the organisation's ability to manage the project and the subsequent housing service delivery.

Special consideration will be given to applications from organisations proposing to make a contribution to the proposed project, for example, land and/or cash. Applications received by the end of November and which warrant priority consideration when assessed against established criteria may be included in an initial round of assessments in December. Remaining applications would be assessed early in the new year.

Applications for this funding must be on the Department's Rural and Regional Community Housing Program submission form. For further information and copies of the submission form and Submission Kit, please contact the Funding Round Project Officer, Community Housing Division, on telephone:

(07) 3227 6939, or toll free: 1800 177 289

**Applications must be received by:
Friday, 20 December 1996 at 5pm**

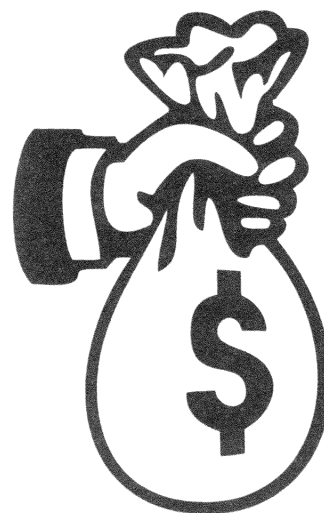
LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Post Submissions to:

Funding Round Project Officer, Community Housing Division, Department of Public Works and Housing, GPO Box 690, BRISBANE QLD 4001

Or Deliver to:

The Mail Centre, Level 1, 111 George Street, BRISBANE



RURAL ACCESS PROGRAM



Rural Communities Working Together

1996/97 APPLICATIONS

Do you live in a rural community?

Are there social or community issues which affect the competitiveness of industries in your local area?

Funding is available under the Rural Access Program for one-off projects which will enable rural communities to work together to realise their potential as robust and self-sufficient communities.

The ideal project would assist people in the community to take action on a shared problem or issue. For example, a successful project might involve promoting community leadership.

Applications are invited from locally based organisations and community groups for grants of up to \$30,000 over a maximum period of 12 months.

Application forms are available by telephoning 1800 026 222 or writing to:

Rural Access Program
Rural Division
Department of Primary
Industries and Energy
GPO Box 858
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Applications close on 15 November 1996.



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South west Queensland Youth Sector
Conference '97
Community valuing YOUTH

Dates: 26 and 27 April 1996

Venue: Lake Perserverance

presented by Department of Families
Youth and Community Care.
Supported by Community
Development Services Stanthorpe
Hosted by Toowoomba Youth Council

This conference, involving young
people, local government authorities,
community representatives and youth
sector workers will address the issues
of young people's involvement in the
future development and planning of
the communities in which they live.

There are a limited number of
sponsored positions for young people
to attend the conference.

**For more information, contact Janelle
Smith or Sandra Hobbs, Youth
Bureau, Department of Families,
Youth and Community Care, PO Box
510, Toowoomba Q 4350
☎ (076) 319 376 or fax (076) 319 307**

Drug Interactions
Lifestyle, culture and gender

Winter school in the sun — a project
of the Alcohol and Drug Foundation,
Queensland.

Dates: 7–10 July 1997

Venue: Brisbane City Travelodge

**For more information, contact
Alcohol and Drug Foundation —
Queensland, PO Box 332, Spring
Hill Q 4004 ☎ (07) 3832 3798 or fax
(07) 3832 2527**

Family and Marital Distress: impact on
mental health

This conference is designed for
practitioners and researchers from
mental health, health, welfare,
education and other disciplines.

Date: 30 November 1996

Venue: School of Public Health,
QUT Kelvin Grove

**For more information, contact
Continuing Professional Education
Division, QUT, Kelvin Grove
Campus ☎ (07) 3864 3222 or fax
(07) 3864 5920
e-mail cpe@qut.edu.au**

International Health: opportunities and
threats, costs and benefits

Indigenous health issues, economics
and health financing, travel and
health, emerging and re-emerging
diseases, participatory action
research, special interest group
sessions

Dates: 17–19 July 1997

Venue: Brisbane

**For more information, contact
Wendy Gardiner, University of
Queensland Medical School,
Herston Road, Herston Q 4029 ☎
(07) 3365 5408 fax (07) 3365 5599
e-mail W.Gardiner
@mailbox.uq.edu.au**

Poverty in Australia: Dimensions and
policies

- eradicating poverty in Australia
- poverty among sole parents
- workers on low pay
- the self-employed
- the regional dimensions of poverty
- poverty in Queensland
- preventing poverty
- costs of living in Australia

This one-day conference is jointly
sponsored by the Social Policy
Research Centre, UNSW and the
Department of Social Work and Social
Policy, UQ.

Date: 26 November 1996

Venue: Lecture Room 116, Steele
Building, University of
Queensland, St Lucia 4072

**For more information contact Paul
Smyth, Department of Social Work
and Social Policy, University of
Queensland Q 4072
☎ (07) 3368 1847
fax (07) 3365 1788.**

Mental health outcomes for Australia's
young

2nd national conference on child and
adolescent mental health

Dates: 20–23 November 1996

Venue: Melbourne

**For more information, contact 2nd
national conference on child and
adolescent mental health, PO Box
214, Brunswick Vic 3057**

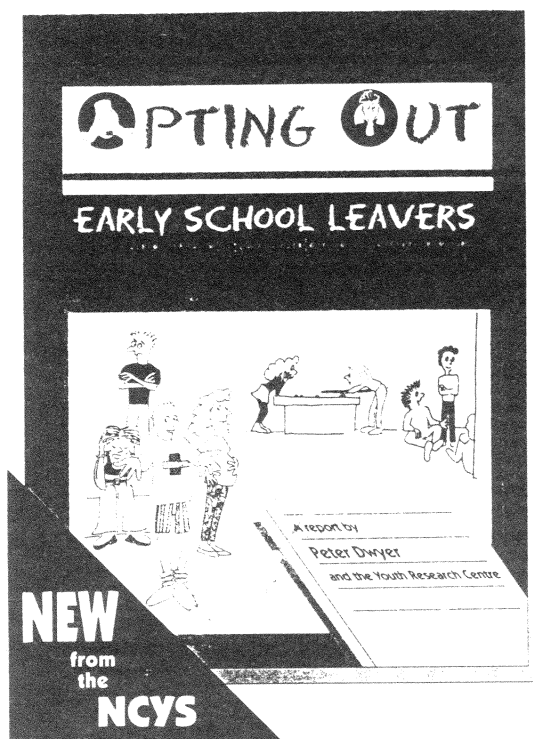
Peer education

A two-day workshop using
experiential learning tools to
investigate 'peer' education. Given
appropriate resourcing, are members
of a specific peer group better
equipped than others to educate
members of the group.

Dates: 9 & 10 December 1996

Venue: Brisbane (to be advised)

**For more information, contact the
Youth Sector Training Council, PO
Box 459, Fortitude Valley 4006
☎ (07) 3852 2311**



Opting Out: early school leavers and the degeneration of youth policy

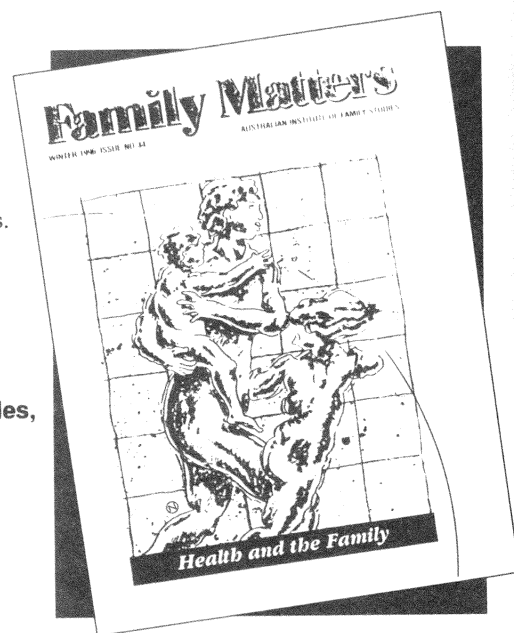
This Youth Research Centre report determines the concerns, problems and needs of those defined as early leavers and identifies effective strategies that would give them the opportunity to choose to continue their schooling beyond the compulsory years. The report includes extensive data on early leavers and reviews both the policy and research backgrounds to the issue, placing them within an international context.

Available for \$24 from National Clearinghouse for Youth Studies, GPO Box 252-64, Hobart Tas 7001 ((03) 6226 2591 fax (03) 6226 2578

Family Matters — health and the family

Family Matters is the magazine produced by the Australian Institute of Family Studies. The current issue of *Family Matters* addresses a range of topics relating to health and the family and includes articles about families, young people and health care, and suicide among young people.

Subscriptions to *Family Matters* are available for \$33 for individuals or \$36 for organisations. *Family Matters* is produced three times annually. Publication Sales, Australian Institute of Family Studies, 300 Queen St, Melbourne Vic 3000 ☎ (03) 9214 7888 fax (03) 9214 7839.



Young people and self- employment *in Australia*

The National Youth Affairs Research Scheme (NYARS) has recently published a report entitled *Young people and self-employment in Australia*. The report provides an overview of small business and self-employment in the economic profile of Australia and to indicate the contribution that small and very small enterprises are making to the broader economy.

The report involved a review of research, data, youth enterprise and small business promotion programs, a postal survey of self-employed young women and men and interviews with over 100 self-employed young people.

Available through the Youth Bureau, Department of Families, Youth and Community Care. Contact Wendy Otway-Smith ☎ (07) 3224 8224.

YOUTH AFFAIRS NETWORK OF QUEENSLAND INC

WHAT IS YANQ?

The Youth Affairs Network of Queensland (YANQ) Inc. is the independent, non-government umbrella organisation of groups and individuals from Queensland's youth sector.

Operational since 1989, YANQ was incorporated in January 1991. The Network acts to promote the interests and well-being of young people in Queensland, especially disadvantaged young people. It advocates for them to government and the community and encourages the development of policies and programs responsive to the needs of young people.

YANQ also supports the development of regional networks in the non-government youth sector. It is YANQ's view that the development of stronger networks will lead to better services for young people as information and skills are shared.

YANQ consists of over 450 individual and organisational members throughout Queensland, including youth services, advocacy groups, church groups and community organisations with interests in areas as diverse as juvenile justice, housing, health, rural issues, young people with disabilities, young women's issues and young people from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-English speaking backgrounds. Associate members are drawn from federal, state and local government bodies.

WHAT DOES YANQ DO?

YANQ employs three core staff and a number of project staff in its Brisbane-based secretariat. It undertakes a variety of activities designed to raise the profile of and encourage action on issues affecting young people. Activities include:

- submissions to government reviews
- making representations to government and other influential bodies
- undertaking campaigns and lobbying
- consulting and liaising with members and the field
- publishing newsletters and journals
- initiating projects
- disseminating information to members and the field
- providing training and
- cooperating with interstate and national youth affairs bodies.

HOW DOES YANQ WORK?

YANQ is managed by a Coordinating Committee elected by the Ordinary (non-government) membership to oversee its day-to-day operation and supervision of staff.

YANQ holds a Policy Forum at least once a year at which delegates representing the membership give direction for YANQ's policy-making and activities for the next twelve months. Delegates to Policy Forum must be Ordinary members.

YANQ working parties on specific issues may be formed at any time during the year. Any interested member may participate in such working parties.

YANQ's decision making processes are based on a consensus model.

YANQ PUBLICATIONS

NEWSLETTER

Network Noise is the bi-monthly newsletter of YANQ. Members are encouraged to contribute to the newsletter which is ideal for communicating news on • training events • youth programs • interagency or youth forum meetings • publications and resources • positions vacant • changes of address. *Network Noise* is distributed to subscribers and YANQ members only.

JOURNAL

transitions is the YANQ journal published three times per year. It presents in-depth articles on research and topical issues of relevance to youth affairs, both in Queensland and nationally. It is an ideal forum for youth service providers to describe and analyse their work. *transitions* is distributed to subscribers and members only.

WHO CAN JOIN?

Membership of YANQ is open to anyone with a proven interest in youth affairs

ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP

Is available to individuals and organisations from the **non-government** sector and entitles you to • nominate for the Coordinating Committee and Policy Forum • full voting rights; • six newsletters and three journals per year • information on campaigns and reviews • opportunities to participate in YANQ workshops.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Is available to individuals, departments and services from local, state or federal **government** and entitles you to • six newsletters and three journals per year • information on campaigns and reviews • opportunities to participate in YANQ workshops. Associate members do not have voting rights and cannot nominate for the Coordinating Committee or Policy Forum.

SUBSCRIBERS

Subscribers receive six newsletters and three journals per year.

MEMBERSHIP FEES PER ANNUM

Young person		\$5.00
Individual	Income < \$16,000	\$10.00
	Income \$16,000-\$50,000	\$25.00
	Income \$50,000<	\$40.00
Non-government Organisation		
	No funding	\$10.00
	Funding < \$100,000	\$40.00
	Funding \$100,000<	\$60.00
Government	Department or Service	\$75.00
Subscribers <i>transitions & Network Noise</i>		\$60.00

Membership fees are due and payable on a calendar year basis (covering the period 1 January-31 December)

YANQ MEMBERSHIP / SUBSCRIPTION FORM

(Contact) Name: _____

Organisation / Dept: _____

Postal Address: _____ Code: _____

Street Address: _____ Code: _____

Ph: () _____ Fax: () _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY APPLIED FOR

Individual	Income < \$16,000	N-G <input type="checkbox"/>	Govt <input type="checkbox"/>	\$10.00	Organisation	No Funding	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$10.00
	\$16,000 - \$50,000	N-G <input type="checkbox"/>	Govt <input type="checkbox"/>	\$25.00		Funding < \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$40.00
	Income > \$50,000	N-G <input type="checkbox"/>	Govt <input type="checkbox"/>	\$40.00		Funding > \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$60.00

Young Person	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$5.00	Government Department or Service	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$75.00
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SUBSCRIBERS	<i>Transitions & Network Noise only</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$60.00
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Please tick if appropriate **ATSI individual/organisation** ☐ **NESB individual/organisation** ☐

I hereby subscribe to the aim and objectives of YANQ and enclose a cheque/money order for the prescribed membership/subscription fee.

Signed _____ Date _____

Membership applications must be approved by the YANQ Coordinating Committee

Please return Membership/Subscription Form to: YANQ, PO Box 116, Fortitude Valley Qld 4006