

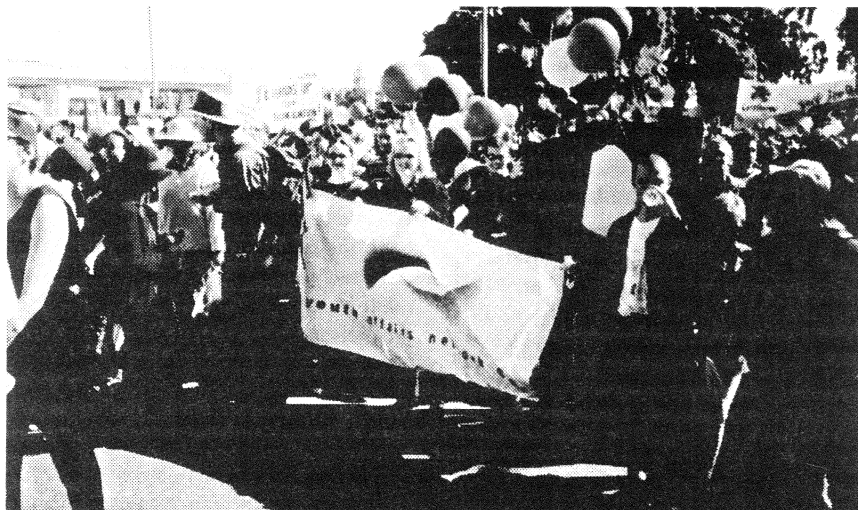


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RECONCILIATION !!!

YANQ supplied 700 black, red and yellow balloons scattered throughout the Brisbane Cooroboree Walk

Welcome all members and subscribers to the August edition of Network Noise. As usual it has been a hectic time, however YANQ has settled in at the new premises at West End and are happy to see so many members from Brisbane and other regions popping in to say hello!

YANQ's new membership brochure will be distributed soon, highlighting our new Constitution, values and vision. Please take some time out to re-familiarise yourself with the information and any revised requirements for membership.

The new financial year entered with a new twist ie. GST. Please note our ABN Number is quoted on the front of the Newsletter. All new membership forms and renewal forms will be marked as tax invoices and the amount of GST charged will be identified. We hope that most members were able to attend the various GST workshops held by the ATO and QCOSS

throughout the State. If there are any major concerns please let us know and we will follow-up. One positive process is that the state government will forward the additional 10% GST loading with most community grants.

The Community Services Strategy continues to develop. The Pilot projects trialing the new proposed Single Service Agreement are underway and an environmental Scan has been undertaken to assist in the development of an Industry Plan. For updates visit website <http://www.premiers.qld.gov.au/communityservices>



NYAC National Youth Affairs Coalition

The National Youth Affairs Coalition (NYAC) is a collaborative group of State and Territory youth sector Peak Bodies and interested National Youth

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- workshops & events
- youth programs
- training events
- projects
- change of address
- latest resources
- research news
- innovations

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of the Youth Affairs Network of Queensland.

Organisations working together to
advance the interests of young people
across Australia.

NYAC was formed in June 1999 as the
policy voice for addressing the needs
and rights of young people and is
convened by YANQ.

The role of NYAC is to share
information, initiate research and
develop campaign and advocacy
strategies to retain a focus on critical
public policy issues, which impact
upon young people.

Unfortunately the Youth Minister,
David Kemp, withdrew funding from
a number of national peak
organisations, including the national
Youth Peak in 1999 and has not
subsequently released monies for this
vital new creative Coalition. NYAC is
the Policy arm for the Australian Youth
Affairs Network (AYAN) which has
been in place since June 1999. Both
AYAN and NYAC are unfunded and
have received no financial support
from the Department of Education and
Youth Affairs (DETYA).

The ability for young people, especially
disadvantage and marginalised young
people, to have their voice heard
regarding policy impacting upon them
and to ensure policy advice to
government is ongoing and supported
by workers within their communities
has been limited due to lack of funds.

Hundreds of young people and
workers from across the country were
involved in petitions, meetings, and
letter writing and media
announcements when Kemp de-
funded the National Youth Peak
organisation. Young people want and
need this support. Is the Federal
government too scared to receive it?

What are young people and workers
with young people supposed to do! Is
the Federal Government not
committed to understanding the plight
of young people today? The Federal
Government has effectively and
without justification removed the
community structure to support the
needs of young people in our
communities.

YANQ is very concerned that punitive
federal policies, such as the Youth
Allowance, will not be adequately
evaluated without significant,
coordinated input from the
community sector"

All NYAC members met in Melbourne
on the 26th June 2000 and re-committed
to continuing their role as a voice for
young people. It is now time for Youth
Minister Kemp to fully support NYAC
and AYAN as part of his portfolio
responsibility. NYAC will meet again
in Melbourne in November 2000.

NYAC members include Youth Affairs
Network of Queensland (YANQ),
Youth Action & Policy Association
(YAPA), Youth Affairs Council of
Victoria (YACVic), Youth Affairs
Council of South Australia (YACSA),
Youth Coalition of the ACT (YCACT),
Youth Affairs Council of Western
Australia (YACWA), Northern
Territory Youth Affairs Network
(NTYAN), Youth Network of
Tasmania (YNOT), National Youth
Coalition for Housing (NYCH),
National Union of Students (NUS).

Bernice Smith
Director

Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect: Developing a National Research Strategy.

The National Child Protection
Clearinghouse has been commissioned
by the National Council for the
Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect
to develop a national Child Abuse
Prevention Research Strategy (the
focus is on primary and secondary
prevention). As part of the
development process the
Clearinghouse is undertaking an
assessment of the current state of child
abuse prevention research in Australia.

We would like to invite researchers to
provide a brief summary of any
research they are undertaking (or
planning to undertake) that may
directly or indirectly lead to the
prevention of child abuse or neglect.
Please note the intention is to identify
innovative Australian research projects
currently being conducted or planned
for the near future, NOT to
prematurely release research findings
or other sensitive study information.
We are also interested to know the
areas you believe are vital for a
national research agenda.

To obtain further information about
the project, to contribute your views on
future research directions, or to

provide details of any studies you are involved in, you can:

Contact me directly at adamt@aifs.org.au (see other contact details below)

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

Good Standards Test

(Look for the pamphlet inside the Newsletter)

While compliance of the Convention's principles are directed at the Australian Government, a vital role is played by both government and non government organisations to connect these principles with ground level practices and policies within the welfare sector. Considerable work remains to be undertaken with regard to pro-actively raising the awareness of the Convention. However many of the CROC articles can equally be applied to those young people over the age of eighteen years. Good Standards Test (GST), it is hoped that organisations, working with young people and children, will be encouraged to consider not only the ten questions as they apply to their service, but to critically evaluate the impact of CROC by considering the following broader questions:

⌘ How does Australia's commitment to meet the Convention impact on your organisation?

⌘ How does your organisation's commitment to meet the Convention impact on Australia's commitment?

⌘ How do you see your role in relation to adhering to the Convention's principles?

⌘ How can your organisation assist in increasing young people's awareness of the Convention?

⌘ How can commitment to the Convention be monitored within your organisation?

While it would be easy for any organisation to answer all questions on the CROC GST with a 'yes', we encourage you to apply the questions to the most disadvantaged amongst your target group. For example, does the percentage of people from a non English speaking background accessing your service equal that percentage in your target group? Where and how we advertise may restrict access to some people and therefore may discriminate.

For more pamphlets or information, contact us or check out our website. Logan Youth and Family Service Ph: 07 3208 8199

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YANQ Centrelink Breaches Working Party

Breaches Awareness Campaign

The Centrelink Breaches Working Party has been operational since late 1998. This working party has since combined with the Youth Allowance Working Party, given similar objectives relating to Youth Income support.

During 1999, the Centrelink Breaches Working Party applied for funds to conduct a Breaches Awareness Campaign. Success!!! Welfare Rights Centre (WRC) is auspicing the project, which is two-pronged. Firstly, training and information will be provided for youth workers. The objective is to assist youth workers to advocate on behalf of young people they are working with to appeal a decision by Centrelink to breach. Training will be conducted in a number of venues across regions in Queensland, from August until November, with the first workshop taking place in Warwick on August 2nd.

Activity Test Evaluation

YANQ is currently involved in the FaCS Community Reference Group (CRG) for the Activity Test Evaluation. The Federal Government emphasises the importance of a contract between the state/ community and income support recipients under the principle of mutual obligation. One of the clearest expressions of this contract is the activity test for those who receive income support. In general, unless specifically exempted from the activity test, to qualify for Youth Allowance or Newstart Allowance payments, a person must be either studying or actively looking for work. Given, amongst other things, that large numbers of young people are being breached, it is critical to look at whether activity testing and activity agreements are working, or not for young people.

A seat on the CRG enables YANQ to feed information on a range of issues for young people and activity testing.

- How appropriate are current activity test arrangements/ forms of assistance for young people, particularly disadvantaged marginalised young people?
- What other alternatives should be considered?

In light of Welfare Reform, government wants to know "How effective are current activity test arrangements/forms of assistance for young people in promoting economic and social participation?

Other considerations for discussion include:

- The notion of 'capacity to benefit' from assistance
- Short versus medium/long term focus for assistance
- Voluntary versus compulsory participation in activities
- Choice in relation to programs/ activities/jobs
- Promoting self reliance in individuals
- Tailoring assistance to the individual - individual support plans
- Case management, activity testing and monitoring participation

YANQ is keen to hear from members regarding these issues. Please contact Carolyn on ph: 3844 7713.

NESB/Youth Matters



From the NESB Policy and Network Officer

Four months into the position here at YANQ and I feel well and truly "on board" in the NESB Policy position and as a member of the wider team focus of YANQ's core business in the State.

As well as settling into the position and learning about the number of projects, groups and issues the NESB position is active in, it has also been a good period to "get out" and meet people and build relationships.

YANQ Interagency visits to the South East, Logan, Toowoomba, Redlands, Pine Rivers, Inner Urban and Inala Youth Inter-Agencies have been vital in meeting people and making contacts for the core priorities of YANQ and the NESB Policy Officers position.

Various Multi-cultural Networks such as those in Logan and the Inala - Ipswich corridor, and issue specific networks such as the Multicultural Health Network have again provided valuable contacts and the raising of issues to inform the NESB Policy Officers' work in collecting issues, continuing advocacy, and determining priorities for policy development.

Most recent visits to agencies such as MDA, Milpera, and QPASTT have also been important in understanding their work and role in the sector, collecting issues, and again to build relationships that are the foundation of our work and collaboration together.

Making regional contacts over the phone has also been helpful in building a knowledge base of who, where and what is occurring throughout the state youth sector.

And then there have been a number of core specific projects and issues of which the NESB Policy Officer is involved. A snap shot of some which have been highlighted in the last few weeks are -

Racism

Addressing the issue of racism remains one of the core components

to this position through Partners Against Racism.

In many ways, for society as a whole to develop any degree of unanimity on the nature of racism as a problem and development of strategies for dealing with it, requires continuing discussion, leadership and debate. Particularly in the area of developing strategies to address this issue, there needs to be a variety of long term approaches to make a difference on a grass roots level.

It is hard to suggest that any one particular strategy or policy in regard to racism will solve or negate the effects of racism in one simple act. As has recently been shown to occur, racist incidents may be triggered by events overseas, by changing economic conditions, by specific community incidents, by a host of moments which may be well out of the control of a specific community, ethnic grouping or individual.

A multifaceted approach and a variety of strategies to combat racism must constantly be developed to influence overall community and individual perceptions and culture from research and story telling, to community awareness projects, to public expressions of concern such as the previous Walk Against Racism event, the formation of regional and local networks to inform, support, and develop strategies, to continuing advocacy, lobbying and the development of policy to inform and guide responses to racism.

Later in the year, a research report for the Anti-discrimination Commission QLD on "Schools Response to Racism in Queensland" will provide an extraordinary snap-shot of the realities and stories of racially based incidents in some schools. The report will also highlight the extraordinarily positive responses that schools, communities and people are involved in to combat racism and celebrate our cultural diversity in the fullest sense. I foreshadow this future report to you and trust you will keep a lookout for the actual launch of the report later in the year.

The "Bridges to Understanding" forum project which features

elsewhere in this edition of Network Noise, is another forthcoming response to the issue of racism, and I also commend you to this occasion and the significant inroads the forum will enable.

Reconciliation

The Brisbane People's Walk for Reconciliation on June 4th, was an amazing and soul searching occasion. One of my lasting images is of standing in King George Square (which was packed like a sardine tin) and looking back up Roma Street to see yet more people who were continuing to make their way to the Square. There was an tangible positive spirit to this mass of people and also a sense of reflection and pilgrimage as we walked the walk. This was a significant event for reconciliation in this land and demonstrated, I believe, the passionate desire for the continuing reconciliation process.

ESL

The further development and advocacy for ESL services in Queensland also remains a key focus of this position. Recently a comprehensive review of MOLTE was begun in the Coopers Plains Educational District. This process will assist schools to examine their current processes, the effectiveness of their programs and how they might be able to achieve better outcomes for students. Significant learning's and practices will develop from this review and enhance our educational offerings to culturally diverse young people.

Temporary Protection Visa's

The designation of the TPV category has created, what is basically for me, an underclass of refugee / asylum seekers in Australia and also given rise to a variety of myths and ignorance regarding the status of these TPV holders in the general public.

These refugees (primarily at the present time from Afghanistan and Iraq) are not "illegal Immigrants" or "queue jumpers" and have been granted refugee status in Australia through the issuing of the TPV - yet their treatment is of enormous

concern and the lack of understanding about these people's situation has been fueled somewhat by ignorant media propaganda.

At a recent public forum in Brisbane, the forum asked the State Government to provide low cost housing, access to English classes, access to interpreters and translators, assistance in finding employment, and to explore ways in which these refugees can make some contact with their families. All of these are basic human rights which, in many ways, these TPV holders are being denied by the Federal Government under their TPV status. This raises the issue of violation of their basic human rights and is yet another indictment on the international image of Australia in terms of social justice.

And then wider questions have been raised in relation to whether their treatment is racial and religious discrimination and practical concerns about what will happen after three years temporary status expires.

The need for continued community collaboration and lobbying and actions to address the status of TPV holders and enable them to have their basic human rights and needs met is an important priority.

QLD Community Relations Plan Working Group

The working group on the Queensland's Government Community Relations Plan is busy developing an action plan for the implementation of the CRP. The plan will enhance community building activities with Government agencies and provide examples for the wider community. The Implementation of the plan will also benefit all Queenslanders with outcomes including a broader acceptance and understanding of diversity in the community; reduction in levels of discrimination and prejudice; and increased awareness of rights, responsibilities and opportunities of citizenship.

Copies of the Plan have been sent to community groups and Government departments, but if you have not received a copy, I encourage you to contact Multi-cultural Affairs Queensland on (07) 3224 2354 or 1800 679 763 (freecall outside Brisbane) to arrange for a copy.

The NESB Youth Issues Network

The last couple of months has also seen significant work in the updating of contacts for the Non English Speaking Background Youth Issues Network (NYIN). This has also included understanding and coming to grips with a number of smaller focus or sub-groups which relate to NYIN and the core responsibilities of the NESB Policy Officers position. While this has been sometimes a complex and tedious task, it has been vital and necessary preparation for a shortly to be called network meeting which I hope will be the beginning of a renewed and re-energized network, the raising of core issues to be addressed, and new beginning's for significant outcomes in the area of policy development.

Until next time
Michael Zgryza
NESB Policy & Network Officer

Bridges to Understanding

Bridges to Understanding is a joint initiative between Caloundra Community Centre, Youth Affairs Network of Queensland and a number of other government and non-government agencies on the Sunshine Coast. The project has received funding from Multicultural Affairs Queensland (MAQ).

The development of the project has been influenced by previous research undertaken on the Sunshine Coast by Tu'ipulotu and Ferguson (1997) which clearly identified racism as a significant issue impacting on the lives of many non-English speaking background young people. The group responsible for the implementation of recommendations regarding racism in this research report is the Multicultural Youth Issues Working Group (MYIWG) which is a sub-group of the Sunshine Coast Youth Workers Forum. The MYIWG is a key player in the development and implementation of *Bridges to Understanding*.

Caloundra Community Centre will be hosting a one day forum at the Rydges Oasis Resort on September 1st 2000 to explore the issue of racism and its impacts on individuals and communities. This forum is the culmination of the *Bridges to Understanding* project.

Leanne Tu'ipulotu, Manager of the Caloundra Community Centre, said "*Bridges to Understanding* is a community education project that aims to promote a broader acceptance and understanding of cultural diversity and reduce racism and discrimination across the Sunshine Coast. The one day forum provides us with opportunities to bring a whole range of people together in the one place to explore issues of racism and discrimination in our communities and potential ways in which we can work alongside one another to prevent such destructive issues impacting on so many."

The *Bridges to Understanding* project has also developed a series of workshops with young people on the Sunshine Coast, which explored the issue of racism. From this process a poster was produced for wide distribution across Sunshine Coast communities. The poster will be launched during the forum.

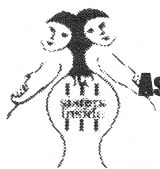
Date: 1st September 2000

Time: 8:30am to 5:00pm

Venue: Rydges Oasis Resort Caloundra

Guest speakers at the Forum include an official opening by Uri Thermal (Executive Director -Multicultural Affairs Qld), Margaret Reynolds (Human Rights Advocate working with Commonwealth and United Nations agencies to promote Human Rights), Karen Walters (Qld Anti-discrimination Commissioner) and Hurriyet Babacan (Senior Lecturer at Sunshine Coast University)

For further information and registration forms please contact Leanne Tu'ipulotu at the Caloundra Community Centre on (07) 5491 4511 by Friday 25th August 2000.



STOP the State Sexually Assaulting Women in Prison

Department of Corrective Services have recently reviewed the Corrective Services Act 1988. Although the review is needed **Sisters Inside seeks your active support** to lobby against and stop s26(1) of the Corrective Services Bill. This section ensures with legal authority that the person in charge of a secure prison must ensure that a woman is **strip searched** after a personal contact visit (these visits are with children, mother, families).

Statistics prove that over **85% of women in prison have been sexually assaulted**. This legal systematic sexual assault will retraumatise these women again and again. Women are not in prison to be systematically sexually assaulted by the State in the name of the law. **Assault is illegal** however sexually assaulting women in prison will be legal under this reviewed Act. Strip searching is justified under the Drug Strategy however in 5 months **1472 strip searches** were executed on women in prison at Wacol (including a baby) and **not one piece of contraband was found**. Strip searching does not stop drugs in prison.

To ensure we, as communities do not support sexual assault by the state we must take action now and say **NO** to this government.

Take a stance now to **Stop the State Sexually Assaulting Women in Prison** by contacting through fax or phone to:

Corrective Services:

Phone: 07 3239 0215

Fax: 07 3221 9985

Email

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Premier Peter Beattie:

Phone: 07 3406 7997

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Phone: 07 5538 9833

Fax: 07 5538 5560

Local Member of Parliament (number in telephone book)

For more information contact *Sisters Inside* 07 3844 5066

Child Protection Week September 3 – 9, 2000

"Family – Australia's Most Important Team"

Child Protection week is coordinated nationally by the National Association for Child Abuse and Neglect (NASPCAN) and, in Queensland, by the Child Protection Week Committee. You can participate in Child Protection Week this year through a number of initiatives, including

- The Second Child Protection Week Conference to be held at Riverglenn Conference Centre, Indooroopilly on Monday September 4
- Participate in White Balloon Day on Tuesday September 5
- Attend the Annual Child Protection Week Dinner on Friday 8th September, or
- Stage CPW activities in your local area

Details of local events will be included on a calendar of events that will be made available on CPW web pages, which can be accessed through www.families.qld.gov.au. In addition NAPCAN has developed balloons, temporary tattoos and a range of posters to distribute to participating agencies.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND INC.

Young People in Public Space – Legislation and Policy Review

The Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) has received State Government funding through FYCCQ to undertake a Young People and Public Spaces Project to build the capacity of local government to respond to young people and public space issues.

A component of this project is to undertake a policy and legislation review to identify federal, state and local government laws that impact on young people, in particular their relationship to and use of public space. In addition to the review the work will document common issues of concern and the interrelationships between state and local laws, and gaps in legislation and/or policy and provide an analysis of these legislations within a youth rights framework as articulated through Australia's ratification of international conventions and charters. This review and analysis will inform the development of a policy and local law framework for local government to assist Councils developing responses to public space issues. LGAQ will work in partnership with the Youth Advocacy Centre (YAC) to undertake this work.

Project Outputs

- Report including:
 - audit of existing federal, state and local policies and legislations;
 - analysis of interrelationship between these;
 - analysis of these within a youth rights framework.
- Reference tool to assist Councils in developing their local laws.
- Development of information sheets for Councils on existing policies, laws and legislations.

Project Management

The project will be managed by LGAQ with a project advisory team comprising of representatives from LGAQ, YAC, BCC, DCILGPS, YANQ, FYCCQ, Crime Prevention Queensland, Local Government and Legal Aid.

Staff Updates

New financial Officer

Hi! My name is Bronwyn and I started work with YANQ as a Trainee Financial Officer 4 weeks ago. For the past 18 years or so I have worked in the field of aged care as a carer which I enjoy but I decided it was time for a change. Last year I enrolled in the Certificate III in business (Office Administration) at Logan TAFE. I thoroughly enjoy my course and feel that it has been of great benefit to me and has prepared me for a position in an office. I was thrilled to secure the position in at YANQ and I am enjoying the challenges that I face. The support and friendly attitude of the staff is terrific and I am sure I will enjoy my time here at YANQ.

New Administration Officer

Peta Ballard undertook her student field placement with us at YANQ has now commenced a new chapter as our Trainee Administration Officer.

Police Move-On Powers

Police Minister, Tom Barton tabled the Police Powers & Responsibilities Bill 2000 in Parliament on 29th February 2000. The Police Powers and Responsibilities Act (PPRA) 2000 was passed by the Queensland Parliament on 16th March 2000. This legislation builds on the PPRA 1997. The Bill extends the current move-on provisions to cover malls in Queensland. Police will have the power to move someone on if they consider the person's presence causes "anxiety" to another person.

There was no consultation undertaken with youth sector representatives prior to the tabling of the Bill. This Bill, in fact, is incongruent with other State Government's policies such as the Youth Participation Strategy. Young people have a right to participate in our communities, however, the impact of these extended powers has the potential to infringe on young people's rights and the rights of disadvantaged and marginalised groups, to access public space.

Both YANQ and Youth Advocacy Centre (YAC) are involved in gathering information - anecdotal, written and research in order to continue informing and lobbying State government regarding the negative impacts that will continue as a result of the further extension of move-on powers. Stay tuned...

Important Note

In the next few weeks all members should have received YANQ's new and improved membership application form. DONT PANIC, you do not have to re-apply. They have been sent out to members to give updated information in regards to membership fees and the changes to our constitution that were voted in at the last AGM. Feel free to pass the new brochure on to anyone who is not already a member and encourage them to join.

Transitions

Just a quick update regarding the Transitions Journal. The theme for this edition is "Grass Roots Policy Development". The editorial group has met for the first time and the process of gathering and sorting articles has begun. We will keep you updated on its progress.

Youth Consultative Network (YCN)

YANQ has met with FYCCQ regarding the new model of YCN. Members received a brief outline of the new model as a flyer in the last Network Noise. We are in the process of identifying a pilot process to trial the new model and will keep members up to date.

Congratulations

Southern Downs "Dumping Depression" Queensland Government Youth Suicide Prevention Strategy Initiatives

YANQ Policy Officers visited the Warwick Youth Network and came across a great local set of new resources. Communities in the Southern Downs district including Millmerran, Goondiwindi, Warwick, Stanthorpe, Inglewood and Texas have produced a number of fabulous resources for young people related to issues of self-harming. The postcards, wallet cards and brochures include artwork and design from local young people and explore themes such as:

- Anger, conflict and bullying - what to do
- What you can do for yourself
- Grief and Loss
- Feeling Good
- Good communication

You can access these excellent creative resources by contacting Julianne Williamson, Community Network Support Worker (QGYSPS) on 07 4681 5260

TWELVE MONTH BRIEF REPORT TO MEMBERS ON ACTIVITIES FOR THE 1999/2000 FINANCIAL YEAR

The following is a brief account of activities for members. This will be expanded in the annual report.

Regional / Interagency visits

- ★ Caboolture
- ★ Ipswich
- ★ Logan
- ★ Pine Rivers
- ★ Redlands
- ★ Brisbane South East
- ★ Innisfail
- ★ Townsville
- ★ Cairns
- ★ Central West
- ★ Emerald
- ★ Blackall
- ★ Brisbane
- ★ Mackay
- ★ Charters Towers
- ★ Cooktown
- ★ Mossman
- ★ Mareeba
- ★ Mt Isa
- ★ Cloncurry

Submissions in response to government

discussion papers:

- ★ Education 2001
- ★ Youth Participation
- ★ Social & Economic Development
- ★ Young people & Watchhouses
- ★ Youth Justice Principles
- ★ Community Services Strategy
- ★ Welfare Reform
- ★ Age Discrimination
- ★ Commission for Children & Young People's Bill

Management Committee members 99/00:

- ★ Deb Kilroy, Siyavash Dootskhah, Di Forsyth, Phil Dodds, James Finn, Karen Schoenmaeckers, Geoff Coakley, Lauren Gilson, Denise Ruska, Rebecca Baird, Bernice Smith

Representation on Government Committees:

- ★ Child Protection Taskforce
- ★ Community Services Strategy Peaks Group.
- ★ Centrelink Youth Protocols Committee
- ★ Centrelink Peaks Meeting

Media

Forums and Events

- ★ GLBT Young People & Self Harm Forum
- ★ Wayward Young Women & Violence Forum
- ★ NESB Mental Health Launch
- ★ Myer City Youth Protocol Forum

- ★ Newspaper articles/interviews; (Quest Newspapers, Courier Mail, Sunday Mail, Sydney Morning Herald, QT, The Australian) :Topics Include:
- ★ Crime prevention, Y/P bankruptcy, Forde Inquiry, Police Powers, Unemployment, Young women, FBT, Drug & Alcohol, Education.
- ★ Radio interviews with ABC, 4ZZZ, 4QR, QUT & Triple J. Topics included: Parenting, Olympics, State Budget, Illicit drugs, Age discrimination, Poverty, Drug testing, Pathways, Millennium, Youth Participation, Strip searches, Federal Budget, Police Powers.

If any member would like further information on the above activities please contact the YANQ office on 3844 7713. All submissions are available for members and most activities have written articles in the Network Noise Newsletters.

Bernice Smith

Director

Youth Participation Strategy

We were pleased to finally see some resources announced in the recent State Budget attached to the Local Level Participation component of 'Generate'.

YANQ has also been invited to nominate as a member of the State Youth Advisory Council (SYAC). We analyzed the current information released on 'Generate' and are pleased to let members know that the majority of feedback seems to have been actioned eg. There will not be a register of young people; the website will be utilised for communication not consultation and the SYAC will focus on youth participation models not advising on policy. Therefore YANQ has nominated as a member of the SYAC so we can keep the sector informed on the process and support young people with information. We have not yet heard the outcome of our nomination.

Membership Survey:

Thank-you to all members who have returned membership surveys. We are currently analyzing the data and will distribute findings in a report in the next couple of months.

Feedback Processes

We have finally received final approval of the new Constitution from the Office of Fair Trading on the 6th April 2000. We are therefore in the process of implementing new membership forms to include the new information.

If any member has any ongoing feedback in regards to any aspects of YANQ's operations please let us know by phone; fax; e-mail or come in and see us.

Have Your say in the Industry Training Analysis

The Queensland Community Services & Health Industries Training Council (ITC) is conducting its annual Industry Training Analysis....and we need your input.

Each year, the ITC is responsible for conducting an industry training analysis, which is used to advise the Department of Education, Training and Industrial Relations (DETIR). The report is due to be completed by September, 2000 for consideration in the 2001-2002 resources allocations of publicly subsidised training across all industries. The report will provide information to the Department on:

- Current training arrangements
- Adequacy of current training arrangements
- Access issues in relation to training
- Potential training gaps
- Where the training will be required in the future

The advice provided will inform a number of publicly subsidised funding areas within DETIR which include TAFE allocations, contestable funds to all eligible registered training organisations, apprenticeships / traineeships, and access & equity allocations (that have a number or targeted funding strategies to support people with disabilities, rural and remote communities, indigenous people, volunteers, women and people from a non-English speaking background).

The planned allocation of training funds for the community services industries in 2001-2002 is 10.96% of the total budget (as for 99) so no growth in overall funding is apparent. This means that considered attention and prioritising by all sectors and regions will be needed including an analysis of other existing/potential sources of funding to address broader training needs.

How can you assist us in this process?

Any information that services can contribute on the following areas will greatly assist in the preparation of this year's report:

- What specific profile information

about your sector, region and local area needs to be included in the industries workforce profile? (Please include your source)

- How best can the Industry Training Analysis capture short and long term training needs of your region/ sector?
- Are there any existing reports, resources, or research documents about your sector that will provide some or all of this information?
- Are they accurate or current? Are there others? Which would be of the greatest importance to your sector/region?
- What issues and recommendations or changes would you make?
- What specific training topics would you like to see offered during 2001-2 for your sector, region and /or individual organisation?

The ISD project team will also be feeding information gathered to date in this process.

If you have information to contribute or would like further information about the Industry Training Analysis please contact Paula Arro at the ITC on 07 3234 0190, Fax: 07 3234 0474 or e-mail parro@qcshtc.org.au

Training News.....

Community Practice Workshops

The Redcliffe City Council in conjunction with the Redcliffe Youth Service Providers Network and the Redcliffe Community Interagency is presenting 6 workshop topics that will benefit local organisations and community groups. The workshops are being coordinated by Responsive Management Australia. The cost for the workshops is \$10.00 (per workshop) and include topics such as Managing Hostile, Aggressive and Difficult Behaviours; Service Evaluation-On the Run! and Investing in the Social Fabric - Family & Community Resilience.

For more information contact:
Leanne Hare on 07 3284 1710 Fax:
3883 1630 or e-mail
ryspn@redcliffe.qld.gov.au

Bayside District Health Service

QGYSPS Brisbane South

Project Title: Referral Pathways of Care across Brisbane South

The Brisbane South Metropolitan area contains a diverse collection of marginalised neighbourhoods. Populations include indigenous, remote (islanders), and multicultural communities. One of the outcomes of this innovative project will be acknowledging the diversity and enhancing the respect for existing services, so that it contributes to an overall sense of nationhood. This project presents a shared vision, a framework for cooperation and a basis for coordinated action to reduce youth suicide which will improve the health, social and economic outcomes for both the community and young people.

With the implementation of these protocols, services which currently work independently of each other, and therefore disconnectedly shall in future provide an effective continuum of care referral pathway for young people with self harming/ suicidal behaviours. This is in line with the Ottawa Charter rationale and strategy, which focuses on improving the health outcomes through strategies such as this project. By embedding changes in the community through this process, community action strengthened and health services are reorientated. In effect it will promote sustainability and enhance community 'connectedness', thereby caring for the present and future generations of young people. This project is unique in that it addresses issues identified by communities, enhances existing services and increases the communities' capacity to respond to young people at risk across a large population base.

The Brisbane South District Steering committees of the

Queensland Government Youth Suicide Prevention Strategy have identified the need for working collaboratively with acute mental health services, hospitals and community organisations to develop and implement good practice protocols on referral pathways of care for young people engaging in self harming/ suicidal behaviours.

The project seeks to:

- Establish a process for coordination, planning and development
- Identify issues, gaps and strengths of services in the Brisbane South Area, including training, policies, protocols and referral strategies
- Assist the community to gain relevant knowledge of what services exist for young people at risk of suicide and self harm
- Encourage and support agencies and services to review, develop and implement policies, protocols and standards to facilitate evidenced based practice, to those working in response to young people at risk of suicide and self harm
- Develop and enhance communication systems between relevant agencies in Brisbane South to facilitate timely referral of young people at risk.

Contact Details

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Community Network Support Worker
Queensland Government Youth suicide Prevention Strategy
Bayside Health Service District
PO Box 585
Cleveland Q 4163
Ph: 07 3240 8311
Fax: 07 3821 4782

2000 QLD State Youth
Affairs Conference
8th-10th November 2000
in
Toowoomba

On a day-to-day level, youth workers and other workers within the field are responding and reacting to various circumstances that affect young people's lives. Through this process, policy is being developed and redeveloped in an ongoing way. Sometimes these policies can have far-reaching implications on an agency, at a local or state level or they can be forgotten and then recreated by the next worker or government.

This year, the theme of the state youth affairs conference is Grass Roots Policy Development. It aims to encourage and support workers in identifying and obtaining avenues for policy development through relevant and interactive processes.

The content and structure of the conference has been developed with the input of a range of workers in the field, via small focus groups across the state. These groups have been conducted in Cairns, Gold Coast, Longreach, Toowoomba, Winton and Brisbane. Many thanks to the people who attended these focus groups.

The conference has been streamed into four main areas involving: skills development, models of policy development-best practice models, change processes and specific policy areas. These areas will be explored in relation to the individual, the organisation and the state and federal level of policy development.

We are still very interested in nominations to conduct keynote addresses and workshops. The call for papers closes on the 1st September - for more information please refer to the conference brochure. The cost of the conference includes GST and has a small increase from last time to cover additional expenses. There is an early bird discount of 10% for people registering by 1 September.

If you have any question please feel free to give me a call to discuss them. Go Well -John Flanagan (Conference Coordinator)

YOUTH DRUG AND ALCOHOL NETWORK PROJECT

The Youth Drug and Alcohol Network Project was initiated after the State Youth Drug & Alcohol Summit held in 1999 is continuing throughout 2000 and into 2001. I have recently been employed to commence Stage 2 of this particularly exciting project.

My role is to coordinate stage 2 of this project. I say exciting because funds are being channeled directly to 20 youth networks across the state to develop a participation process that will actively engage and involve young people in a meaningful way to promote and represent their views and experiences. This is a joint project with the Aboriginal Coordinating Council which will coordinate four projects in North Queensland funded by Qld Health.

Stage 1 of the project saw the involvement of YANQ through the Alcohol and Drug Summit's steering committee and the planning and implementation of the Practitioner Workshop at the Summit. Marg Strong and James Finn were contracted to conduct the planning and facilitation process of this in 1999. The main aim of this stage was to assist workers in the field to identify and share their stories in order to develop good practice models.

One of the key action plans was to develop a safe process to enable young people to participate and share their experiences. To this end stage 2 will involve the 20 projects selected from the 1999 Drug and Alcohol Summit being resourced and supported to work with their networks to:

- ⇒ develop a project that expresses and represents young people's experiences, feelings and views,
- ⇒ to participate in the Zombie Web Internet program which is being implemented by Queensland Health to connect young people across the state via the internet to share their stories and keep in touch.

Finally, the networks will assist in

the planning, supporting and conducting of the Youth Drug and Alcohol Summit which is stage 3 of the project being planned for September/October 2001.

For any additional information or inquiries please contact John Flangan.

Brain Gym skills and strategies help develop:

- Self-esteem
- Motivation
- Skills to identify and avoid stress
- Increased awareness of and respect for one's own intelligence, body and personal space
- Unique tools for team building and for developing cooperation and co-creativity

In adults and children.

The Brain Gym Program is part of Educational Kinesiology and is widely recognised world wide for its innovative and empowering philosophy. It is used in more than 36 countries and translated into over 20 languages. Gay Landeta is a qualified Brain Gym® and Visioncircles™ Instructor, a registered Educational Kinesiologist and has professional training in Family Skills and Parent Education. Gay has a private practice in which she works with children and adults in the area of emotional, behavioural and learning challenges. She also works with at risk children in residential care. Gay regularly presents accredited courses in Brisbane and interstate. As an accredited Workplace Trainer Gay structures workshops to meet the needs of individuals and organisations.

For more information about workshops or consultations please contact:

Gay Landeta on
3358 5838 or
(m) 0418 795 135;
e-mail lgl@gil.com.au

Training News.....

Integrated Skills Development Strategy

HANDLING AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOUR

2 days- Intermediate level

Many workers in the community services sector find themselves dealing with a broad range of situations and behaviours in their workplace. Being able to identify and respond to crisis including aggressive and potentially violent situations is an important skill.

Date: 18 & 19th October, 2000
Time: 9am-5pm

Where: Room 4
Warilda Conference Centre
84 Kedron Park Rd
Woolloowin

Cost: Free for ISD target group
\$100.00 for non target group services

Trainers: Debbie Kilroy and
James Finn
For more information call the
ISD project team on
07 3234 0190

POLICE PURSUITS

YANQ has been seeking clarification on the current Queensland Police policy on 'high-speed' pursuits. In an article in the Sunday Mail on the 16th January 2000, we noted that after the death of a number of young people during high-speed police pursuits that the Queensland Police were making changes to its policy. Since then we have received a number of queries from our membership relating to this matter.

There have been further newspaper reports discussing police pursuits in recent months. The Courier Mail 17th May 2000, Redcliffe & Bayside Herald 31st May 2000, Courier Mail 19th June, 21st June and 22nd June 2000.

YANQ is currently discussing this matter with the Police Ministers Office. Stay tuned.....

training news.....

Integrated Skills Development Strategy

CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS DEBRIEFING

2 days- Intermediate level

This training covers both theoretical and practical concepts of crisis intervention and the nature and types of situations which cause traumatic stress reactions. Critical incident stress and post traumatic stress will be explored with the process and skills of debriefing being demonstrated and practiced.

Date: 4th&5th September, 2000 Time: 9am-4pm
Where: Room 1
Yungaba, 120 Main St
Kangaroo Point
Cost: Free for ISD target group
\$100.00 for non target group services
Trainer: Paul Scully

For more information call the ISD project team on 07 3234 0190

Training News.....

Backbone Youth Arts

2000 Artistic Program

Backbone Youth Arts are holding artistic workshops for young women between the ages of 14-25 during the October, November period. If anyone is interested in joining the groups or finding out more information please call Backbone Youth Arts on 07 3210 2666 or Fax 3210 2655 or check out their website at www.backbone.org.au

Training News....

Diverse Cultures- 'Understanding Who We Are' (2nd Edition) Facilitator Training Workshops

The facilitator Training Workshops are aimed at increasing workers familiarity and knowledge of the Diverse Cultures manual and the experiential training activities contained within the program. It is hoped that after completing the workshops, you will be able to use the manual as a tool in conducting cultural awareness raising workshops within your local communities.

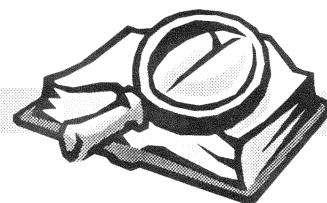
Some Topics Covered in the Program Include:

- The role of culture
- Government Policies and Procedures
- Migration Statistics
- Refugees and Asylum Seekers
- Why Australia
- Stereotyping
- Dispelling the Myths
- Access & Equity

Dates for 2 day workshops:

Ipswich: 23&30 August 00 (phone Jackie Ferro on 07 3810 6658)
Maroochy: 4&11 September (phone Faye Stewart on 07 5443 7281)
Caboolture: 5&12 September (phone Jeremy Liyange on 07 5420 0211)
Inala: 6&13 September (phone Debbie Irvine on 07 3372 3770)
Toowoomba: 7&14 September (phone Trang Nguyen on 07 4688 6300)
Woodridge: 8&15 September (phone Heidi Powson on 07 3826 5171)

Cost \$40 (includes training manual, catering and 2 day workshop.)
Numbers are limited to 12 people per workshop.



Australian Democrats Research Project

The Australian Democrats are currently engaged in a research project addressing the growing social, economic and cultural divisions between the wealthy and the poor in Australia.

The aim of this project is to determine the key issues, and then to develop a policy framework and plans of action to put to both state and federal governments for implementation. For more information contact Carolyn Atkins, Social Policy Researcher on 03 9416 1880.

Society for Research on Adolescence

An online list for student members of the Society for Research on Adolescence (SRA) is now available. To subscribe, send a message to listserv@tlemail.che.umn.edu. In the body of the text put the following message:

subscribe YOURNAME
srastudent.

Contact: Manfred van Dulmen
(vand0279@tc.umn.edu)
Website: <http://www.s-r-a.org>

Australian and New Zealand Third Sector Research Limited

Australian and New Zealand Third Sector Research Ltd (ANZTSR) was formed in 1993. Their membership comprises practitioners, academics and consultants to the sector that is neither business nor government but which increasingly overlaps the two. The economic and social contribution of this sector to a civil society is now becoming recognised but we need to draw on the collaborative resources of the sector to pursue this recognition.

By bringing together the vast knowledge base within this sector ANZTSR can provide access to, and encouragement for, research on many aspects of the sector.

Details of our latest newsletter and a list of all our available publication titles on our Website: <http://arts.deakin.edu.au/anztsr/>
There is also a biennial conference (this year it will be held at the University of Western Sydney on the 2-5th of December 2000) and members will receive a special discount in the conference fee. For further information the conference Website is: <http://www.nepean.uws.edu.au/social/activism>

Innovations by the Youth Interagencies

Inner Urban Youth Interagency Youth Homelessness Research Project

The Inner Urban Youth Interagency is a coalition of services working with young people in the inner city (within an 8-km radius of the CBD), as well as Local and State Government representatives. The Interagency has secured funding from the Brisbane City Council Community Development Assistance Grant program to conduct a research project focussing on homeless young people who access outreach services after hours.

The project will be conducted in two stages and will assist services involved in the interagency to 'get a clear sense of who is homeless in the inner urban area, what the issues are for these young people and what services are required to respond'. Young people will be surveyed during two periods, one week in August and one week in November, in order to gain a comparison of the colder and warmer times of year.

Angie Dunbavan has been employed as the project consultant. The project is auspiced by YANQ and managed by a steering group comprising members of the Inner Urban Youth Interagency and YANQ. For further information you can contact Mitchell Dobbie at Drug Arm on 3368 3822.

If your local Interagency has info to share write it up for Network Noise. YANQ members are always keen to hear what's going on across the State.



YES! Program

The YES! Program aims to provide access to affordable entertainment events for young people in rural and regional areas. Young people in these areas often miss out on entertainment due to lack of live music venues and events. This is a problem especially for young people under the age of eighteen who are too young to drive to gigs in larger cities and towns. To address this problem the Queensland Government, through Arts Queensland has established the YES! Program. YES! Provides money for young people to organise contemporary music events in their own communities. These events are affordable all ages gigs devised by young people for young people and can involve all areas of contemporary music eg, live gigs, dance party's etc.

The YES! program offers grants of \$5000.00 and the closing date for this round of funding is the 31st October 2000.

If you would like to apply or find out more information call Arts Queensland on (07) 3224 5661 or toll free on 1800 175 531.

Community Grants Programs



(07) 3403 8888

24hrs a day

ABN 72 002 765 795

Community Sports Assistance Scheme

Closing Date for Applications 14th August 2000

Applications are invited from community sporting organisations and clubs for projects of a capital or program nature which increase Brisbane's community participation in sport. Grants are awarded on a dollar for dollar basis, up to a maximum of \$20,000.

Junior Sports Development Scheme

Closing Date for Applications 14th August 2000

This program provides financial assistance for Brisbane based community sporting organisations towards initiatives which encourage participation in sport by young people. Funding can be up to 75% of project costs, to a maximum of \$15,000.

Environmental Grants

Closing Date for Applications 14th August 2000

Provides financial assistance for environmental projects which increase Brisbane's community participation in the environment. Environmental issues addressed include bushland, waterways, air, noise, permaculture and pollution. Funding also extends to assisting environmental groups to meet some operating expenses.

Local Cultural and Festival Grants

Closing Date for Applications is the 28th August 2000

This program provides financial assistance towards community cultural projects, festivals and events that encourage the cultural development of neighbourhoods and communities. Grants up to \$7,500 are available.

Guidelines and application forms for each program are available through the following Brisbane City Council outlets:

Brisbane City Council Call Centre -phone (07) 3403 8888
Forms and information are available from the Councils website
www.brisbane.qld.gov.au

Resources/Publications



Introduction to Queensland Residential Tenancy Law

Training and distance Learning Manual for Tenant Advocates

The introduction to Queensland Residential Tenancy Law Training and Distance Learning Manual is based on the Tenants' Union of Queensland's nationally recognised, accredited training course. It contains information and interpretations of the Queensland Residential Tenancies Act 1994 (as amended). The manual is designed to be used in a number of ways by tenant advocates:

☞ In the 3 day training course, organised regularly at the Tenants Union

☞ To undertake the course in a self-paced, distance learning approach

☞ As a reference tool for the Queensland Residential Tenancies Act 1994

For more information and an order form please contact the Tenants Union of Australia on (07) 3257 1411

Contact YANQ for a copy of our response to the Age Matters discussion paper, precursor to the report

AGE MATTERS:

A REPORT ON AGE DISCRIMINATION IN AUSTRALIA

Federal anti-discrimination legislation is needed to eliminate unfair treatment of Australian workers based on their age, Human Rights Commissioner Chris Sidoti said today.

Launching his report, *Age Matters: a report on age discrimination*, Mr Sidoti said age was still being used as a criterion to judge a person's ability to do a job.

"There is now substantial research that shows older and younger workers feel they are denied promotion, employment and training because of their age," he said.

He called for funding of specialist employment agencies to help place older Australians in work and a national public and business awareness campaign. He also said young people face discrimination, in some cases being told point blank they are too young for the job.

"Ironically, people get hit at both ends of the spectrum," he said. "At 16 we may be thought too young to perform a certain job. Several decades on we are often judged too old to do certain jobs."

The Australian Defence Force was highlighted as an area of Government employment with strict age limits covering recruitment, promotion and duration of employment. In four recent complaints about ADF employment practices, Mr Sidoti found the ADF had unjustly discriminated against the men. The ADF is in the process of reviewing some of its age limits.

Mr Sidoti called for federal anti-discrimination legislation that would make age distinctions unlawful unless reasonable or justified.

"For over 10 years Governments of both political persuasions have talked about this but done little," he said. "The situation now is that the Commonwealth lags far behind every state and territory in protecting people from discrimination based on age."

Media contact: Janine MacDonald (02) 9284 9880 or 0412 783 631

Age Matters: A report on age discrimination is available at http://www.hreoc.gov.au/human_rights/older_aust/h5_6_4.html

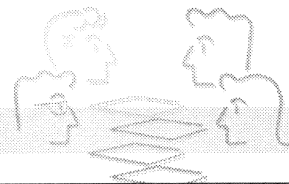
Equal opportunity and anti-discrimination issues visit <http://www.hreoc.gov.au>

Young People

- A Profile of Brisbane's Young People

Brisbane City Council has recently launched a youth profile. The report was prepared for Brisbane City Council to inform Council's role and future direction in relation to young people. It was also intended that the report would be a useful planning tool for other spheres of government, the community sector and anyone with an interest in young people in Brisbane. It is indeed that. How do you get your copy? Ring Jane Jennison on ph: 3403 5513 or email: yspo@brisbane.qld.gov.au.

Conferences/training/events



4th Australian Women's Health Conference

19-21 February 2001

Adelaide Convention Centre

The Australian Women's Health Network Committee is holding the 4th Australian Women's Health Conference.

The conference will be stimulating, energising and challenging. It will aim to continue the development of action for women's health in Australia and to refresh and reactivate the National Women's Health Policy. The conference will emphasise an inclusive and participatory approach.

For more information please phone (08) 8363 1307 or E-mail info@fcconventions.com.au

MANAGERIALISM, CONTRACTUALISM AND PROFESSIONALISM IN HUMAN SERVICES

A conference for academics and practitioners. This conference examines the impact that the new managerialism is having on human service professionals. It will give practitioners and analysts an opportunity to reflect, critique and contribute to ongoing policy debates about the role and significance of service delivery approaches such as tendering, contracting and use of purchase provider splits.

Cost: \$60.00 (\$40.00 for concession)

Fees are due by 16th October 2000.

Date: 20-21 November 2000

Venue: Deakin University, Melbourne Campus

For more information phone (03) 5227 2113 or check out the website at <http://arts.deakin.edu.au/cchr>

Innovations in Welfare: The Smart State

Seminar Series 2000

Sponsored by Families, Youth and Community Care Queensland and Department of Government and School of Social Work and Social Policy, University of Queensland

David Thompson
Jobs Australia

A New class of Citizen?
Outcomes of the Jobs Network
Friday 8 September 2000
3pm

Robert Fitzgerald
Community Services Commissioner NSW

Providing Care:
Challenges and responses in the provision of community services in the contemporary environment
Friday 13 October 2000
3pm

Associate Professor Myles McGregor-Lowndes
QUT

Reshaping the Landscape:
The Impact of Tax Reform on the services delivery system
Friday 10 November 2000
3pm

All Seminars will be held in Seminar Room, Plaza Level 111 George St Brisbane Commencing at 3pm

Enquires: Phone 3365 2635 Dept of Government, University of Queensland

Professor Sheila Shaver
University of NSW

The concept of Individual Autonomy and Developments in the Welfare State
Friday 8 December 2000
3pm

interagency meetings



Regional Queensland

- ☞ **Bundaberg Youth Forum** Contact: Angie Shankster, BASIC, PO Box 2026 Bundaberg Q 4670. Ph. (07) 4152 0255, Fax (07) 4152 0266. 1st Floor, WIN Tower, Cnr Quay & Barolin Streets.
- ☞ **Cairns Youth Services Network** Contact: Desley Renton, YDO, Cairns City Council, PO Box 359, Cairns Q 4870. Ph (07) 4044 3353 Fax (07) 4044 3830. Meets on the last Thursday each month 3:30pm at Cairns City Library, Abbott St Cairns
- ☞ **Central and North Burnett Community Service Network (YDIG youth sub group)** Contact: Andrew Crowthers & Jodie Manskie, Monto Neighbourhood Centre, PO Box 97, Monto Q 4630. Ph (07) 4166 1733 Fax (07) 4166 3186. Meets 1st Monday of each month (venue changes).
- ☞ **Central West Youth Network** Contact: Warren McDonald. PO Box 191, Barcaldine, Q 4725, (Ph) 07 4651 1211 Fax (07) 4651 1778. Meets every 2 or 3 months. Next meeting 2nd November, 10.00 am, Barcaldine YETI club
- ☞ **Emerald Youthlink Network** Contact: Brad Witt, Rural Youth Worker, Emerald Shire Council, PO Box 21, Emerald Q 4720. Ph (07) 4982 0540. Meets the first Monday every second month at the DFYCC Conference room, 51 Ruby St, Emerald.
- ☞ **Gladstone Youth Interagency** Contact: Andrea Hughes Gladstone City Council, PO Box 29, Gladstone Q 4680. Ph (07) 4972 4855. Fax (07) 4972 6557. Meets first Wednesday of every month. Venue: Neighbourhood Centre, 105 Tooloora St. Gladstone Q 4680
- ☞ **Hervey Bay Youth Sector Workers Network** Contact: Sue Lawler, PO Box 45, Torquay, Hervey Bay Q 4655. Ph (07) 4125 0230 Fax (07) 4125 0303. Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month. Venues subject to change.
- ☞ **Innisfail Youth Services Network** Contact: Rebecca Hyde, PO Box 887, Innisfail Q 4870. Ph (07) 4030 2255 Fax (07) 4061 6005. Meets twice per year at Alan Maruff House, Innisfail.
- ☞ **Mackay Youth Connection & Network Inc** Helen Anderson, Mackay Youth Support Service, PO Box 1630, Mackay Q. 4740. (Ph) 07 4953 2299 (Fax) 07 4953 3454 Meets monthly at YACCA, 10 River Street, Mackay.
- ☞ **Magnetic North Youth Service Providers** Contact: Monica McCabe, PO Box 573, Townsville Q 4810. Ph (07) 4771 3648 Fax (07) 4721 5804. Meets 3rd Tuesday each month from 10.30am at Migrant Resource Centre, T&G Building Cnr Stanley and Flinders Sts, Townsville Q 4810
- ☞ **Mt Isa and District Youth Interagency** Contact: Alvin Hava, Qld Health, PO Box 2958, Mt Isa Q 4825. Ph (07) 4744 4805 Fax (07) 4749 0663. Or Kathryn McFarlane (Mt Isa centre for Rural and Remote Health, Ph (07) 4745 4509 Fax (07) 4749 5130. Meets monthly.
- ☞ **Rockhampton Combined Youth Sector & Suicide Prevention Network Youth Interagency** Contact: Kalie Bloxsom, Capricorn Youth Housing, PO Box 644 Rockhampton Q 4700. Ph (07) 4927 7333 Fax (07) 4922 8488. Meets 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Community Health Centre at 10.30am.
- ☞ **South Burnett Youth Development Network** Contact: Shirley Varrall, PO Box 326, Kingaroy Q 4610. Ph (07) 4162 5052 Fax: (07) 4162 5120. Meets monthly at the Child Health Bldg, Kingaroy.
- ☞ **Sunshine Coast Youth Workers Forum** Contact: Terri Shine, Caloundra City Council, PO Box 47, Caloundra Q 4551. Ph (07) 5491 0952, Fax: (07) 5491 0801. Meets every six weeks at Alcooringa, Ballinger Rd, Buderim. Next meeting 7th September 10.00 am.
- ☞ **Toowoomba Youth Organisations Network (TYON)** Contact: Ed Bradbury, Department of Education, PO Box 38, Toowoomba Q 4350. Ph (07) 4688 4499 Fax (07) 4688 4498. Meets monthly (venue changes).
- ☞ **Warwick Youth network**, Southern Downs Health Service District, PO Box 273, Stanthorpe, Q 4380. Ph (07) 4681 5260 Fax (07) 4681 5228. Meets quarterly, 1st Wednesday of the month at Warwick Community Health Centre.

interagency meetings



South-east Queensland

- ☞ **Beaudesert Interagency** Contact: Marg Moss, , PO Box374, Beaudesert, Q 4825. Ph (07) 5541 3762 Fax (07) 5541 3654. Meets first Wednesday of the month 10am -12:00pm at Illoura Centre, 31 Duckett St, Beaudesert.
- ☞ **Beenleigh & District Interagency** Contact: Sharyn Bloomfield, Beenliegh Community Health, PO Box 386, Beenleigh Q 4207. Ph (07) 3909 9833 Fax (07) 3290 9899. Meets monthly at Community Health, Mt Warren Blvd, Beenleigh.
- ☞ **Brisbane Inner Urban Youth Interagency** Contact: Mitchell Dobbie at Drug Arm, 83 Castlemain St Milton Q 4064. Ph: (07) 3368 3822 Fax: 3367 3289. Meets 2nd Thursday of the month, 2.00 - 4.00 pm at Beenliegh Community Health, Mt. Warren Blvd, Mt. Warren Park.
- ☞ **Caboolture Youth Network** Contact: Janine Carter, Caboolture Shire Council. Ph (07) 5420 0342 Fax (07) 5420 0350. Meets 2nd Wednesday of each month at Families, Youth and Community Care, Level 3, King Street, Caboolture.
- ☞ **Gold Coast Youth Network** Contact Ruh Knight, Gold Coast Project for Homeless Youth, PO Box31 Chevron Island, Q 4217, Ph (07) 5572 8919. Meets last Wednesday of month at Stephens Communityb Centre.
- ☞ **Inala Youth Interagency** Contact: John Rigsby-Jones, Inala Youth and Family Support Service, PO Box 141, Inala Q 4077. Ph (07) 3372 2655 Fax (07) 3372 2710. Meets at 12:00pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month at Centrelink Office Wirrawat St Inala.
- ☞ **Ipswich Youth Focus** Contact: Marissa Sherry, South Street, Ipswich Q 4305. Ph (07) 3810 6656 Fax 3810 6741. Every 6 weeks on a Wednesday, 12 noon at Pulse Youth Entertainment Centre, Griffiths Rd, Eastern Heights Q 4305
- ☞ **Logan Youth Interagency Network** Contact Carolyn McBurney, YFS Logan, PO Box Q 4114 Ph (07) 3826 5107 Fax (07) 3808 0014. Please contact Carolyn McBurney for details.
- ☞ **Pine Rivers Youth Service Providers Network** Contact: Di Catling, Youth Care Pine Rivers, PO Box 143, Strathpine Q 4500. Ph (07) 3881 2823 Fax (07) 3881 1047. Meets 1st Monday of every 2nd month, 2pm at 16 Lincohn St, Strathpine.
- ☞ **Redcliffe Youth Service Providers Network** Contact: John Dawkins, Redcliffe City Council, PO Box 66, Redcliffe Q 4020. Ph (07) 32841765 Fax (07) 3883 1630. Meets 3rd Wednesday of every alternative month at the Meeting room Peninsula Business & Tourism Centre 35-37 Redcliffe Parade, Redcliffe.
- ☞ **Redlands Youth Network** Contact: Christine D'Arcy, Redlands Health Service Centre, PO Box 585, Cleveland Q 4163. Ph (07) 3240 8311 Fax (07) 3821 4782. Meets 3rd Monday each month 9:30-11:30am at Redlands Health Service Centre, Hospital Grounds, Cleveland.
- ☞ **South-east Youthlink Interagency** Contact: Jillan Covey, JPET, 34 Sanders Street, Upper Mt Gravatt, Q 4122 Ph (07)3349 2855 Fax: (07) 3349 3593 . Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month, 9am - 11am at Centrelink Office, Stones Corner.
- ☞ **Youth Health Interagency** Contact: Lea McLaughlin at Brisbane Youth Service, PO Box 1389, Fortitude Valley Q 4006. Ph (07) 3252 3750 Fax (07) 3252 2166. Meets every two months at Child and Youth Mental Health Services, Cnr Water & Rogers Sts, Spring Hill.
- ☞ **Wynnum Youth Network** Contact: Danielle Jenkins, Bayside Adolscent Boarding Inc, PO Box 69 Wynnum Q 4178. Ph (07) 3393 4170 or Fax (07) 3393 5808. Meets every 3 months, 9.30 - 11.30 am Venue changes

Membership / Subscription Application Form Tax Invoice

ABN: 28 205 281 339 All relevant fees have 10% GST included

Category Applied For:

☐ Individual / Young Person (aged 12 - 25 years) Membership

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| Title _____ | First Name _____ | Family Name _____ |
| Postal Address _____ | | |
| Suburb _____ | State _____ | Postcode _____ |
| Phone (H) _____ | (W) _____ | |
| Fax _____ | Mobile _____ | |
| E-mail _____ | | |

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| Receiving Centrelink | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 5.00 |
| Young Person | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10.00 |
| Income < \$25,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00 |
| Income \$25,000 - \$50,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$40.00 |
| Income > \$50,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00 |
| <i>Must be paid by personal cheque, money order, credit card or cash</i> | |

☐ Organisational Membership Organisation _____

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| Contact Person Title _____ | First Name _____ | Family Name _____ |
| Position _____ | | |
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| Suburb _____ | State _____ | Postcode _____ |
| Phone (W) _____ | Fax _____ | |
| Mobile _____ | E-mail _____ | |

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| Community Not for Profit Organisation | |
| Funding < \$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$55.00 |
| Funding \$100,000 - \$250,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$80.00 |
| Funding \$250,000 - \$400,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$120.00 |
| Funding > \$400,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150.00 |
| For Profit Organisations | |
| Community Organisation | <input type="checkbox"/> \$165.00 |

☐ Subscriber Department/Service _____

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| Contact Person Title _____ | First Name _____ |
| Position _____ | |
| Postal Address _____ | |
| Suburb _____ | State _____ Postcode _____ |
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| Mobile _____ | E-mail _____ |

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| Community not for profit | |
| Individual | <input type="checkbox"/> \$60.00 |
| Organisation | <input type="checkbox"/> \$160.00 |
| For Profit | <input type="checkbox"/> \$200.00 |
| Government Department or Service | |
| Federal, State, Local | <input type="checkbox"/> \$185.00 |

NB. If for some reason you are unable to sign the values and vision statement of the Network you are entitled to become a subscriber after submitting the relevant fee.

Pay by Credit Card: ☐ American Express ☐ Mastercard ☐ Bankcard ☐ Visa

Card Details

Name on Card _____

Expiry Date _____

Signature _____

Please send application; cheque; money order or credit card details to 30 Thomas St, West End QLD 4101

I.....have read and support the objects and the values summary of the Network and hereby request to become a member of the network.

Signed.....Date.....

I.....a current financial member of the Network, second the application.

Signed.....Date.....



Youth Affairs Network of Queensland Inc

who are we?

The Youth Affairs Network of Queensland (YANQ) Inc is the peak community youth affairs organisation in Queensland.

Representing over 500 individuals and organisations from Queensland's youth sector, we promote the interests and well-being of young people across the state by:

- disseminating information to members, the youth sector, and the broader community
- undertaking campaigns and lobbying
- making representations to government and other influential bodies
- resourcing regional and issues-based networks
- consulting and liaising with members and the field
- linking with key state and national bodies
- initiating projects
- hosting forums and conferences

We advocate on behalf of young people in Queensland, especially disadvantaged young people, to government and the community. We promote and support cultural diversity. We encourage the development of policies and programs responsive to the needs of young people.

Your membership and support is vital in providing a voice for young people's issues in Queensland.

who can join?

Membership of the network may be granted to youth organisations, Youth Workers and young people in the non government youth sector who have:

Agreed to support the objects and values summary of the network and paid the prescribed fee and completed the relevant application form

Subscriber

Any other individual or organisation interested in the work of the network is entitled to become a subscriber after submitting the relevant fee.

Become a member...

... and make a difference!

Keep up to date

- Free newsletter quarterly, Network Noise
- Free fact sheets distributed regularly, In fact...
- Discount on other YANQ publications, such as Transitions
- Information on-line at our website
- Access to library resources

- Free-call 1-800 line for regional members

Make valuable contacts

- Participate in youth policy development
- Join YANQ's working parties
- Receive support and information for your regional and issues-based networks
- Contribute to our newsletter

Access professional development

- Discounts at YANQ forums and training events
- Discount at YANQ's Biennial State Youth Affairs Conference

YANQ Aims

- To promote the interests of the youth sector particularly the interests of disadvantaged and marginalised young people, throughout Queensland.
- To enable the participation of young people, particularly disadvantaged and marginalised young people, in the Network and wider community.
- To advocate with and for young people, particularly disadvantaged and marginalised young people.
- To lobby to achieve long term social change in the interests of young people particularly disadvantaged and marginalised young people.
- To support and encourage the development of new means of meeting the rights and needs of young people, particularly disadvantaged and marginalised young people.
- To contribute to the development of the youth sector through networking, research and information provision.
- To develop policies on issues affecting the youth sector.
- To ensure that the Network has adequate resources to properly address issues affecting the youth sector.
- To function in a manner consistent with the Values and Vision of the Network.

join today!

Simply fill in the application form, detach and return it to YANQ with your membership fee payment.

For more information please call us on (07) 3844 7713 or 1800 177 899 (available for regional Qld)

Summary of our Values

At YANQ, we believe that everyone is unique. At the same time, human beings share a lot in common, and are essentially social. We envisage a society where everyone lives in harmony. For this to happen, society must both value every individual and seek the best outcome for the community as a whole. There is the same diversity amongst young people as the rest of the community; like everyone else, young people need to feel respected and valued. When young women and young men are treated as important, the rest of society will gain from their insights and experiences.

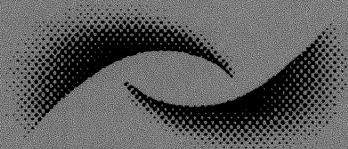
We aim to contribute to developing a society that genuinely includes all its members. That's why we are committed to promoting multiculturalism (in its widest sense), and supporting and respecting the wide range of cultures that are part of Australian society. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people always have been, and always will be, the first people of this land. Because of their special relationship with the land, indigenous culture will always have a particular significance in Australian society. Focussing on reconciliation with indigenous people is an important starting point toward creating a more inclusive society. It also provides a model for other areas of action, including strategies toward improving the situation of young people.

We believe that the most effective way to achieve constructive social change is for people to work together. Economic, social and political change is happening all the time, and it is critical that we constantly assess and reassess our strategies if we are to influence change. Both the process and outcomes of change must be fair if sustained, constructive social change is to occur.

We believe that everybody is entitled to have their basic emotional and material rights met. The central role of governments is to ensure that this occurs. Unfortunately, at the moment, governments in Australia focus on supporting global economic interests. Whilst we believe that everyone is fundamentally equal, some sections of our society do not have access to their fair share of society's resources. This includes young people, whose basic human rights are currently not being met. YANQ is committed to encouraging positive discrimination on behalf of those groups which miss out in society so that this type of social injustice will be overcome. It is only when everyone's fundamental rights are fulfilled, and each has the means to fully participate, that it will become relevant to talk about "mutual obligation" between society and its members.

We believe that a range of strategies is required to achieve constructive social change. Governments in Australia appear committed to stopping the voice of those who challenge their misplaced priorities. YANQ is responsible for being a strong public voice which lobbies and advocates on behalf of those young people who particularly miss out in society, and of young people as a whole. To undertake this role effectively, it is crucial that we draw on the expertise of those working most closely with issues affecting particular groups of young people - young women and young men themselves, youth workers and youth organisations. That's why networking is another important social change strategy; it enables the youth sector to participate in collective action.

Ultimately, YANQ's credibility is maintained by practicing what we preach. Our whole structure is designed to ensure that our values and vision permeate the organisation. We are committed to maintaining an open, flexible, accountable, consistent, inclusive, valuing approach in all our dealings - within YANQ, and in our relations with our members and the wider community. We are committed to applying our values in everything we say, and everything we do.



youth affairs network qld

FUNDING

Expressions of Interest

Reconnect Services

Reconnect, an early intervention program for young people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and their families, was recommended by the Prime Ministerial Youth Homelessness Taskforce and is based on the framework and key concepts identified by the Taskforce

The primary objective of the program is to improve the level of engagement of homeless young people, or those at risk of homelessness, in family, work, education, training and the community.

The Department will assess Expressions of Interest and may invite satisfactory agencies to submit full applications for assessment in late 2000.

Successful services are expected to commence operation on 1 July 2001.

Further information about the Reconnect program may be obtained from the Department's website at www.facs.gov.au or call (07) 3005 6061.

Expressions of Interest must be received by 5pm on Friday 6th October 2000.

Expression of Interest

Early Intervention Parenting Projects

The Department of Family and Community Services (FaCS) is seeking expressions of interest for funding of national projects that support and strengthen parenting roles and contribute to the development and well being of children in the early years.

Funding of up to \$100,000 per annum is available for approved projects
Completion is expected within two years

To obtain a copy of the statement of requirements and application form visit www.facs.gov.au/tenders or call Annette Quinn on 02 6212 9220

Expressions of interest must be received by COB Monday October 2nd 2000

WHAT IS THE AMEP?

The AMEP is funded federally by the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs (DIMA) and delivered in flexible modes across Australia by providers who are specialists in teaching English as a second language such as TAFE QUEENSLAND.

The AMEP is aimed at assisting in the settlement process and the acquisition of English language skills for newly and recently arrived adult migrants.

The AMEP is accessible through Formal Classroom Tuition, Home Tutor schemes and Distance Learning.

COST?

Enrolment in AMEP courses is FREE as there are no course fees for eligible clients. (For clients on certain visa subclasses and NZ passports there is however an annual administration fee or proof of exemption)

AMEP Eligible clients are entitled to FREE child care for children under school age, where it is required in order to attend class. *Conditions apply.*

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

There are certain criteria, depending on visa category, which a client requires to be ELIGIBLE for the AMEP. **Generally the following categories of people are eligible when assessed as not yet functional in English:**

- Migrants who arrived in Australia after 1st July 1991;
- Newly arrived migrants or humanitarian entrants;
- Temporary residents who hold a gazetted visa class;
- Migrants on New Zealand passports;
- People who have been granted permanent residence in Australia since 1st July 1991.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON AMEP ELIGIBILITY or PROGRAMS in QUEENSLAND

Clients requiring more information on English Language options and the AMEP can contact **TAFE LANGUAGE & LITERACY SERVICES** on **07 3234 1666** with their visa / passport details.

WHAT OTHER INFORMATION CAN TAFE LANGUAGE & LITERACY SERVICES OFFER?

ISSUES:

- ◆ Settlement
- ◆ Temporary Visa Subclasses 820's / 309's (spouse and de facto visas) and English Language options.
- ◆ Family
- ◆ School
- ◆ Venues
- ◆ Child care
- ◆ Times
- ◆ Focus
- ◆ Costs

TAFE QLD OPTIONS:

- ◆ Flexible Learning Options
- ◆ Home Tutor Scheme
- ◆ Distance Learning
- ◆ Child Care Support
- ◆ Special Preparatory Programs
- ◆ Independent Learning Centres
- ◆ Home Tutor Enhancement Scheme

What English Language support is available after the AMEP?



Language and Literacy Services

Level 5
288 Edward Street
Brisbane Queensland
Australia

GPO Box 2599
Brisbane Q 4001

Tel 07 3234 1666
Fax 07 3234 1655

Email:
TAFE.LangLit@detir.qld.gov.au

Website:
www.tafe.net/languageservices



DEPARTMENT OF
EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING
& INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

YOUTH AFFAIRS NETWORK OF QUEENSLAND (YANQ)

Invites you to a consultation

SAAP/CAP

Viability and Service Delivery Model Benchmarking Report, preliminary findings

The draft report on SAAP/CAP Viability and Benchmarking has recently been completed and Families, Youth and Community Care Queensland and the Queensland Department of Housing are conducting consultation workshops statewide.

YANQ will be conducting a youth sector specific consultation, providing community-based services with an opportunity to discuss issues and ideas, to inform the process.

Themes for discussion may include:

- ≈ Funding levels & individual service viability
- ≈ Service system viability
- ≈ SAAP/CAP Issues
- ≈ Models of service delivery

All welcome to attend

Date: Tuesday, 19th September 2000
Time: 1.00 – 3.00 pm
Venue: Gallang Place, 31 Thomas Street, West End. (across the road from YANQ)

If you are unable to attend the consultation but would like to have your say – contact Carolyn with your input (see contact details below).

Any questions regarding the project or the report please contact John McDonnell, Project Manager, Renewing SAAP on 07 3405 6403

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Registration Form –

SAAP/CAP VIABILITY AND BENCHMARKING REPORT
CONSULTATION

Name:.....

Organisation (if applicable):.....

Mailing Address:.....
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Ph:..... Fax:..... Email:.....

Please complete the registration form and return it by Friday 15th September 2000 to:
YANQ – 30 Thomas Street, West End, 4101 or fax (07) 3844 7731

For further information please call Carolyn Grant on (07) 3844 7713 or
yanq@thehub.com.au



Help us Help you !

We here at YANQ are currently updating our membership database and we need your help to do so.

It would be appreciated if you could fill out the section below and return it to us at **YANQ,**
30 Thomas St, West End Q 4101 or Fax it on 07 3844 7731

Full Name Of Organisation _____

Name of Current Contact Person _____

Postal Address _____

Suburb _____ State _____ Post Code _____

Contact Phone () _____

Contact Fax () _____

E-mail Address _____

Thankyou for taking the time to complete this form, it is very much appreciated and will help us ensure that all financial members receive the information that they are entitled to. If you have any queries in regards to your membership do not hesitate to call us on **07 3844 7713 or 1800 177 899**(for regional members)



C.R.O.C. Good Standards

This year celebrates the 10th Anniversary of Australia protecting the human rights of young people and children. In 1990, the Australian Government ratified the United Nations Convention on Rights of the Child which applies to young people under 18 years of age.

In celebration of the 10th Anniversary this leaflet has been designed to encourage organisations working with young people to examine their role and commitment to the Convention's principles.

Note: While the Convention is predominantly aimed at Government responsibilities, this document challenges individual organisations to also accept responsibility to meet the principles of the Convention.

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*Next 2000 meeting dates:
Monday: 4th Sept., 2nd October,
6th November, 4th December.*

Youth Justice Coalition

*Time: 3.00 pm
Come along !*

Y.J.C.

The Next meeting of the Youth Justice Coalition will be held on Monday 4th. September, 2000.

If you are in the regions outside Brisbane or unable to attend and would like to receive the minutes and information about the activities of YJC please contact us. We can forward information by email so contact us with your details.

YJC recent activities and working groups include:

- *Action regarding police handling of complaints by young women sexual assault survivors.*
- *Submission response regarding the Commission of Children and Young People Bill*
- *Campaigning re Police move-on powers.*

Venue:
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