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## As the Dust Settles the Fun Begins

Hello all readers. Well it seems that the changes which have come about due to the new Beattie government are only just starting to settle down. It is a pity that it takes six months for the government processes to adjust to new systems/Ministers and that adjustment can take another six months to hit the grass roots.

The other frustrating or maybe confusing part of the new government is that everything seems to be urgent – why? – this government is only just starting its term. We have been and will continue to challenge this urgency especially in relation to short timeframes for consultation, feedback from the sector and collaborative processes. YANQ has submitted several submission responses to government since the last edition of Network Noise. We responded to the Queensland Juvenile Justice Amendment Bill among others. We have feedback that the sector needed more time/resources in the consultation process.

The sector State wide is extremely busy. We have seen another Child protection week come and go still without the necessary funds to implement the Forde inquiry recommendations. Services in all sections of the youth sector are under stress largely caused by lack of resources. YANQ is pleased that the Community Services Strategy is looking at viability issues, however the government needs to accept a large percentage of responsibility due to the past failure of supporting services especially in the areas of training for management committee, relief funding and over demand of services. YANQ has been visiting Youth interagencies in regional areas around the State, recently in Cairns, Mackay and Townsville and

Brisbane based interagencies. We are hearing the great work that is being undertaken and also of the frustrations of lack of funding to ensure quality programs are delivered to young people. The outrageous lack of beds for young people in the three areas of homelessness, drug and alcohol rehabilitation/detoxification and mental health are highlighted everywhere we go. YANQ continues to highlight these areas in budget bids and processes to Ministers. We will continue our fight and advocacy for the sector and therefore for young people.

YANQ continues to auspice projects and coordinate events for the youth sector to ensure issues are further explored and developed from the community sector. The homophobia get over it conference in June and the Inner city Youth Homelessness research is now complete. We are also in the planning stages of the CALD Self Harm Seminar to be held in November.

I hope the year is a positive one for our readers. We can not forget, however to celebrate the achievements of work undertaken day in and day out by workers working with and for young people throughout the State and acknowledge the small successes of securing new resources/programs such as increase in drug and alcohol rehabilitation beds, bail accommodation service and a new youth employment rights centre to name a few.

Happy reading

From Bernice  
Director YANQ

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# General Update

## AYAC

Great News!!! At a recent meeting in Melbourne a structure for the new national youth peak was agreed upon. Incorporation is currently being undertaken and the nominated public officer is the Executive Officer of the ACT Youth Peak - Meredith Hunter. It has taken 18 months to finalise this structure since AYPAC was de-funded as the Peak Body. The new structure enables individuals to become members as well as organisations. This was not an option in the AYPAC model and we believe that this and other youth participation process will enable a greater voice for young people on a national level as well as revive a desperately needed voice for the sector and community as a whole.

The new name of the national Peak Body is the Australian Youth Affairs Coalition (AYAC). YANQ is a founding member and will continue to convene six weekly teleconferences between members. Other founding members include all the State/Territory Youth Peaks, Fusion, NYCH, YWACA and the Children's Law Society. Once the incorporation is finalised AYAC will be calling for membership of the new Peak Body probably around February next year.

## NAIDOC

YANQ attended the NAIDOC festival in Musgrave Park. It was exciting to so many people attend, the numbers seemed to be close to double that of last year. It was a real celebration of Aboriginal and Islander culture with lots of food, good people, great stalls and informative people to talk with about the youth sector.

## Child Protection

YANQ attends the Child Protection Partners Forum meetings. This group arose after the Child Protection Taskforce finished its job in relation to the Child protection Strategic Plan. The Forum's role is basically to provide a forum for the exchange of information and views between key government programs and community agencies involved in the design, monitoring and delivery of services to children, young people and families to ensure effective planning and coordination. One of the recent discussion topics has centred around young people at risk and homelessness.

YANQ also attended the PeakCare Strengthening Families, Community and Culture- A Shared Responsibility Symposium. It was interesting listening to keynote Speakers such as Michael Durrant and attending workshops that focused on themes such as Strength based approaches to practice, networking and participation processes.

## ***Brisbane Youth Detention Centre***

YANQ attended the launch/opening ceremony of the new Brisbane Youth Detention Centre on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2001. The centre is based at Wacol and has an optimal capacity of 86 and a built capacity of 102 beds. The centre aims to provide processes for rehabilitation and reintegration for young people and increase the level of quality service for young people and the community.

Processes that have been highlighted to assist young people are educational programs, good case work and to better meet the special requirements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people, young women, disabled young people, CALD young people and detained young people who are parents.

The Centre itself as a building was improved and we will continue to attend the department coordinated Youth Justice Reference group meetings to highlight that processes are just as or even more important than the physical environment. The Youth Justice Coalition (YJC) will also continue to discuss the community's views of Detention Centre.

The Department of Families has published a pamphlet titled 'Making Complaints: About the care that a young person receives while in a Youth Detention Centre'. Pamphlets may be obtained through the Youth Justice program of the Department of Families.

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## ***Brisbane Inner Urban Homelessness Census Research Project***

The Inner Urban Youth Interagency is a coalition of services working with young people in the inner city of Brisbane. Interagency members are primarily representatives of outreach services working in the area. The outreach services offered by these organisations include the provision of food, drinks and clothing, counselling, transport, financial assistance, health support, accommodation support, advocacy and referral. Local Council and State Government representatives also participate in the interagency.

In 1999, the Inner Urban Youth Interagency identified a need to map the needs and issues of homeless young people who access after hour outreach services in the inner urban area of Brisbane. The primary goal of this mapping exercise was to enhance program responses to young people who access outreach programs. Participating organisations all collected data for individual service information and their funding bodies. However, there had never been a coordinated needs analysis process, in relation to homeless young people, by after hour outreach in Brisbane.

The Inner Urban Youth Interagency applied to the Brisbane City Council, through the Community Development Assistance Grants, for funding to conduct a two phased research project with young people in the city centre who access after hour outreach support services. The funding was approved under the auspice of the Youth Affairs Network of Queensland (YANQ) Inc. The launch will be on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2001. For further information please contact Mitchell Dobbie Ph 3368 3822.

## ***Alternative Education Working Party***

YANQ's Alternative Education Working Party (AEWP) has been meeting on a regular basis. Interest about the group is growing with over 60 members on the mailing list.

The AEWP has been kept up to date on various Alternative Education research and mapping projects occurring around the state. AEWP has developed its term of reference and will be developing a strategic plan with short and long term strategies in the near future.

The AEWP is currently in the process of developing an issues paper, which demonstrates the strength of Alternative Education in community settings. It is envisaged that this document would guide the future work of the working party.

You can also help AEWP by providing information about your:

- models of service delivery
- best practice
- evaluation documents
- data
- references
- limitations and barriers
- local settings
- flexibility
- specific local issues/ models
- objectives and values
- other information which you think would help us

The AEWP has three more meetings scheduled for the rest of the year.

Meeting dates are **25th September, 31st October and 20th November.**

Meetings are held between 2-4pm at YANQ – 30 Thomas Street, West End. Please let YANQ know if you would like to be kept up to date with information and developments.

If you require any further information or any clarifications, please contact Siyavash at YANQ.

## **Queensland Youth Drug Summit**

For the past several months, YANQ has been supporting networks of young people involved in a range of drug and alcohol projects around the state. These networks of young people have been producing a range of products to assist in sharing their stories and experiences regarding drug and alcohol issues. It is envisaged that the issues raised by young people will contribute to the policy development processes of Queensland Health.

Queensland Health is organising a two-day summit to showcase the outcomes of these diverse projects. To this end, Queensland Health brought young people representing these groups together between the 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of September. Young people expressed their views about how the two day Drug and Alcohol Summit should be organised.

So far we have confirmation that the two-day summit will be held at the Brisbane Powerhouse on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of October 2001. If you require any further information about the Drug and Alcohol Summit, please contact Benjamin Norris who has been coordinating this project with Queensland Health on: 3234 1942 or Email: [ben\\_norris@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:ben_norris@health.qld.gov.au)

## ***Changes to the Juvenile Justice Act***

As you are probably aware, the Queensland Government is considering changes to the Juvenile Justice Act 1992. In late June this year, the cabinet approved the release of the Juvenile Justice Amendment Bill 2001 for a limited consultation prior to the introduction of the Bill into Parliament.

YANQ believes that the Juvenile Justice Act 1992 requires a comprehensive review. Meaningful and genuine consultation with the community, including young people and the Indigenous community, is necessary to ensure the relevance of the legislation. Young people in Queensland have the right to participate in decision-making processes, which have an impact on their lives.

YANQ believes that the policy commitments made by the Labor Government in the lead up to the 2001 state election were made in a political context, reactive to pre-election Law and Order agenda.

With Labor now governing with a clear majority, there is a moral obligation on the cabinet to ensure that the Juvenile Justice Act is in compliance with international conventions and for the Government to lead a progressive public debate and community consultation. This would bring a balance to the propaganda put forward by mainstream media, which fuels the frustration of an uninformed general public before each state election in Queensland.

Queensland is the last state/ territory in Australia to address the issue of 17-year-old young people, not to be locked up in adult prisons. It is absolutely ridiculous for the Government to further infringe on young peoples rights by considering naming of young offenders and the power to carry out strip searches.

YANQ invites all Queenslanders who believe in young people's rights to express to their local member of parliament, the unacceptable nature of the Juvenile Justice Amendment Bill 2001.

The Government and the Queensland community will continue to struggle with issues relating to youthful offending and crime generally if we do not develop genuine responses to the actual causes. The Juvenile Justice Act itself will remain rhetorical and ineffective if Government does not begin to name, recognise and seriously challenge the real issues relating to youthful offending – that is, the social, political and economic conditions that impact so negatively on so many in Queensland.

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## **CSS**

The Department of Families who are now lead agency for the Community Services Strategy (CSS) have just engaged consultants to assist the sector in developing a future 'Industry Plan'. They will be in close discussions with the Peaks group that meets regularly at QCOSS and has informed some of the pre-planning leading up to the consultancy. The Peaks groups will be suggesting processes for consultation and future action plans. YANQ is a member of the Peaks CSS sub group and will continue to put the youth sector on the agenda.

YANQ has also received a two-page evaluation (in dot point form) of the Single Service Agreement (SSA) pilot projects. This is a summary of the 18-month evaluation stage.

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## ***AMA Youth Health Summit***

In July, YANQ was able to take part in a Youth Health Summit in Canberra sponsored by the Australian Medical Association under the Commonwealth Bank and AMA Youth Health Advocate Program. Participants of the Summit worked collaboratively to identify key areas in youth health policy and infrastructure, which are of significant national priority for the Commonwealth Government.

The summit aimed to determine key issues and funding priorities for young people within Australia in the area of Youth Health as well as aiming to present a strong, unified position to all political parties on the current and future health needs of young people in Australia.

The final document, *National Youth Health Priorities 2001*, lists 5 key strategic directions which have identified as crucial to the health of young Australians –

- Greater representation of young people and the youth sector in the development of youth health policy and programs; including calls for,
  - adequate and on going funding for a national non-government youth peak body.
- National Youth Health infrastructure and better co-ordination of youth health policy and programs; including calls for,
  - A Federal Government Office of Youth incorporating a Youth Health Portfolio.
  - Commitment from all Federal, State and Territory Governments to youth health through demonstrated commitment through funding for appropriate youth health infrastructure and each State.
- Adequate and ongoing funding for Youth health services and Programs; including calls for,
  - Increased number of mainstream and specific youth health services and the provision of long-term funding to ensure continuity of quality health care for young people.
  - Funding to rural and remote services to include extra resourcing to take into account the difficulties of reaching these areas.
- Improved access to mainstream and specialist youth health services for all young Australians, especially for disadvantaged and 'at risk' young people including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, young people living in rural and remote areas, homeless, unemployed, migrant, refugee, early school leavers, young people in the juvenile justice system, those living with a disability, young parents, culturally and linguistically diverse young people, and young people marginalised because of their sexuality; including calls for,
  - Automatic issuing of Medicare cards to all Australians at 15 years of age.
  - Funding for programs to help identify and assist young people at risk of leaving school early and alternative models of education.
- Increased recognition of adolescence as a specialised area and provision for greater understanding of youth issues and specific health concerns for young people; including calls for,
  - Funding for health promotion programs to address major issues of importance for adolescent health.
  - Greater financial and practical support for general practice, community and youth services to provide specialised youth health services.

Overall, the report contains some very important priority issues in the area of Youth Health for the Commonwealth in the lead-up to the next Federal election. However, there are also a number of priorities and issues which need to be taken up on a State basis, particularly in Queensland where youth health needs a higher focus especially from the perspective of policy and coordinated and well resourced responses to the breadth of issues involved in the health of young people.

Copies of the summit report, *AMA National Youth Health Priorities 2001 – Adolescence: An Opportunity for Health*, is available by calling the AMA on (02) 6270 5400, or visit their website at [www.domino.ama.com.au/AMASWeb?MediaRel.nsf/media](http://www.domino.ama.com.au/AMASWeb?MediaRel.nsf/media)

# NESB/Youth Matters



## From the NESB Policy Officer

### CALD Youth Mental Health Needs Assessment Project

The end processes of the highly awaited research project and report in partnership with Queensland Transcultural Mental Health on the mental health needs of NESB young people is nearing its conclusion. The project has explored the experiences, resilience and needs of young people aged between 15-24 from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds in relation to their social, emotional and mental wellbeing, and the final report will document fully the perspectives of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) young people experiencing mental health problems; their carers and relevant service providers.

Validation workshops of the findings have been conducted, the reference group has considered the various sections of the report and findings, outcomes and recommendations are being considered, and the finishing touches are being applied to the final report, which will be launched in November.

### Putting Families First – Statewide Information Service - Multicultural Reference Group

I am pleased to be a part of this reference group convened by the Family, Youth and Community Branch of the Department of Families to assist the branch to develop policy and publications with a focus relevant to families throughout Queensland from culturally diverse and non-English speaking backgrounds.

The group has worked through the existing Family Fact Sheets and recommended those which with minor alteration are to be reproduced in a number of languages to support and assist multicultural families. The group has also spent time considering the development of a series of new multicultural-specific fact sheets on topics that relate specifically to issues being experienced by multicultural families and communities.

This is a great step forward and shows a positive level of commitment by the department to begin to address the needs and concerns of multicultural families and I am positive that some excellent resources will emerge from our discussions and consultations over time.

### HREOC Racism Consultation

I attended HREOC's Racism and Civil Society: A community consultation for the World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and related intolerance held in Brisbane in July.

While I was somewhat surprised and concerned by the low number of participants it was a dynamic and important opportunity to feedback to HREOC as they completed their report which was presented at the UN World Conference Against Racism in South Africa held in August.

There was strong agreement from participants that racism pervaded Australian Society in several different forms, institutional racism being identified as the most dangerous. Sources, causes and factors contributing to racism in Australia were explored, consideration of groups at higher risk of racism were discussed, and significant options and good practice models to address, prevent and combat racism were also explored.

I look forward to the various reporting back processes from South Africa, but also look forward to the possibility of a National Conference next year to consider Racism and our responses in the Australian context.

### Students & Teachers against Racism

Also on the subject of Racism, July saw the launch of *Moving Forward – Students and Teachers against Racism*, a text book based on the ADCQ "Racism in Schools" research project of which YANQ has been a member of

the Reference Group. The book tells a series of stories from a number of schools in Queensland documenting the positive measures that are being taken to promote harmony, respect, understanding and fairness between school members, and with people in the community. The book shows that there can be no single solution to addressing racism, and that a mixture of strategies can make a difference. The stories which are showcased highlight a considerable number of good practice examples, and I would recommend this great publication for all who are concerned about addressing racism. Copies can be purchased from Eleanor Curtin Publishing, 906 Malvern Road, Armadale, VIC 3143. Ph: (03) 9822 0344 Fax: (03) 9824 8851

### CALD Young People Self Harm and Suicide Seminar

Organisation for the CALD young people and issues of self harm and suicide seminar funded under the Queensland Government Youth Suicide Prevention Strategy is now well underway. YANQ was selected to conduct the two-day seminar to explore the issues of suicide and self harming behaviours among CALD young people which will be held on Monday and Tuesday November 12 & 13<sup>th</sup>, at the St Lucia Gold Links. This seminar will be vital in bringing together key people to explore the issues involved and to develop strategies to support young people from CALD communities. As part of the Queensland Government Youth Suicide Prevention Strategy, three previous seminars have looked at suicide and self harming issues and strategies for indigenous young people, GLBT young people and young women. We look forward to building on these previous seminars, and using this seminar to input into the development of a five year suicide action plan for the state.

The reference group has begun meeting and a Project worker – Angie Dunbaven has been contracted to assist

# NESB/Youth Matters Cont.

in putting the seminar together. Angie can be contacted at YANQ (Mon, Thurs and Friday). Further information can be obtained from Angie or myself, registration information and program details will be available shortly. Sponsorship is also available to assist rural and remote community participants to attend the seminar, and details of this will also be included in the registration information. Also look for a seminar update page on the YANQ website, [www.thehub.com.au/~yanq](http://www.thehub.com.au/~yanq) for ongoing updates and information.

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## NYIN – June & August

Two meetings of the Non-English Speaking Background Youth Issues Network have been held since the last edition of Network Noise. The Network has heard updates on Southbank parklands and young people's concerns, Police and Ethnic Youth relations developments, various anti-racism strategies and events, the forthcoming CALD young people self harm and suicide seminar, and discussions regarding Centrelink issues and concerns. The August meeting devoted half of its meeting time to consideration of the Refugee Resettlement Advisory Council's Refugee Youth Strategy Paper in preparation for a written response.

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## Australian Institute of Criminology – Policing Partnerships in a Multicultural Australia: Achievements and Challenges

October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> will see Brisbane host the Australian Institute of Criminology's Policing Partnerships in a Multicultural Australia: Achievements and Challenges. This will be a significant opportunity to examine the achievements identification and dissemination of good practice in the area of management of cultural diversity, as well as an opportunity to assist in the development of appropriate policing

responses and directions in regard to policing partnerships in the context of a multicultural Australia.

Given YANQ's involvement and commitment in the National Police Ethnic Advisory Bureau's Police Youth Partnership Forum strategies, I will be attending this conference and hope this will be a further opportunity to be informed in the area of police and youth relations, as well as the opportunity to progress the issue of police and ethnic youth relations and the various sub issues contained within the broad topic.

Further information regarding this important event can be obtained from the Conference co-ordinators, Phone: (02) 6292 9000, Fax: (02) 6292 9002, or email: [conference@infonet.com.au](mailto:conference@infonet.com.au).

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## Multicultural Intergeneration Conflict

I was asked recently what we were involved in to address the issues of multicultural intergenerational conflict. As readers would know from working with CALD young people or through reading and involvement with a variety of research projects, the issues entailed for CALD young people and intergenerational conflict are constant and diverse. Whether the conflict occurs around clashes between parenting styles, restrictions on socialising, values and lifestyles, expectations of academic performance, different rates of acculturation, gender roles, struggles for independence, language gaps, or simply living between two cultures, this is a issue that pervades the life of many young people from CALD backgrounds.

A number of actions are seeking to address this issue of which I have been involved.

First, the development of fact sheet/resource material on addressing intergenerational conflict is being considered through the Putting Families First – Statewide Information Service - Multicultural Reference Group, and I have a strong hope that

this will provide a needed resource in a variety of languages to assist various multicultural families.

Secondly, involvement in the Reference Group of the Red Cross African Program Reference Group offers an opportunity to consult, advise and input into the various projects of the Red Cross, particularly their African Parenting Program which is also attempting to address a range of issues involved that come under the heading of intergenerational conflict. The Red Cross African Program provides not only a much needed responses to the issues of the Greater Horn of Africa communities, but also provides the opportunity to develop further innovative pilot models to address parenting issues for further cultural groupings by the sector, provided that funding and resourcing is available.

Thirdly, on a federal level, there are actions occurring to put intergeneration conflict on the Federal family and multicultural policy agenda, to be addressed both on a policy and resource level to further enable resources and services to tackle the issue.

Finally, on a research level, the forthcoming report of the CALD Youth Mental Health Needs Assessment Project, identifies intergenerational conflict as one of the factors impacting on the social and emotional wellbeing of CALD young people and no doubt, the report will address this issue with a number of recommendations we can put forward, especially on a policy and advocacy level throughout the sector.

As these various involvements link and come to fruition, hopefully the issue can be further addressed. This is also a good example of how the role of a peak body in the areas of research, advocacy, lobbying and policy development processes interlink and combine to work towards addressing an issue.

Until next time,  
*Michael Zgryza*

## **Department of Families Introduces Client Complaint Procedures**

The Department of Families has developed a formal client complaint mechanism to respond, monitor and document complaints about all services delivered directly to departmental clients.

Departmental staff from the Child Protection Branch and Youth Justice Directorate have spent four months training regional and area office staff to use the internal client complaint mechanism established in response to Forde Inquiry recommendations.

Children, young people and adults who receive a service from the Department will be informed by staff of their rights to question, raise concerns, seek clarification or further information, receive detailed explanations or to make complaints about the service provided at any time during their contact with the Department. The complaints system will also be an important source of information about emerging system problems.

A guiding principle of the process is to resolve issues closest to the point of service delivery. The Department hopes that most issues or concerns raised by clients will be successfully resolved within the casework context and without resort to a formal process. If, however, clients are unsatisfied with the result, they will be advised of their right to make a formal complaint, as well as their right to complain to external bodies. These bodies include the Commission for Children and Young People, Children Services Tribunal, Ombudsman's Office, and Children's Court.

The new complaint procedures emphasise the importance of ensuring that clients and their families are made aware that the Department wants their dealings with them to be positive. Departmental clients have the right to be involved in decision-making, to be dealt with fairly, without bias, and to be treated with respect, understanding and professional courtesy.

Brochures and posters have been developed and disseminated statewide to promote and explain the client

complaint process. Copies can be obtained from local service delivery points. In addition, child and youth specific resources are currently being developed in collaboration with Create Foundation who have been conducting focus groups with young people in care and the justice system.

The new Department of Families client complaint process represents an important strategy to enhance the quality of service provided to its clients.

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## **The initiation – Empowerment program Do you want to be inspired and excited?**

The Australian Workers with youth Network offers Training Programs that will help you achieve this. The eight week Initiation course, followed by twelve weeks of project work, empowers you with positive & life changing experiences by giving you the opportunity to work with young people on inspiring projects on the Sunshine Coast.

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### *When?*

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At? Buderim, Sunshine Coast

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Each participant will graduate, receiving a certificate of participation & The Initiation Personal Development coursework including CD's & Book, retail \$1250. Total course value over \$2000.00. Places are available. Bookings and Payments need to be made by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

## **Youth in Volunteering Forum**

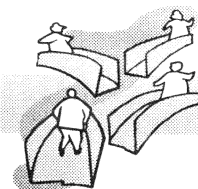
As part of the international year of volunteers, YANQ has been involved on the reference group and in the program with a recent Volunteering Queensland Forum on Youth in Volunteering which was held in July.

The forum looked at a variety of issues and concerns related to young people and volunteering, but specifically focused on awareness raising about young people and volunteering, to provide an opportunity for young people to have a say about volunteering, discuss motivations for young people to volunteer, discuss issues and concerns that organisations may need to consider when working with young volunteers, and raise awareness about the 'bigger' issues such as 'mutual obligation' and the role of volunteering.

YANQ's NESB Policy and Network Officer, represented the organisation on the Reference group and was also one of the key speakers addressing the topic "*Volunteering and Youth Affairs; Policy, Directions, Trends and Issues*" where he considered principles, policies and procedures for community organisations to consider to effectively attract and retain young people as volunteers, as well as the implications – specifically time, management, supervision, coordination, and increased resourcing – facing many in the community sector and which would need to be addressed before an enhanced and effective opportunity for young people to participate as volunteers could occur.

Workshops during the forum, focused participants directions towards the development of calls for action in regard to youth and volunteering which will be pursued by Volunteering Queensland.

# Values & Youth Work



As a value driven organisation, YANQ has decided to commit a page of Network Noise, on a regular basis, to exploring and promoting the idea of value clarification in the youth sector. The following article is Copyright of S.Quixley 1991. Non-profit community organisations are welcome to use the material, provided that they don't charge for it, and that the source/author are fully acknowledged.

## Part One

### *The Impact of Beliefs/Values on Youth Work Practice*

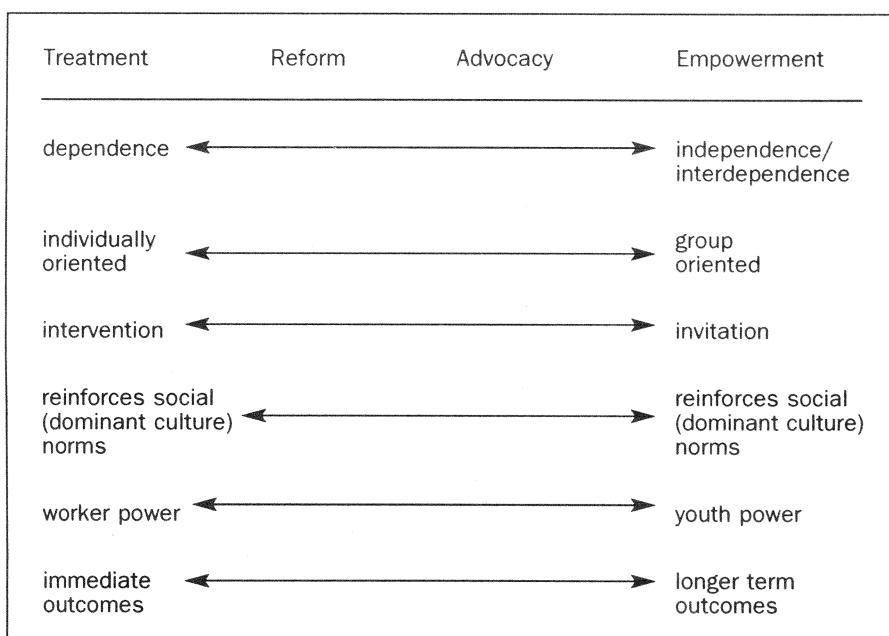
#### Concept of Key Youth Work Models

Chris Brown developed a model that described four different trends in the approaches that workers use with young people. He described them as the *treatment*, *reform*, *advocacy* and *empowerment* approaches. The following are some of the features of the two extremes – treatment and empowerment.

**Treatment** approaches are most concerned with asserting (directly or by assumption) the essential inadequacy of the 'fallen' individual, and the fundamental 'good'/strength of the society in which they live. If the individual cannot, or will not, 'fit in' they must be taught/forced to do so. For the society to continue to work effectively, abhorrent individuals must be contained and made to conform. These values legitimise the worker taking power (to the extent of forcible incarceration) over the individual, until such time as they can/do behave consistent with the norms of the dominant culture. The level of intervention 'required' is determined by the degree of 'waywardness' of the individual. Generally, measurable criteria (in terms of personal change) are used to ascertain whether the individual has 'adjusted' or not ... in this sense, the outcomes of the treatment model are 'immediate'.

At the other extreme, **Empowerment** approaches are concerned with the maladjustment of society to the needs

of the majority of individuals within it. It is interested in **class action** – encouraging groups of individuals who are affected by the same social limitations, to act to improve their situation. (This, in turn, alters/improves the society.) Rather than being forced to depend (on the society, professionals, etc.), the empowerment model seeks to give initially less powerful people the capacity to act independently and/or interdependently. Worker involvement is by invitation. Intervention is only justified if it is needed to give people the means to improve their social situation. In order to give (young) people maximum power, the worker (who starts off with more social power) must be constantly 'on the guard' against taking power away from young people as a collective group. Within the empowerment model, workers are a 'tool' by which less powerful group of people can challenge the *status quo*, and achieve long-term outcomes. These approaches prioritise proactive/preventative work over reactive/repetitive/*band aid* work.



**DIAGRAM 1:** Features of Treatment and Empowerment

The **Reform** and **Advocacy** approaches fall between these extremes. The reform model, for example, doesn't assert the complete goodness of the society ... it sees 'minor adjustment' or 'fine tuning' as a necessary ongoing role within the society. However, it does see change as being largely the responsibility of individuals. The advocacy model considers the dominant culture within society, as the fundamental basis of individual problems. However, it places more emphasis upon meeting the immediate needs of individuals damaged by society than does the empowerment model.  
(to be continued)

## Funding



### **Brisbane City Council Community Grants**

Lord Mayor's Performing Arts Fellowships  
closes on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2001

For information on the opening dates for  
any of the other grant programs contact  
Brisbane City Council's call centre on  
3403 8888 for details. Application forms  
and further information can also be  
access from council's website:  
[www.brisbane.qld.gov.au](http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au)

### **Commonwealth Peoples Festival**

This festival will be held in Brisbane  
from the 2-8 October 2001 to coincide  
with the CHOGM meeting.  
Approximately 150 exhibitions around 8  
themed areas will be the focus of the  
festival:

- A Commonwealth village
- A Democratic Commonwealth  
– Communities in Action
- A Commonwealth of Diversity
- A child and youth friendly  
Commonwealth
- A Healthy Community
- A Community of learning
- A Sporting Commonwealth

Non-government organisations will  
demonstrate their roles/programs etc at  
the Brisbane Convention Centre.  
Highlights of the Festival include a  
special youth-focused day on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>  
October, which will also be the same day  
as the people's day 'walk'. The Festival  
website is  
[www.commonwealthpeople.com](http://www.commonwealthpeople.com)

## Resources/ Publications



### **Ethics in Social Work Practice**

Narrative for professional helping  
Edited by Sonia L Abels

The purpose of this book is to present the experiences of those  
struggling to make sense of ambiguously moral and ethical  
contexts. The narrative in the book are personal stories about  
ethical decisions that social workers encounter in their work.  
ISBN: 0-89108-285-9/ Soft Cover A\$54.75 (inc GST)

For more information please call MACLENNAN + PETTY  
PTY LIMITED  
Phone: 02 9349 5811 or email: [macpetty@zip.com.au](mailto:macpetty@zip.com.au)

### **Breaching the safety net:**

#### ***The harsh impact of social security penalties***

This report examines the intensification of financial hardship  
among very disadvantaged Australians as a result of the  
rapidly rising number of social security penalties. The report  
raises serious questions about the appropriateness and  
fairness of the harsh penalty system and it's application by  
Centrelink.

For more information contact:

The Australian Council of Social Service,  
Locked bag 4777, Strawberry Hill NSW 2012  
Ph: 02 9310 4844 Fax: 02 9310 4822  
website: [www.acoss.org.au](http://www.acoss.org.au)

The following resources are new additions to  
YANQ's resource library.

#### ***Social Policy Public Policy - from Problem to Practice***

by Meredith Edwards with Cosmo Howard and Robyn  
Miller, published by Allen & Unwin

#### ***Setting the Table Straight: A resource Manual for working with women with eating issues***

by Catherine Black, published by ISIS - Centre for  
Womens Action on Eating Issues Inc

# Research & Development



## Red Cross Café

Since mid July, the Australian Red Cross, Queensland has begun a pilot project offering support for homeless and disadvantaged young people in Brisbane's inner city. The pilot project involves opening the Red Cross Café one night a week to provide free food, showers, toilets, information and a safe place for young people.

The café is open to young people aged 13-25 years who are homeless or disadvantaged and in the inner city a night. The Red Cross Café is located on the basement level of Brisbane City Hall. It is open for the pilot project on **Tuesday nights** from 7.00-9.00 pm.

### For more information:

Jacqui Hunt, Project Coordinator  
Australian Red Cross, Queensland,  
Phone 3835 1222  
Email [jhunt@qld.redcross.org.au](mailto:jhunt@qld.redcross.org.au)

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## *The AIC's Research Group has been restructured to ensure the AIC is ready to face the challenges ahead in 2001-2*

The group now consists of the following Programs:

- Crime and Justice Monitoring and Evaluation (Leader: Dr Toni Makkai)
- Sophisticated Crime Regulation (Leader: Dr Russell Smith)
- Communities and Crime Analysis (Leader: Carlos Carcach)
- Public Policy and Drugs (leader: Paul Williams)
- Research Dissemination and Support (Leader: Leanne Huddy)

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## Public Policy and Drugs Program

This program's general objective is:

To provide information on, and analysis of, the operation and impact of the criminal justice system on vulnerable population groups; and provide information on the analysis of, criminal justice responses to drugs in society.

Specific research projects currently include:

- IDRS (Illicit Drug Reporting System)
- DUCO (Drug Use Careers of Offenders)
- Corrections
- Crime and Older Australians
- Young People and Crime

AIC contact:

GPO Box 2944 Canberra ACT 2601  
Ph 02 6260 9221  
Fax 02 6260 9201  
Email [Front.Desk@aic.gov.au](mailto:Front.Desk@aic.gov.au)

## Personal Profile



### Eileen Bauer

I started Welfare work in the mid eighties with Department of Families in Rockhampton in a Lifeskills role with families. From there I moved to Brisbane in the late eighties and worked in the Youth Unit in Fortitude Valley, also with Department of Families. From there I went to Youth and Family Services at Logan City in a youth worker capacity.

I returned to Rockhampton in 1993 to Co-ordinate the JPET Pilot Project. From there I was employed by Anglicare C.Q. and worked there for six years in the role of Family Support and Youth Development.

I currently work for Anglicare Western Region in Toowoomba. Here I Co-ordinate the Community Linking Project which links people with disabilities, who reside in privately run Boarding Houses and Hostels, back into community social, recreational and vocational activities.

#### Likes:

- My family
- My work
- Socialising with friends
- Movies
- Sewing
- The beach

#### Dislikes:

- Cleaning cars
- Mowing lawns

#### The Future:

To be there for my family  
And to enjoy life to the fullest

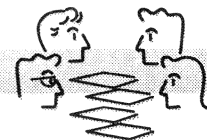
I am proud to be a member of the Management Committee of YANQ as I very strongly believe in the role this organisation plays in the Youth Sector in Queensland. I know from personal experience that importance of such an organisation in rural and remote areas in Queensland and how other workers in that situation value the communication from and contact with YANQ staff. YANQ is a valuable resource for workers statewide. I look forward to continued excellent relationship with YANQ in the future.

## Quote

*"The Limits of the Possible constantly shift, and those who ignore them are apt to win in the end. Again and again I have had the satisfaction of seeing the laughable idealism of one generation evolve into the accepted common place of the next. But it is from the champions of the impossible rather than from the slaves of the possible that the evolution draws its creative force."*

Barbara Wooton/ Born 1897  
Professor, Author, Political  
Researcher, Economist,  
Baroness, Companion of  
Honour.

## Conferences/ Training/Events



### Youth Forum – 6th ICAAP

The sixth International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific will be held in Melbourne this year on 5-10 October. Delegates from throughout the region will gather to hear the latest research, discuss their work and learn new skills. A significant number of young people from a variety of Asian and Pacific countries, many of which have a very different experience of the AIDS epidemic than does Australia, will also attend.

A youth forum is being held as part of the 6<sup>th</sup> ICAAP at the conference venue from 6pm-9pm on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October and will be designed to give young people a voice at the conference. It is also designed to give local young people a chance to meet and interact with their peers from the region, hear their stories and work with them towards change.

Schools, youth groups and other young people's organisations are specifically invited to locate and send a limited number of delegates to the forum. Delegates may be young people with an interest in, or some experience of, the area or they may just be young people who want to know more about the issue. Registration forms for the forum can be obtained by emailing [youthforum@icaap.conf.au](mailto:youthforum@icaap.conf.au)

For more information contact:

Felicity Sloman, State Manager,  
VIC/ TAS Kids Help Line  
Suite3, 875 Glenhuntly Road  
Caulfield South VIC 3162,  
Ph 03 9532 4344  
fax 03 9532 4633

During October Ipswich Community Youth Service through YNET (youth worker training network for Ipswich and surrounds) will be hosting a one day youth symposium giving opportunity for yourself and other service providers to present papers, programs and current and upcoming projects.

Eleanor Dunbar  
(YNET Coordinator)

Ipswich Community Youth  
Service Inc.

PO Box 1034  
Ipswich QLD 4305  
Phone: (07) 3812 1050  
Fax: (07) 3812 2971  
Mob: 0407024752  
Email:  
[ynet\\_eleanor@hotmail.com](mailto:ynet_eleanor@hotmail.com)

### SISTERS INSIDE INC.

#### Women in Prison Conference

State, National &  
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28th, 29th & 30th  
November 2001

Pencil these into your  
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For further information  
contact Sisters inside Inc:

PO Box 3407,  
South Brisbane Qld 4101  
Ph: (07) 3844 5066  
Fax: (07) 3844 2788  
Email: [admin@sistersinside.com.au](mailto:admin@sistersinside.com.au)

## Interagency Meetings



### Beaudesert Interagency

Contact: Michael Wallace  
PO Box 374 Beaudesert, Q 4285.  
Ph (07) 5541 3762, Fax (07) 5541 3654.  
Meets fourth Wednesday of the month  
9am - 10am (youth issues), 10am - 12 noon (general)  
at Illoura Centre, 31 Duckett St, Beaudesert.

### Beenleigh and District Interagency

Contact: Sharyn Bloomfield,  
Beenleigh Community Health,  
PO Box 386, Beenleigh Q 4207.  
Ph (07) 3290 9833 Fax (07) 3290 9899.  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month 2 - 4pm at  
Community Health,  
10-18 Mt Warren Blvd, Mt Warren Park.

### Brisbane Inner Urban Youth Interagency

Contact: Mitchell Dobbie  
Drug Arm, 83 Castlemain St Milton.  
Ph (07) 3368 3822 Fax (07) 3367 3289.  
Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 10 - 12pm of the month at  
Drug Arm

### Caboolture Youth Network (YCAN)

Contact: Janine Carter  
Caboolture Shire Council.  
Ph (07) 5420 0342, Fax (07) 5420 0350.  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month 12:30 - 3pm at  
Families, Youth and Community Care Qld,  
Level 3 King St, Caboolture.

### Gold Coast Youth Network

Contact:  
C/- Gold Coast Youth Service  
PO Box 740 Burleigh Heads Q 4220,  
Ph (07) 5572 0400  
Meets Last Wednesday of month  
at Stephens Community Centre.

### Inala Youth Interagency

Contact: John Rigsby-Jones,  
Inala Youth and Family Support Service,  
PO Box 414, Inala Q 4077.  
Ph (07) 3372 2655 Fax (07) 3372 2710.  
Meets at 12:00pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at  
Centrelink Office, Wirrawat St Inala.

### Ipswich Youth Focus

Contact: Mark Smith  
Ipswich City Council  
PO Box 191, Ipswich Q 4305.  
Ph (07) 3810 6656, Fax (07) 3810 6741.  
Meets monthly on the 1st Tuesday of the month at  
12:30pm at Ipswich Health Plaza

### Logan Youth Interagency Network

Contact: Carolyn Mc Burney,  
YFS Logan, PO Box 727 Woodridge 4114.  
Ph: 3208 8199  
Meets 3rd Monday each month 9am at Logan City Council  
Chambers, cnr Wembley Rd & Jacaranda Ave Woodridge

### Pine Rivers Youth Service Providers Network

Contact: Di Cattling,  
Youth Care Pine Rivers  
PO Box 143, Strathpine Q 4500.  
Ph (07) 3881 2823 Fax (07) 3881 1047.  
Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every second month, 2pm at  
16 Lincoln St, Strathpine.

### Redcliffe Youth Service Providers Network

Contact: Angela Toomey  
Redcliffe City Council, PO Box 66, Redcliffe Q 4020.  
Ph (07) 3889 5733 Fax (07) 3883 1630.  
Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each alternative month 3pm  
at the Meeting Room Peninsula Business & Tourism Centre  
35-37 Redcliffe Parade, Redcliffe.

### Redlands Youth Network

Contact: Christine D'Arcy,  
Bayside District Health Service,  
PO Box 585, Cleveland Q 4163.  
Ph (07) 3240 8311 Fax (07) 3821 4782.  
Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month 9:30am - 11:30 am  
at Redlands Health Service Centre, Hospital Grounds,  
Cleveland.

### South-east Youthlink Interagency

Contact: Jillan Covey  
JPET, 34 Sanders St, Upper Mt Gravatt, Q 4122.  
Ph (07) 3349 2855 Fax (07) 3349 3593.  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 9am - 11am 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  
Service, Cnr Water and Rogers Sts, Spring Hill.

### Wynnum Youth Network

Contact: Danielle Jenkins  
Bayside Adolescent Boarding Inc (BABI)  
PO Box 69 Wynnum Q 4178.  
Ph (07) 3393 4170 or Fax (07) 3393 5808.  
Meets every 3 months, 9:30am - 11:30am. Venue changes.

# Interagency Meetings



## Regional Queensland

### Bundaberg District Youth Network

Contact: Nicole Lester  
PO Box 2252 Bundaberg Q 4670  
Ph (07) 4153 3066 Fax (07) 4152 1813  
1st Thursday of month at TBA

### Cairns Youth Services Network

Contact: Lee Stork  
West Cairns Youth Development  
PO Box 359, Cairns Q 4870  
Ph (07) 4032 3699 Fax (07) 4032 3966  
Meets last Thursday of month 3:30pm  
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 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

### Emerald Youthlink Network

Contact: Brad Witt  
Rural Youth Worker, Emerald Shire Council  
PO Box 21, Emerald Q 4680  
Ph (07) 4982 0540  
Meets 1st Monday of every 2nd month  
FYCCQ 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 1st Wednesday of month  
Neighbourhood Centre 105 Toolooa St, Gladstone  
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 month  
Venues Subject to change

### Warwick Youth Network

Southern Downs Health Service District  
Contact: Julieanne Williams  
PO Box 273, Stanthorpe, Q 4380  
Ph (07) 4681 5260 Fax (07) 4681 5228  
Meets quarterly, 1st Wednesday of month  
Warwick Community Health Centre

### 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

Contact: Helen Anderson  
Mackay Youth Support Service  
PO Box 1630, Mackay Q 4740  
Ph (07) 4953 2299 Fax (07) 4953 3454  
Meets alternate months 3rd Tuesday 2pm at FYCCQ  
3rd Thursday at Mackay Youth Support Services

### 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 of month from 10:30am  
Migrant Resource Centre T&G Building, Cnr Stanley & Flinders Sts, Townsville

### 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 & 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 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 Child Health Building, Kingaroy

### Sunshine Coast Youth Workers Forum

Contact: Terri Shine  
Caloundra City Council  
PO Box 117, Caloundra Q 4551  
Ph (07) 5491 0952 Fax (07) 5491 0801  
Meets every 6 weeks at Alcooringa, Ballinger Rd, Buderim

### Toowoomba Youth Organisations Network (TYON)

Contact: Ed Bradbury  
Department of Education  
PO Box 38, Toowoomba Q 4350  
Ph (07) 4688 4419 Fax (07) 4688 4498  
Meets monthly (venue changes)

# Membership/Subscription Application Form Tax Invoice

all relevant fees have 10% GST included. Must be paid by personal cheque, money order, credit card or cash

ABN 28 205 281 339

Category Applied For:

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

**YANQ Membership  
Application Form**

Title \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Receiving Centrelink ☐ \$5.00

Young Person ☐ \$10.00

Income <\$25,000 ☐ \$15.00

Income \$25,000 - \$50,000 ☐ \$40.00

Income > \$50,000 ☐ \$50.00

*Must be paid by personal cheque, money order, credit card or cash*

Organisational Membership ☐

Organisation \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: Title \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (W) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Community Not for Profit Organisation**

Funding <\$100,000 ☐ \$55.00

Funding \$100,000 - \$250,000 ☐ \$80.00

Funding \$250,000 - \$400,000 ☐ \$120.00

Funding >\$400,000 ☐ \$150.00

**For Profit Organisations**

Community Organisation ☐ \$165.00

Subscriber ☐

Department/Service \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: Title \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Code \_\_\_\_\_

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Mobile \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Community Not for Profit**

Individual ☐ \$60.00

Organisation ☐ \$160.00

**For Profit** ☐ \$15.00

**Government Department or Service** ☐ \$40.00

**Federal, State, Local** ☐ \$50.00

N.B 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

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Expiry Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*Please send application; cheque; money order or credit card details to YANQ 30 Thomas St, West End Q 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 400 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 Infact sheets distributed regularly
- 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

Working together to improve the quality of life of young people in Queensland and thereby improve the quality of life of society

## YANQ Objects

- 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.

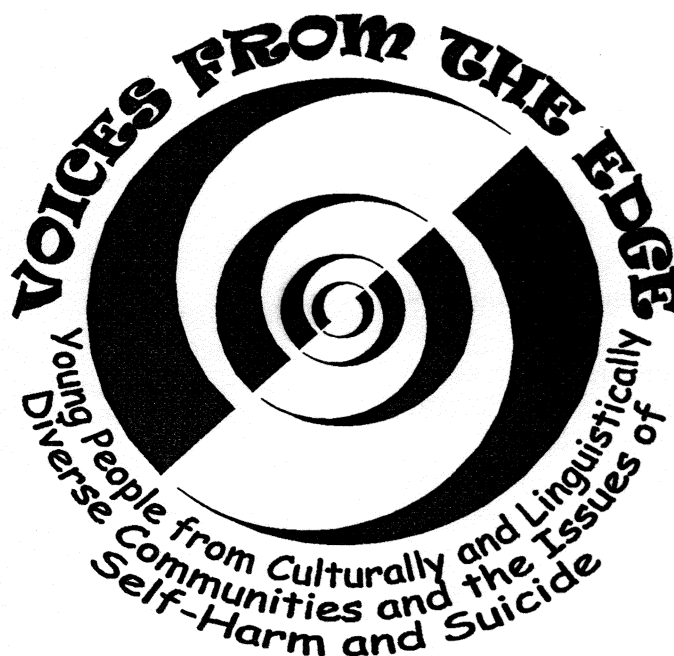
We believe that a range of strategies is required to achieve constructive social change. Governments in Australia appear committed to stopping the voice of those who challenge their misplaced priorities. YANQ is responsible for being a strong public voice which lobbies and advocates on behalf of those 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

"Working together to improve the quality of life of young people in Queensland  
and thereby improve the quality of life of society"



## **St Lucia Golf Links (Brisbane)**

Carawa Street, St. Lucia QLD 4067

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

**9.00am – 5.00pm**

**(Registration from 8.15am)**

*Voices from the Edge* aims to examine issues relating to suicide and self harm for Young People from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse communities. The seminar format is diverse and includes keynote speakers, panels, workshops and performances, reflecting the aims of seminar.

## TO: All Youth Sector Organisations

One of the primary deliverers of training within the youth sector is no longer delivering accredited training to the sector. The Queensland Community Services and Health Industry Training Council (QCS&H ITC) is seeking to obtain sector views on the most appropriate way for training to be delivered so that we can use this as a basis to inform other training providers.

Current accredited training is based on the Community Services Training Package which includes a Certificate III in Community Services (Youth Work); Certificate IV in Community Services (Youth Work); Diploma in Community Services (Youth Work) and an Advanced Diploma in Community Services (Youth Work).

Could you please answer the questions below and **fax back to the QSC&H ITC on 3234 0474**. If you would like to discuss any of these issues please contact Margaret Strong on 3234 0190. Thank you for your time.

Organisation Name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Which level/s of training do you believe is most important for youth workers in your organisation:

Certificate III	<input type="checkbox"/>	Certificate IV	<input type="checkbox"/>
Diploma	<input type="checkbox"/>	Advanced Diploma	<input type="checkbox"/>
Individual units of competency			<input type="checkbox"/>
Generic community based management qualifications			<input type="checkbox"/>

Do you believe that experienced youth workers should be involved in delivering youth work training Yes/No

### Alternative methods of training include:

#### Option One

Qualifications specifically designed and specialised to the youth sector

Support/Not Supported

#### Option Two

A common core (primarily undertaken within another community service area e.g. Aged Care) with one or two additional youth work subjects.

Support/Not Supported

#### Option Three

A generic community service qualification without a youth work stream

Support/Not Supported

#### Option Four

A generic community service qualification (not contextualised to Youth Work) with one or two youth work subjects.

Support/Not Supported

### Alternative Options

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September 4, 2001

## National Bandanna Day Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2001



Dear Friend

I am writing to you in relation to our annual fundraising campaign, **National Bandanna Day**. Bandanna Day is the national day of promotion and fundraising for CanTeen – the Australian Organisation for young people living with cancer. CanTeen is a national organisation that provides a range of programs to support, develop and empower young people living with cancer between the ages of twelve and twenty-four.

**So why Bandannas?** The Bandanna represents an easily identifiable aspect of cancer treatment, that is, hair loss. This concept was devised by a group of CanTeen Members who were asked to think of a relevant marketable product for fundraising.

**So come on!**

**Put on a Bandanna this year and show your support for**

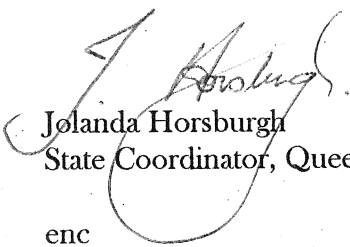
**NATIONAL BANDANNA DAY**

**And help us spread the word!**

Enclosed is a registration form containing information about National Bandanna Day. If you have already sent your order through for this year, it will be coming out to you in late September to early October. Bandannas are ordered on a "Sale or Return" basis. After October 26, send any unsold bandannas together with any money raised back to the CanTeen Queensland office. Please mail your order to us as soon as possible at the address below right, or fax it to (07) 3252 3080. If you have any queries regarding any aspect of National Bandanna Day, please do not hesitate to telephone us on (07) 3252 5188.

Every year we are excited to see an increase in sales, and with your help, and the help of other generous Queenslanders, we know we can sell more again this year, and raise more funds in support of young people living with cancer. I hope you can join us in making this year's Bandanna Day the best yet.

Yours sincerely

  
Jolanda Horsburgh  
State Coordinator, Queensland Division.

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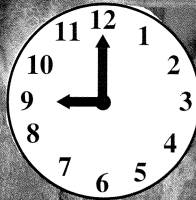
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Prepared for the **INNER URBAN YOUTH INTERAGENCY**

by **Angie Dunbavan**

September 2001

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                    PO Box 122  
                    PADDINGTON QLD 4064

OR              Contact a member of the IUYI for further details

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