



Network Noise

Newsletter of the Youth Affairs Network of Queensland Inc

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STATE ELECTION The final chapter in the law and order saga

With the state election out of the way, the machinery of Government is getting back to full swing and with Labor party ruling the house with another commanding majority it must be time for the Government to articulate a progressive social agenda.

One progressive strategy will be to lower the voluntary voting age to 16. YANQ has highlighted the benefits of such a move to both young people and our democratic processes. The Premier indicated during the election campaign that he would be happy to receive a submission on this issue. YANQ is in the process of finalising a submission and looking forward to working with the government in advancing this agenda.

In the lead up to the election, YANQ released a campaign kit titled: "Also Citizens". The purpose of this election kit was to help young people, youth workers and youth services to play an active role in the State Election.

The kit was produced to assist local groups to mobilise and put young people's issues of concern on the campaign agenda. The kit also presented ideas about the kinds of policies YANQ believes will address youth issues and to help voters assess the policies of the various candidates in local electorates.

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The kit also contained specific analyses of some of the state government's policies and suggestions for policy development that would address young people's needs. YANQ also adopted the approach of not seeking to influence how young people voted – that was for them to decide. We wanted to influence the election through attracting commitments from all parties and candidates in the election for progressive youth policies.

Most of the kit concentrated on looking at local candidates and acting locally. At first glance, it may seem that taking action at the local level will have limited impact on the outcome of an election. However, pinning down local candidates about what they do for young people contributes to the process of making the parties work hard for our votes.

In July 2003, YANQ wrote to all 89 Queensland parliamentarians seeking their commitment not to use law and order as an election strategy. Go to www.yanq.org.au to find a copy of the letter sent and all replies received. Congratulations to Premier Beattie for not entering into a law and order auction to the dissatisfaction of the coalition. We hope that, as the youngest ever leader of a political party in Queensland, Mr Springborg adopts a more progressive strategy for dealing with social issues and drops the over recycled and outdated policies of National party such as youth curfews.

It is hoped that through the production and distribution of this kit a number of goals have been served, these include raising the awareness of candidates about the realities faced by young people and the possible strategies to address these issues. Furthermore, we hope that young people and youth workers were educated about the generalities of the electoral process and the specifics of the candidates and their views at the election. In the longer term, it is hoped that an ongoing mechanism will be established in each local

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- research news
- innovations

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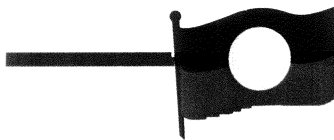
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YANQ believes that the primary culture of Australia is Aboriginal.

We recognise that Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and South Sea Islander peoples are 3 separate cultures. We recognise Aboriginal people as the permanent custodians of mainland Australia, including those areas of land whose owners have been wiped out as a result of racist policies and acts. We use the term *custodianship* in the context of protection and care for the land. YANQ is committed to respecting Murri communities and individuals. We seek to understand their responses to policies and issues affecting them. We are committed to learning about their understandings of the impact of decisions on them. YANQ apologises for the past and present social mistreatment of Murri and Islander people created by colonisation, and is committed to supporting the healing process.

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area for monitoring the implementation of election promises and young people, young activists and local youth councils will increase their participation in government decision making.

Above all it is hoped that, through the process of electoral engagement by young people, members of the general community will increase their awareness of the issues affecting local young people and candidates and the community will recognise young people as equal and valued citizens.

YANQ would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members who assisted us with the election campaign. Congratulations.

INTRODUCING THREE NEW STAFF MEMBERS AT YANQ

Marilyn Topp, Administration Officer at YANQ

Marilyn joined the team at YANQ on the 28th January. With a legal administration background and approximately ten years experience in the community sector, Marilyn will be a great asset to YANQ and the youth sector. You can reach Marilyn via admin@yanq.org.au

Claire Cottone, Multicultural Development Officer at YANQ

Hello to all the YANQ family and friends, my name is Claire Cottone and I am joining YANQ as the Multicultural Development Officer. I'm very excited about the work that we're going to be doing in conjunction with NYIN to make Queensland a better place to live for young people from many cultures and experiences around the world. I completed my Arts/Law degree at UQ in 2002, and in 2003 I worked with Indigenous law students at QUT and Griffith University. So I am very new to the sector and I am open to the wisdom and guidance of the many wonderful people who have been working in the community and youth sectors over many years. I will be spending the next few months making as much contact as possible with people from multicultural and youth community groups in order to find out what you're up to and to pick your brains on multicultural youth issues. Please feel free to contact me at any time on 3844 7713 or at cald@yanq.org.au to arrange a meeting or share your views.

David Powell, Network Development Officer at YANQ

David has been working with PeakCare and QCOS for the past few years and will join the YANQ team in March. We look forward to having David on board and no doubt you will hear from him in the very near future.

2004 Regional Networking

In early 2004, YANQ will be visiting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander service providers and communities in Central, North and Far North Queensland.

The visits will be conducted by the President of YANQ, Gavin Tyson and Director, Siyavash Doostkhah. The aim of the visits is to establish relationships and ongoing networks with Aboriginal and Islander organisations that support and provide services to young people.

The purpose of the regional visits is to:

- establishing contacts for ongoing liaisons with organisations and for YANQ to fulfil its role as a State Youth Peak;
- explain YANQ's role;
- establish 2 way communication strategy for organisations to raise issues with YANQ and receive information from YANQ;
- develop communication lines for participation in policy development processes;
- provide an opportunity for organisations to inform YANQ about the range of services and programs provided to young people;
- promote positive initiatives of these organisations to the wider community;
- expand YANQ's membership in rural and remote Queensland.

If you are interested to find out more about our regional visit program, please contact Gavin or Siyavash at YANQ on 3844 7713.

Youth Sector and Education and Training Reform for the Future (ETRF)

YANQ is in the process of finalising an issues paper titled: "Let's Invite Everyone" which is designed to elicit discussion and debate around how the ETRF process can draw on the experience of the youth sector. YANQ hopes that the paper will help to ensure that ETRF will provide ways to engage with all young people irrespective of their circumstances.

Much has been written and spoken about the Queensland State Government's Education and Training Reform for the Future (ETRF) policy position. Two previous papers written by YANQ, while supporting the intention of the policy in promoting the right of all young people to meaningful education, explore some of the concerns about the implementation of the ETRF in meeting the needs of all young people. This paper further considers some of the implementation issues of the ETRF if it is to realistically provide access and opportunities for all of Queensland's young people. The paper offers some approaches, models and frameworks for consideration in

engaging with all young people.

From the onset, the paper acknowledges that ETRF offers many positive steps towards a more flexible, tolerant and inclusive education and training system. We believe that the principles and values that underpin the reforms are directed towards giving children and young people greater opportunities, access and participation in the education and training systems and hence greater future opportunities.

Underpinning the ETRF agenda is the belief that young people need to have a Senior Certificate or some kind of substantial vocational or university qualification to put them in a position to compete for jobs in the future. Also noted in the ETRF White Paper is the fact that at least 10 000 young people aged between 15 and 17 are not currently in any kind of education, training or employment and that better ways need to be found to help them re-engage with learning.

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YANQ Strategic Plan 2004-2008

Between April and June 2004, YANQ will be consulting with members from across Queensland in order to inform our next four years strategic plan. Further information about the process and how members can be involved will be forwarded to all members in the near future.

Significant legislative reform, particularly increasing the school leaving age, must be backed by broad strategic plans and partnerships. Sound, well resourced, practical strategies are needed to prevent the reform from compounding the current issue of large numbers of young people disengaging from our education and training systems before they complete a useful certification and before they are legally able to. Greater flexibility to achieve qualifications must be matched by better supported options and opportunities for young people that can pick up the most disadvantaged as well as the highest achievers.

Let's Invite Everyone focuses on the capacity of ETRF to engage the disengaged. It explores the strengths and limitations of ETRF in effectively reconnecting with young people who have prematurely been removed, or have removed themselves, from education, training and employment. This paper explores solutions in providing meaningful education, training, social, recreational and employment pathways to the (conservatively estimated) 10 000 young people aged between 15 to 17, and the many other younger students, who are simply not present when the bell rings at 8.45am for classes to start.

Increasing school retention rates is a key deliverable for ETRF and significant positive changes are planned to achieve this. Schools play a lead role in assisting students in maintaining their enrolments. However, many factors will influence why a student continues or discontinues their education. Influences in the young person's life, often outside their control, such as family and community networks and their socio-economic circumstances can support or complicate their participation. The young person's own experience of schooling, their physical capacities, mental health status and behavioural patterns will also strongly influence their engagement in education or training. It is not realistic, feasible or desirable for schools to attempt to address this complex interwoven set of circumstances and conditions in an educational context alone.

In outlining the government's commitment to the proposed reforms, the ETRF identifies six key areas:

- Changes to the early and middle years of schooling
- Focus on year 10 completion and its role in the transition to senior schooling
- Reshaping senior
- Providing more options and flexibility for young people in terms of pathways and achievements
- Providing more support for young people
- Building community commitment and new community partnerships

By detailing a combination of educational engagement strategies and youth work frameworks that fit within this context, this paper attempts to add value to, and create depth in, the discussions surrounding ETRF. This paper aims to ensure that when ETRF celebrates its full implementation everyone is invited, (including the young people that are not easily seen), to be part of and engaged in education, training or employment.

"All young people in Queensland are entitled to a senior secondary education. And, in the Smart State, government, schools and communities are expected to do everything within their power to ensure that each and every student takes up that entitlement."...We need a "blueprint that sets out conditions-individual, local and statewide- under which all students are invited, and expected to, and can feel encouraged to, participate in (learning) that leads to the award of a Senior Certificate"

John Pittman June 2002 p 22

Copies of the paper titled: "Let's Invite Everyone" will be available late March by contacting YANQ office on 3844 7713 or 1800 177 899 or email admin@yanq.org.au or visit our website www.yanq.org.au

CALD Communications

Quotable quotes

Ignorance and prejudice are the handmaidens of propaganda. Our mission, therefore, is to confront ignorance with knowledge, bigotry with tolerance, and isolation with the outstretched hand of generosity. Racism can, will and must be defeated.

—UN General Secretary, Kofi Annan

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.

—Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

For those who've come across the seas we've boundless plains to share.

—Australian National Anthem

INTRODUCING

Our new Multicultural Development Officer

Hello to all the YANQ family and friends, my name is Claire Cottone and I am joining YANQ as the Multicultural Development Officer. I'm very excited about the work that we're going to be doing in conjunction with the non-English Speaking Background Youth Issues Network (NYIN) to make Queensland a better place to live for young people from many cultures and experiences around the world. I completed my Arts/Law degree at UQ in 2002, and in 2003 I worked with Indigenous law students at QUT and Griffith University. So I am very new to the sector and I am open to the wisdom and guidance of the many wonderful people who have been working in the community and youth sectors over many years. I will be spending the next few months making as much contact as possible with people from multicultural and youth community groups in order to find out what you're up to and to pick your brains on Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) youth issues. Please feel free to contact me at any time on 3844 7713 or at cald@yanq.org.au to arrange a meeting or share your views.

NYIN News

The non-English Speaking Background Youth Issues Network (NYIN) is a statewide network which began its life as a YANQ working party in 1992 to improve the quality of life for NESB young people at local and state levels by promoting issues pertaining to NESB young people and enhancing their access to services and resources. Today NYIN continues to identify and develop actions on issues affecting NESB or culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) young people through its strategic core placement within YANQ.

First NYIN meeting for 2004

The first NYIN meeting for 2004 was held on the 17th of February and heralded a very active year for NYIN members working hard for CALD youth rights in many areas across the sector. Here's a summary of YANQ's goals for the CALD youth sector in 2004.

Engaging the CALD sector

As the peak body for youth affairs in Queensland, it is YANQ's role to inform the government on youth issues and to ensure that young voices are heard AND listened to in the creaky halls of parliament. Good policy must be built on appropriate consultation, and in the first half of the year we will be concentrating our efforts on engaging the CALD sector in order to open lines of communication and facilitate broad consultation with community groups across the State.

Multicultural Network and Database

YANQ employed a project officer last year to put together a database of multicultural organisations in Queensland. Many organisations were contacted and were keen to join YANQ's multicultural network. Keeping the database up-to-date is the next step! NYIN members have been given access to the database and are urged to assist us in its updating: if anyone is missing please let us know!

In the next few months we will be visiting remote areas in Queensland in order to further broaden and strengthen our multicultural network. We will be linking up with youth inter-agencies and multicultural groups, recruiting new members and increasing our awareness of CALD youth issues across Queensland direct from the source.

2003 small grants

In 2003 YANQ gave seven \$500 grants to youth groups to make short video documentaries investigating the issues faced by their clients. YANQ will have the results of these soon.

CALD issues within the ETRF agenda

We will be preparing an issues paper on the Queensland Government's Education and Training Reforms for the Future which will look at specific issues for CALD young people for presentation at the taskforce meeting on the 13th of July. The paper will address the question: how does the ETRF address the engagement of CALD youth and what changes need to be made in order to address this issue?

I would like to coordinate a steering group for this paper: interested people please contact Claire at YANQ on 3844 7713 or at cald@yanq.org.au.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

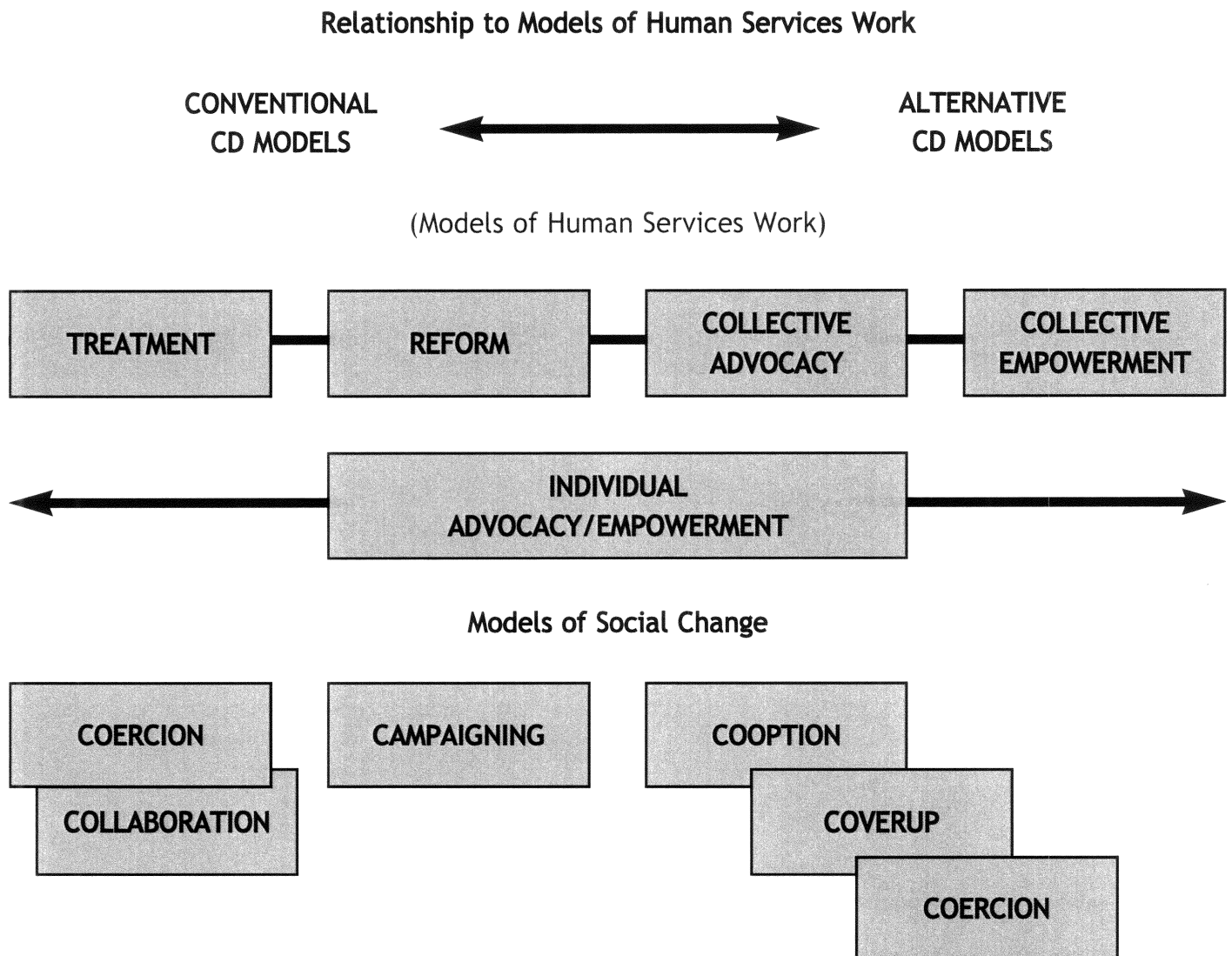
Features of Each End of the Continuum

Please note that the following diagram is designed to indicate extremes/trends, rather than to fully/accurately describe two discrete schools of thought.

Conventional CD Models (beginning in the 1940s)	Alternative CD Models (beginning in the 1960s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – project based – <i>needs</i>-based – concerned with individuals (psychological approach) – seeks change by dysfunctional individuals/groups – functional/planning oriented – pre-structured – claims to be <i>objective</i>/values free² – community <i>leaders</i> set <i>norms</i> – externally managed – geographical concept of community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – an ongoing process – (human) <i>rights</i>-based – concerned with economic, environmental, social, political, cultural context (sociological approach) – seeks change by dominant individuals/groups/structures – developmentally/process-oriented – flexible – acknowledges/articulates its values base – challenges <i>dominant culture norms</i> – aims toward internal <i>ownership</i> – applies a range of definitions of <i>community</i> – can include particular disenfranchised cultural/target groups
i.e. These models are <i>Normative</i> (concerned with individual change to fit into the system)	i.e. These models are <i>Social Justice</i> focussed (concerned with change of the system to suit needs of members collectively)

Not all community development authors fit neatly into one of these two extremes. Increasingly, theories are best located between the two ends of the continuum. In particular, there have been a significant number of theories published over the past few years that are very reform focussed. (A good Australian example of this is Tony Kelly and Anna Sewell's work .) Some are designed to be able to be used within a range of different social change approaches, other than the conventional. (Useful examples of these are Wadsworth and a range of authors in a collection of articles by Thorpe & Petruchenia.)

2 Ends of the Continuum of Models¹



Please note that **models of community development, human services work⁵ and social change could be drawn as circles**. This is particularly emphasised by the frequent use of coercive change methods (albeit with different parties) at both extremes of the continuum. (Treatment focussed agencies/workers are willing to seek individual change through coercion, to the point of incarceration at times; Collective Empowerment focussed agencies/workers are sometimes willing to encourage confrontative social action by disenfranchised groups, to try to change the system.)

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² This is the claim! Arguably, they are, in fact, working from the values of the *dominant culture*!

³ See, for example: Kelly, Anthony & Sewell, Sandra (1988) **With Head, Heart and Hand: Dimensions of Community Building**, Boolarong Publications, Qld.

⁴ The following are both really useful resources:

- Wadsworth, Yoland (1984), **Do It Yourself Social Research**, Victorian Council of Social Service & Melbourne Family Care Organisation, Melbourne.
- Thorpe, Rosamund & Petruchenia, Judy (1985), **Community Work or Social Change: An Australian Perspective**, Routledge & Kegan Paul, London

⁵ This model draws heavily on the (unpublished) ideas of Chris Brown, articulated in 1986-88.

So...What is Community Development?

Authors have defined Community Development in widely varying ways...generally according to which school of thought they adhere to! A simple, inclusive definition could be:.

Community Development is an intervention with group(s) designed to positively change a community. This change can be concerned with individual, social, cultural, environmental, economic or political improvement.

This definition does not seek to take a position on what constitutes positive or negative change in a community - perceptions will vary according to the values of the intervener.

Key Questions about Community Development

When embarking on a community development process, it is important to consider the following, values-focussed questions:

- what change are you seeking?
- why?
- whose interests will this serve?
- what methods can be legitimately employed to achieve change?
- who are the target group for intervention?
- who are you accountable to? For what? During the process?

Your answers to these questions will determine which models are viable to adopt. Many of the methods/skills/strategies/approaches proposed by community development theorists, are transferable. When using those from models based on different values to those underlying your process, it is important to critically analyse their possible consequences, before applying them.

Youth Affairs Conference

YANQ's biannual Youth Affairs Conference will be held this year from the **13th-15th of October**. I would also like to form a reference group to guide the representation of CALD issues at the conference: interested people please contact Claire at YANQ on 3844 7713 or at cald@yanq.org.au.

NYIN meeting dates for 2004

NYIN meets bi-monthly in at Gallang Place in West End. Everyone is welcome so please put these dates in your diary:

17 February • 20 April • 15 June • 17 August • 19 October • 14 December

Interagency

Regional Queensland



Meetings

Bundaberg District Youth Sector Network

Contact: Peter Cullen
PO Box 2252 Bundaberg Q 4670
Ph (07) 4154 0324
peter.cullen@qed.qld.gov.au
Meets Bi-monthly at Bundaberg Skill Centre,
Bigara Rd, Bundaberg

Mackay Youth Connection & Network Inc

Contact: Amanda Sulter
Mackay Youth Information & Referral Service
60 Victoria Street, Mackay Q 4740
Ph (07) 4957 7949 Fax (07) 4957 7637
Meets 3rd Tuesday of the month 11am Mackay City Council

Cairns Youth Service Network

Contact: Youth Development Officer
PO Box 359, Cairns Q 4870
Ph (07) 4044 3031 Fax (07) 4044 3830
Email: to be advised
Meets last Thursday of month 3.30pm
Cairns City Library, Abbott St Cairns

Magnetic North Youth Service Providers Association Inc

Contact: Clea Alcorn
Ph (07) 4755 0100 Fax: (07) 4779 5594
Email: clea.alcorn@smithfamily.com.au
Meets 3rd Tuesday of month from 10:30am at Pimlico TAFE, Pimlico.

Central and North Burnett Community Services Network

Contact: Andrew Crowthers
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Ph (07) 4166 1733 Fax (07) 4166 1061
Email cdom@cybertown.com.au
Contact: Brad Mitchell

Mundubbera Community Development

Ph (07) 4165 4690 Fax (07) 4165 3143
Email mcda@burnett.net.au
Meets 1st Monday of the month 10am to 3pm (venue changes)

MICAT (Mt Isa Combined Action Team)

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Education Qld
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Email Helen.mckerrow@qed.qld.gov.au
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Ph: (07) 47495623
Email Madonna_kennedy@health.qld.gov.au
Meets twice per school term
Contact Helen or Madonna for details
Current as at November, 2003

Central West Youth Network

Contact: Linda Wearing
PO Box 343, Longreach Q 4730
Ph: (07) 4658 4512 Fax: (07) 4658 4529
Meets every 2 months (Venue changes)

Rockhampton Combined Youth Interagency and Suicide Prevention

Contact: Ron_e Butler
Central Public Health Unit
Ph: (07) 4920 6879 Fax: (07) 4920 6865

Email ronee_butler@health.qld.gov.au

Meets 3rd Thursday of the month 9.30am to 11.30am - venue changes

Emerald Shire Youth Council

Contact: Matthew Sampson
Youth Development Officer, Emerald Shire Council
PO Box 21, Emerald Q 4720
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Email msampson@emerald.qld.gov.au
Meets monthly

South Burnett Community Network Welfare Workers Network

Contact: Lesley Burgess
CTC Youth Service
PO Box 490, Kingaroy Q 4610
Ph (07) 4162 7788 Fax (07) 4162 2783
Email: lesley@sbctc.com.au
Meets 2nd Tuesday of month at Wondai Council Supper Room 10am - 12noon

Gladstone Combined Youth Interagency and Youth Suicide Prevention Network

Contact: Andrea Hughes
Gladstone City Council
PO Box 29, Gladstone Q 4680
Ph: (07) 49766300 Fax: (07) 4972 6557
Email: andrea@gcc.qld.gov.au
Meets 1st Wednesday of the month at 11.00am at PCYC, Yarroon Street Gladstone.

South West Youth Interagency

Contact: Nicolette Lowe
South West Health Community Program
PO Box 219 Charleville Q4470
Ph (07) 4654 4388 Fax (07) 4654 4389
Email: ahpocville@bigpond.com
Meets once a month. Contact Nicolette for details

Hervey Bay Youth Sector Workers Network

Contact: Sue Lawler
Hervey Bay City Council
PO Box 5045 Hervey Bay, Q4655
Ph: (07) 4197 4330 Fax: (07) 4197 4303
Email: suel@herveybay.qld.gov.au
Meets last Tuesday of each month at 10.30am, contact Sue for venue details.

Sunshine Coast Youth Workers Forum

Contact: Terri Shine
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Mob: 0407036736
Email t.shine@caloundra.qld.gov.au
Meets Quarterly. Contact Terri for details

Warwick Youth Network

Contact: Pam Burley, Community Youth Worker
Po Box 26, Warwick Q 4370
Ph/Fax (07) 4661 7166
Email: pburley@warwick.qld.gov.au
Meets Quarterly, (dates change) at Warwick Community Health Office.

*To keep our records current please notify YANQ of any changes to your details



Toowoomba Youth Organisations Network (TYON)

Contact: Ed Bradbury
Department of Education
PO Box 38, Toowoomba Q 4350
Ph: (07) 4616 9111 Fax: (07) 4616 9100
Email edward.bradbury@qed.qld.gov.au
Meets periodically - contact Ed Bradbury
Also runs an email discussion and announcement list contact Ed for details

Innisfail Community Sector Network

Contact: Wendy Schulz
Ph: (07) 40302210 Fax (07) 4061 6005
Email: schulzw@jsc.qld.gov.au
Meets at 1.00 pm last Thursday of every second month at Parish Centre, Rankin Street, Innisfail

South East Qld Interagency Meeting current as at February 2004

Mt Tamborine & Beaudesert Regional Interagency
Contact: Community Development Officer
PO Box 572 Beaudesert, Q 4285
Ph: (07) 5541 4391 Fax: (07) 5541 3654
Email: cdo@gjl.com.au
Meets 2nd Wednesday of every second month 10am at the Blue Care, Duckett St, Beaudesert

Logan Youth Interagency Network

Contact: Melissa McKeering
Community Youth Development Officer
Logan City Council
Ph: (07) 3826 5632 Fax: (07) 3808 0014
Email: melissamckeering@logan.qld.gov.au
Meets 2nd Monday of the month 3pm-5pm at Logan PCYC Conference Room (PCYC is situated behind the Logan City Council Chambers next door to the swimming pool) Jacaranda Av, Woodridge.)

Brisbane Inner Urban Youth Interagency

Contact: Gerard Dowling
Ph (07) 3407 0208
Email: cdo@brisbane.qld.gov.au
Meets 1st Wednesday of the month 10am-12pm at Drug Arm 83 Castlemaine St Milton

Pine Rivers Youth Service Providers Network

Meeting Room Facilitator Di Cattling
Youth Care Pine Rivers
PO Box 143 Strathpine Q4500
Ph (07) 3881 2823 Fax (07) 3881 1047
Meets 1st Monday of every second month 2pm at 16 Lincoln St Strathpine

Caboolture Youth Area Network (YCAN)

Contact: Kim Reid
Caboolture Shire Council
Ph (07) 5420 0342 Fax (07) 5420 0350
Email: reidki@caboolture.qld.gov.au
Meets 3rd Wednesday of every month 1230-230pm at Caboolture Shire Council, Level 3, 33 King St Caboolture

Redcliffe Youth Service Providers Network

Contact: Darren Dallinger
Redcliffe City Council
Ph (07) 3283 0217 Fax (07) 3283 0269

Email: Darren_Dallinger@redcliffe.qld.gov.au
Meets 2nd Wednesday of every second month 3pm at Redcliffe Area Youth Space

Gold Coast Youth Network

Contact: Sylvia Roylance
C/o Gold Coast Youth Services
PO Box 740 Burleigh Heads Q4220
PH (07) 5572 0400 Fax (07) 5575 2607
Email gcys@bigpond.com
Meets last Wednesday of the month 10.30-12.30 at Robina Uniting Church Community Complex, 4 Greenwich Court Robina

Redlands Youth Network

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Youth support worker
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Meets 3rd Monday of the month 9.30am-11.30am, at Redlands Health Service Centre, Weippin Street, Cleveland

Inala Youth Interagency (LARGEFLY)

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Email: john@iyfss.org.au
Meets 12 pm on 2nd Thursday of the month at Centrelink Office 2nd Floor Wirraway Parade, Inala.

South-east Youthlink Interagency

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Ipswich Youth Focus

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Ipswich City Council
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Meets 1st Tuesday of the month at 1230pm at Ipswich Health Plaza Bell St Ipswich.

Youth Health Interagency

Contact: Jill Diggles
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Life's Worth It - Sandgate

Contact: Bruce Cornish
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Meets 2nd Tues every 2nd Month at Sandgate Uniting Church, 116 Board Street Deagon

Service Providers Action Group For Youth

Contact: Steve Hutchinson (Picabeen)
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Email: info@picabeen.org.au
1st Thursday of every 2nd Month at 2.30 pm at Picabeen 22 Hoben St Mitchelton

YANQ Membership/Subscription

Application Form Tax Invoice

ABN: 28 205 281 339

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

Category Applied For:

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

Title _____ First Name _____

Family Name _____

Postal Address _____

Suburb _____ State _____ Code _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

Fax _____ Mobile _____

Email _____

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 _____

Postal Address _____

Suburb _____ State _____ Code _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

Fax _____ Mobile _____

Email _____

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 _____

Postal Address _____

Suburb _____ State _____ Code _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

Fax _____ Mobile _____

Email _____

Community Not for Profit

Individual \$ 60.00 ☐

Organisation \$160.00 ☐

For Profit \$ 200.00 ☐

Government Department or Service: \$185.00 ☐

Federal, State, Local

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

Card Details - - -

Name on Card _____ Amount \$ _____

Signature _____ Expiry Date _____

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.

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?

Full Membership

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 Queensland)

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.