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Issues Raised

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Introduction

The Youth Consultative Network (YCN) is a process that aims to help Governments and the Community to learn about, and respond to the issues that effect young people (particularly those that are marginalised and disadvantaged) and youth services in Queensland. the YCN also assists youth workers to connect with others that may be working on, or concerned about similar issues.

Queensland's peak community youth affairs organisation, the Youth Affairs Network of Queensland (YANQ), facilitates the YCN.

One of the main aspects of the YCN is the process through which networks and interagencies of youth workers and youth organisations share information regarding:

- The high priority challenges facing young people they work with and the youth services they work in;
- The responses they are making, or suggest should be made to these issues;
- Training needs of services in their area; and
- New programs or resources recently made available.

This report collates the information provided to YANQ during the 4th quarter (October to December) of 2006. Unfortunately, this quarter was the quietest of 2006, with only 2 interagencies participating (compared to 10 in the previous quarter. There are likely a number of reasons for this drop-off in numbers including:

- Some interagencies conducted Christmas break ups during the period and thus it wasn't an ideal time to participate;
- some interagencies didn't meet, or met less during the period meaning they had less time available to participate;
- YANQ neglected to send out a reminder to interagencies and thus some interagencies may have forgotten to submit their YCN forms.

Additionally, while YANQ has not received any negative feedback regarding the YCN during 2006, it is possible that some interagencies are dissatisfied with how the YCN is working. Members of any interagencies that feel this way are strongly encouraged to phone David at YANQ on (07) 3844 7713 or e-mail ndo@yanq.org.au. Critical feedback is vital to YANQ if we are to achieve our aims of building transparent and respected processes through which critical issues facing young people can be identified and responded to.

For More Information...

For more information about the YCN or YANQ generally, please contact David Powell, the Network Development Officer at YANQ on (07) 3844 7713 or e-mail to ndo@yanq.org.au

The YCN website also provides further details, as well as reports from previous quarters. You can access the site at <http://www.yanq.org.au/ycn>

Participating Interagencies/Networks (& postcode)

1. Redcliffe Youth Service Providers Network (4020)
2. Pine Rivers Youth Service Providers Network (4500)

Summary of Issues Raised

Matters relating to Young People	Matters relating to Organisations
(2) Housing/Accommodation	(4) Funding/Resources
(2) Drug/Alcohol	(1) Collaboration/Cooperation
(1) Mental/Emotional Health	
(1) Transport	

NB: Numbers in brackets represent the number

of issues that match the category – i.e. 3 of the issues raised were related to Transport.

Matters relating to Young People

Details	Response Suggested	Postcode
Drug/Alcohol		
High numbers of young people with drug and alcohol and mental health issues, at risk of disengaging	Need programs that address barriers to support	4500
Drugs and Alcohol Abuse		4020
Housing/Accommodation		
Large numbers of young people 'couch surfing', moving in and out of home, living with friends etc.	Need for coordinated approach with services and groups	4500
Homelessness		4020
Mental/Emotional Health		
Youth Mental Health		4020
Transport		
Issues with access to community and recreational facilities		4500

Matters relating to Organisations

Details	Response Suggested	Postcode
Collaboration/Cooperation		
Limited collaboration and cooperation due to capacity	Sub-groups (of network) have formed to focus on different issues	4500
Funding/Resources		
Funding opportunities to maintain and develop ongoing programs	Ongoing and increased support needed for effective programs	4500
Lack of funding	Suggested Improvements - More appropriate funding levels, longer funding terms, more flexibility in funding to cater for the unique needs of young people in the area.	4020
Lack of ongoing funding.		4020
Unfunded to support young people under 15 years of age.		4020

Training Needs (& postcode)

Health training for service providers - "Do no further harm", Identification of mental health issues and referral pathways.	4020
Sexual Health	4020
Training around "social safety" issues	4020
Abuse/trauma	4500
Drug and alcohol and harm minimisation	4500
Working with young people with mental health issues	4500

Announcements of New Resources/Programs

Please contact the relevant Interagency/Network for details. You can find contact details at <http://www.yang.org.au/index.php?page=networks>

Redcliffe Youth Service Providers Network

- Artist in Residence Program at the Redcliffe Area Youth Space - 4 severely at risk young people work with a professional artist to produce work for an exhibition at the Redcliffe Art Gallery
- Australian Technical College – www.techcollege.com.au.
- Checkpoint Flexi-School to commence in February 2007. School working in partnership with Redcliffe and Clontarf State High Schools.