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Queensland Leads the Way in Planning Youth Sector Development

If your service is situated in South West Queensland or somewhere south of the Brisbane River expect to hear from us soon. The Youth Services Workforce Skills and Training project is about to launch into the major phase with completion of research methodology and literature review that situates skilling and training within the broader context of workforce development and explores what is happening in the development of youth sectors both within Australia and internationally.

Early in 2009, YANQ received funding support from the Office for Youth, Department of Communities and the Department of Education and Training (DET) to undertake a Youth Services Workforce Skills and Training Project after several years of advocating for a systematic approach to the development and maintenance of our youth sector workforce to ensure quality services for young people.

The project is designed to develop an accurate picture of the youth sector in Queensland, examining the current state of affairs in the youth sector; who is the sector, what skills currently exist, what skills will be critical to meet future needs

and how these can be provided. It will inform how the sector can prepare for the future through attracting, retaining, developing and training a skilled workforce. Beyond providing information about training and skilling needs, this landmark project will create the platform to ensure a vibrant and sustainable youth sector workforce that protects and promotes young people's rights.

The project involves:

- researching literature about youth workforce skills development;
- collecting data on the current skills, competencies and qualifications of youth workers;
- projecting future skills needs in line with young people's needs, government priorities and contemporary practice frameworks;
- identifying preferred models and potential alliances to support skills development.

The outcomes of this project will be:

A Clear Plan: The key outcome of this project will be a Position Paper and Youth Sector Development Plan. The paper will contain recommendations and be used

to inform skilling and workforce development initiatives.

An Engaged and Informed Sector: The youth services workforce will be engaged in this project from the start to the finish - in surveys, workshops and discussions about the viability and sustainability of a vibrant youth sector in Queensland. This will ensure that a plan is developed by the sector, for the sector, paving the way for successful implementation of the plan.

The primary target group of the project is youth workers employed by community based organisations funded by Department of Communities and the Australian Government Reconnect program. Information from youth workers in services funded through other agencies and programs will also be considered. The research phase of the project will be conducted in two DET regions: South West, and Brisbane South (including Brisbane City Council areas). Data gathered and ideas generated from these two regions will then be validated with information received from other regions and sources across Queensland.

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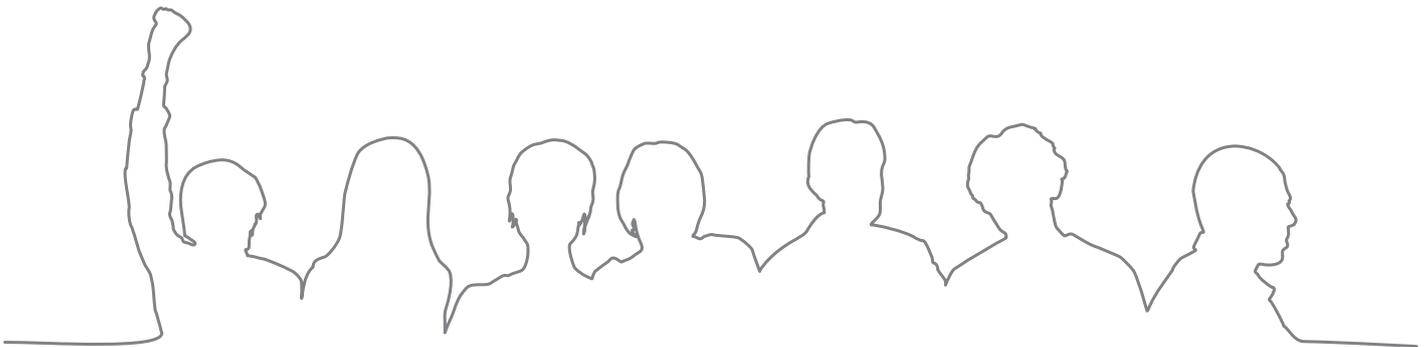
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YANQ Believes that the Primary Culture of Australia is Aboriginal

We recognise that Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and South Sea Islander people are 3 separate cultures. We recognise Aboriginal people as the permanent custodians of mainland Australia and Torres Strait Islanders as permanent custodians of the Torres Strait Islands that are an integral part of Australia, including those areas of land and sea whose owners have been wiped out as a result of racist politics and acts. We use the term custodianship in the context of protection and care

for the land. YANQ is committed to respecting individuals, Murri and Islander communities. 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 mistreatments of Murri and Islander people created by colonisation, and is committed to supporting the healing process.



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The project methodology outlines five methods for gathering information and data which include a workforce profile survey, forums, focus groups, interviews and using existing data that has already been collected through other projects that contribute to the development of the workforce. Using both quantitative and qualitative methods will support stakeholders active involvement both in the provision of information and the development of recommendations and strategies. The methodology is based on an action research approach in that participants will be asked to reflect on their experiences of the youth services sector and provide information and draw analysis and generalisations to inform future plans for the development of the sector.

Review of a range of similar workforce development projects in Queensland and internationally indicate the need to start from (or develop) an accurate workforce profile in order to understand the current context of the sector and establish themes that require further investigation through engaging with the sector. This information will be gathered through a survey to services. In conjunction, a primarily qualitative approach will provide depth to the data collected and ensure context and meaning to the target populations, working from the premise that a Queensland-wide sector development strategy needs to ensure relevance to all parts of the state and to different types of services.

To read more about the methodology go to www.yanq.org.au/workforce.

The successful establishment of a project Industry Reference Group in May has provided a strong basis with key stakeholders to provide advice and shape the project parameters. Members include service providers- Brisbane Youth Service, Albert Park Flexi Learning Centre, Open Doors, QPASTT, ECCQ, QYHC, Impact Youth Organisation, TAFE, QUT, State Government Office for Youth and DET, Queensland Alliance, LGAQ, Health and Community Services Workforce Council and YANQ representatives. The main purpose of this group is create a space where key stakeholders such as employers, industry associations,

government agencies, training and education providers and youth workers can come together to develop a deeper understanding of workforce development issues and to form strategic alliances that will assist in identifying the real causes of skills shortages and barriers to workforce development, and contribute to the development of solutions. An underlying premise of establishing this group is to encourage and support the sector in initial development and ownership of an industry reference group which ultimately leads to ongoing sustainability, sector owned and managed.

The project workers will be in contact with youth services and other stakeholders in the regions during August/September. All youth services within the two regions will be asked to complete a survey to assist in creating a profile of the existing workforce, as well as being invited to regional forums to workshop future trends and needs and possible strategies to support workforce skilling. Project workers will also be looking for opportunities to conduct focus groups with existing networks or other gatherings of youth workers where more detailed information is required to ensure that a complex and holistic picture of the youth services sector has been created. Information available from other relevant projects and initiatives will also be integrated to create an accurate picture and to inform future planning.

To access a copy of the survey or find out when forums are happening in your area go to www.yanq.org.au/workforce or if you want more information about the project contact the project workers, Tracey Acton and John Flanagan on **0438 575 662** or at YANQ on **3844 7713**.

And there is more...

YANQ has also received funding for an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Youth Services Workforce Skills and Training project that will link closely the broader project. The focus of this project is Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander specific youth service providers. Mainstream services that employ

Indigenous staff and/or provide services to Indigenous young people will be included in the general workforce project and it is envisaged that synergies between the projects will emerge as information is collected and conversations occur.

A sub committee has been formed to provide guidance and advice for this part of the overall project and the first meeting was held on 3 July. Draft Terms of Reference have been provided that link this group as a sub committee of the Industry Reference Group.

The regions for this project are:

- Brisbane
- Central Queensland
- North west Queensland and
- Cherbourg

The project will contract a number of Indigenous staff to gather information about the workforce in these regions to inform the project. A position description outlining the skills sets required by the project interviewers has been developed and distributed and can be viewed at www.yanq.org.au/workforce. A one day induction and methodology workshop will be conducted with the project interviewers, sub committee members and project workers in late August that will act both as an orientation to the project and the opportunity to develop the questions and processes together.

Findings gathered through this project will be included in the final Position Paper and Youth Sector Development Plan as well as in a specific project report. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth services and other key stakeholders in the regions mentioned above can expect to be contacted soon.

For more information about this project go to www.yanq.org.au/workforce or contact the project workers, Tracey Acton and John Flanagan on **0438 575 662** or at YANQ on **07 3844 7713**.

17 Years of Shame

removing children from Queensland adult prisons

2009 marks 17 years since the state labor government committed to remove children from Queensland adult prisons. Successive state governments have abdicated their responsibility of protecting this vulnerable group of children from harm imposed on them by keeping them in Queensland adult prisons.

The government's inaction is despite various inquiries and reports including calls by the Children's Commissioner and the Anti Discrimination Commission to change this cruel practice. The basic human rights of these

young people have been ignored despite wide spread community support for change. The heads of Queensland churches and various youth and legal advocacy bodies continue to pressure government to meet its obligation towards protecting children.

Young people under the age of 18 are not allowed to enter pubs, vote or get married however in Queensland they can be locked up in adult prisons. The hypocrisy of the Government is astonishing where the young people locked in adult prisons are not allowed

to even buy cigarettes because of their age.

The Queensland government must end this archaic practice as soon as possible. YANQ will continue to use all available means to pressure the state government to move all children from adult prisons to juvenile justice facilities.

For further information about this campaign visit <http://www.yanq.org.au/content/view/42/55/>

Youth Sector Update – January to June 2009

Regular reader's of the Network Noise will probably not be surprised to learn that the more things change, the more they stay the same. According to youth interagencies across the State, homelessness and limited funding continue to be the highest priority challenges that young people and services respectively are facing.

As we've been doing for a few years now YANQ regularly invites all of the youth interagencies that we have contact with (see www.yanq.org.au/networks) to tell us what they think are the highest priority challenges facing young people and services.

Between January and June seven interagencies took up the invitation, these being:

- Logan Youth Network;
- Goodna & Ipswich Youth Interagencies;
- Caboolture Youth Area Network;
- Northern Sunshine Coast Interagency Network;
- Fraser Coast Youth Sector Network;
- Bundaberg District Youth Sector Network; and
- Whitsunday Youth Focus

According to these interagencies, the young people they support are:

- finding it difficult to find **secure, safe and stable accommodation** (4/7 interagencies mentioned this)
- struggling with **misuse and abuse of drugs and alcohol** (4/7);
- having difficulty getting support for their **mental health concerns** (3/7).
- **losing connection with school** (some at relatively young ages) and finding it difficult to find alternatives that work (3/7).

Services on the other hand are struggling with:

1. **limited (in both time and money terms) funding** that restricts their ability to meet the needs of young people they work with (6/7 interagencies raised this); and
2. **retention of staff as well as finding time and resources to offer professional development opportunities** (2/7).

Over the last 6 months YANQ has done work on some of these issues, and provided information relevant to all of them at some stage on our website. Readers can find links to information relevant to these challenges by reading the latest Youth Sector Update report online at www.yanq.org.au/ycnreports.

What does YANQ do with this information?

YANQ uses the information interagencies share with us to keep the community and governments informed about challenges facing young people and youth services. We provide this information to governments in the form of regular briefings. The information is provided to the community through our website, newsletters and occasional forums.

This is also an opportunity for services to connect with others dealing with similar issues. Any worker or service that would like to contact the interagencies that raised this issue can do so by contacting YANQ's Network Development Officer – phone **07 3844 7713** or email ndo@yanq.org.au. Contact details for interagencies can also be found on YANQ's website at www.yanq.org.au/networks.

If you are involved in an interagency that is not currently connected to YANQ or is not sharing its views on the high-priority challenges – and you would like it to, please contact David at YANQ on **3844 7713** or email ndo@yanq.org.au. David will be more than happy to give you some resources that will help your interagency become more connected to YANQ's work and the sector generally.

The National Representative Council (NRC) of AYAC met in Sydney on 3rd and 4th of August to make key decisions about the ongoing structure of AYAC as a fully funded and operational National Youth peak body.

AYAC has existed as an unfunded peak body since it's defunding by the Howard government in 2002. During these seven years, YANQ and other members of the National youth affairs Coalition continued to lobby for funding for this important national body. In 2009 AYAC received funding of approximately \$450,000/year from the federal government until June 2012.

AYAC has now employed an Establishment Director to lead the engagement of stakeholders in setting up AYAC as a fully operational national peak body for the youth sector.

In June and July 2009 Establishment Director, Meredith Turnbull traveled around Australia meeting with AYAC's current members and stakeholders, such as Children's Commissioners, youth sector networks, young people, state based Offices for Youth and national youth organisations.

The NRC meeting in August explored the current governance structure and how these structures could be strengthened. AYAC's operational model will be finalized by the time we hold the Annual General Meeting in November.

YANQ is looking forward to working with AYAC to fill in the major gap created as a result of defunding of the previous national youth peak body.

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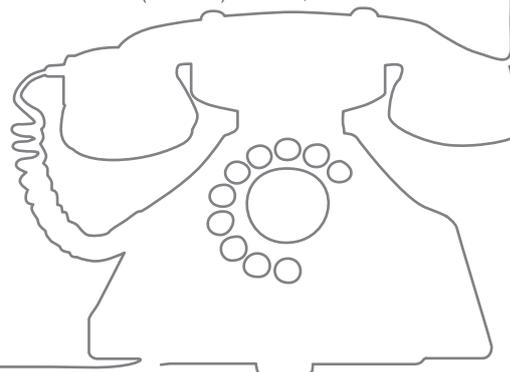
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To order cards for your service, please complete and return the order form either by fax to YANQ at **07 3844 7731** or email to admin@yanq.org.au or contact YANQ Ph **07 3844 7713** or **1800 177 899**.

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What Do Students Say About Flexi Schools?

By David Powell

During an interview recently with a young student who attended a flexi-school in South East Queensland it emerged her daily trip to the school took 90 minutes (when the buses were on time). It also emerged that on the way to school she passed several other 'mainstream' schools - the closest of which was just a 5 minute walk from her home. So why does she do that - why put up with a long trip on an unreliable public transport every day to get to school, when she could stroll just a few minutes down the road to the local high school?

These are some of the questions that YANQ and researchers from the University of Queensland (UQ) and Griffith University (GU) hope to answer in a research project that began at the start of the year. The research is being supported and guided by an advisory group that includes youth workers, educators and researchers from youth services, flexi-schools, non-government schools as well as UQ, GU, the Queensland University of Technology (QUT).

The aim of the research is to:

1. Identify the factors that allow 'flexi' schools and learning centres (which we'll call flexi-schools for now) to retain and re-engage young people who would otherwise not be engaged in education; and
2. To identify which of these factors are transferrable to traditional schooling (and how).

Staff and students from five flexi-schools in South East Queensland have been involved in the research. Students and staff of those centres were recently invited to a workshop in which they could see and give feedback on the initial findings.

Initial Findings

Some common themes have already started to emerge from the research after just a brief analysis of the interviews with students. Keeping in mind that these are just initial impressions emerging from the data, here are some comments on what we've found so far.

First, we say that the profile of a flexi-school student is a very diverse one, and that the reasons they maintain connections to flexi-schools related to the schools environment, the programs it offers and the style of teaching. Students who attend flexi-schools might be parents or they might be homeless or they may just prefer the way that flexi-schools teach them. They often have clear goals of what they want to achieve and might be looking for specific qualifications. Some students are returning to education after a long absence. Many prefer the smaller schools/classes and many did not like some aspect of their previous school. The age range of students is very diverse too – ranging from early teens through to early 20s.

While the backgrounds of the students was very diverse, one common element was the high ambitions and strong work ethic that many of them had. Many students were able to articulate very clear strategies for achieving their goals. Many of the students also put a great deal of effort into attending school – some juggled work and/or caring responsibilities while others travelled significant distances to maintain their connection to learning.

Another common factor amongst the students was their identification of what they liked about flexi-schools and the factors that attracted them to flexi-schools in the first place. One such factor was the environment that flexi-schools created – in particular the following aspects of the environment:

- **FLEXIBILITY.** In terms of attendance and assessment deadline, one young person summed this up saying:

"Cause you get flexible hours here and stuff so if you're working then you can pick a day like you need to do subjects on, kind of thing. So if you working like on Wednesday or Tuesday's or whatever, just work the other days that you're not doing work here."

- **SUPPORTIVE.** A young parent for instance found that her flexi school accepted the fact she was a young mother, saying:

"The support, the fact that it has free childcare and I can actually do my schooling as well as be a parent."

- **RESPECTFUL.** The respect that students felt was also a big factor, both between staff and students and amongst students as well. For example:

"... I know that if my friends weren't here I could just go up to someone and say, 'hi' and you know they'd like come back at you with respect."

- **POSITIVE.** The positive focus of schools was also important, both in terms of young people feeling 'celebrated' (not just accepted), as well as a focus on educational outcomes and the sense of achievement that comes with that. For example:

"Mum's happy for me because she knew I wasn't the person who liked school and she thought I was going to become a failure and then I told her 'Mum, I'm doing a course now and it's a lot better than school' and she's happy as for me yeah."

- **COMMUNITY.** A sense of common purpose and belonging to a community was the other common factor that students identified. One student's comments on this were:

"The [school] does well, I think how they do the community group meetings and stuff, bringing everyone together and sorting out conflicts and everyone having their say. And these little meetings [are] a really good thing they do because it lowers the chances of anyone having any sort of fights or arguments so everyone has their own opinion – so it brings people together as a one community."

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What Do Students Say About Flexi Schools? cont.

By David Powell

The other two areas that have been identified in the research so far as factors of success are the learning programs that the flexi-schools/ learning centres offer, along with the method of teaching.

The variety of learning programs is clearly important. This includes the short term practical courses, longer term vocational courses AS WELL as academic subjects offered as part of year 10 through to year 12. Students also enjoyed doing the other learning programs many of the sites offered, such as music, art, photography and life-skills courses among others.

The method of teaching is another key factor that students discussed. In particular students talked about enjoying more conversational (two-way) modes of teaching and the opportunities this opened to build relationships with teachers and other staff. Students also valued the hands-on, practical methods of teaching, as well as the opportunities they had to get one-to-one support from staff.

Analysis of the interviews will continue between now and the end of the year. The final report on the research will be published early in 2010, it will include recommendations on how the factors of success that we identify can be

incorporated by traditional schools so that all young people can benefit from a supportive, and respectful educational environment.

For more information please contact David at YANQ on **07 3844 7713** or email **ndo@yanq.org.au**.

Centrelink Penalties

By Amie Meers, Solicitor/Community Educator, Welfare Rights Centre (NSW)

In July 2009 the penalty regime for non compliance with Activity Requirements is changing. Only time will tell whether the new regime improves on the current one, which commonly results in penalties as harsh as an 8 week non payment period.

Currently young people are disproportionately affected by penalties. One in four of all "participation failures" applied in 2007/08 were imposed on young people between the ages of 18 and 21 years. Approximately 45% of all penalties were imposed on people under the age of 25. The over-representation of young people in penalty statistics is also reflected in statistics on homelessness.

It is evident to the Welfare Rights Centres, through our extensive casework experience that young people are not fully aware of their rights and obligations in relation to Centrelink payments. In situations where a young person is at risk of homelessness or otherwise in a vulnerable situation accessing homeless services and other emergency services

throughout Australia it is clear that many in this group are generally unaware of their rights and requirements.

A Welfare Rights Centre can provide advice to young people and their youth workers about all matters affecting their Centrelink payment. We provide advice to young people and/or their advocates about how to appeal against Centrelink decisions and what to argue. Depending on our resources, we may be able to advocate on the young person's behalf to Centrelink, the Social Security Appeals Tribunal or the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

The current global economic crisis, and the effects that it is having on the employment prospects of young people means that the provision of clear, simple information about the new system, young people's rights and responsibilities, is more critical than ever. The latest data indicates that almost one in four (24%) of young people under 25 are unemployed. Around 70,000 teenagers are currently unemployed. Unless they are a

full-time student or are exempt from activity test requirements, most will have activity agreements which require them to look for work or undertake vocational training and may incur penalties if they fail to comply with those agreements.

A young person who incurs a penalty under the new regime, or their youth worker can call the Welfare Rights Centre for advice.

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Youth and Racist Hostility

Together we can erase racism



Youth violence is a complicated issue, and when violent attacks are racially-motivated, a whole new set of complications is involved. Reducing racist hostility in young people should be a priority for governments around the world, and in Australia, this needs to be put on the agenda of each level of government: local, state and federal. There are a number of models for approaching a reduction in racist violence, but it is necessary to identify the potential factors which make racist violence more likely, more acceptable and more durable. A recent British study has identified a number of factors:

- virtual environments (including websites and online social networks) which may be influential in encouraging racist violence
- international conflicts including terrorist attacks which can be used to rationalise racist violence
- national political and media messages on immigration, ethnicity and racism which can shape racial hostility
- economic factors such as unemployment and low pay, or exclusion from new economic opportunities
- educational factors that make racist violence more likely, including patterns of under-achievement, exclusion, racial and ethnic segregation, lack of explicit focus in schools, failure to challenge racism through school curriculum and ethos
- physical features of a local area that make racist violence possible, even attractive to perpetrators, such as isolation, lack of surveillance and lighting, lack of sufficient leisure facilities
- family factors where racist hostility

is socialised and legitimated across generations and genders, with old/young, female/male attitudes and talk promoting racism in different ways

- local social/community factors such as the balance between racist violence 'preventors' and 'promoters' and the level and nature of social interaction across ethnic/racial lines
- adult/youth factors, active local cultures/sub-cultures, values and norms of peer groups which may encourage racist violence
- activities of ideologically driven groups, for example far right groups, which encourage racist violence
- criminal environments which provide tools, knowledge, motivation and peer pressure that knowingly or unwittingly promote/incite racist violence (Law, 2008).

A number of these factors fall within the youth sector, and are relevant to issues across the youth agenda. Most policy that addresses racist violence is concerned with punitive and repressive action (Isal, 2006). In Queensland, this is pointedly clear, with the State's continued emphasis on detention and punishment, rather than early detection and prevention. The Queensland Government recently pledged \$206 million to increase beds and space in Youth Detention Centres, but has offered only token funds for crime prevention and discussion (see YANQ's 2009/10 Budget Response at <http://tinyurl.com/nqfvye>). It would be more appropriate, considering the wide youth emphasis in racial violence, to create a strong education and prevention model. The Bede Anti-Racist Detached Youth Work project points out that establishing anti-racism should be a core project objective in youth work,

with an emphasis on engaging young people and challenging their ideas with activities in locations that had previously experienced high levels of racist violence (Isal, 2006). This approach seems even more important when it is considered that increased levels of enforcement have consistently failed to bring racist violence under control (Bowling & Phillips, 2002). In fact, "traditional criminal justice has made little headway towards successfully addressing racist crime and violence" (Goodey, 2005 p202).

Law (2008) suggests that in order to pursue a racism-reduction agenda, three broad steps are required:

- identifying the total environment that shapes, promotes and determines racist actions
- implementing a programme of action which has an impact on these factors
- creating a new environment in which the operation of racism and related violence is reduced.

While in the past, a number of anti-racist initiatives have had negative outcomes, including displacement, new forms of exclusion and new sources of hostility (Bonnett, 2000; Hewitt, 2005), there are still several principles which, when applied correctly, could go a long way in combating racism.

On a global level, the UN and UNESCO World Conference Against Racism (2001) identified the lack of political will as a major roadblock to the racism-reduction agenda, and agreed that in response, the role of non-government organisations (NGOs) was to work towards

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removing that roadblock. The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights agreed with the conference outcomes, and identified four key priorities in combating racism:

- monitoring and analysis of new and old forms of racism
- political strategy – expression of a united political will to combat racism by governments
- legal strategy – adoption and implementation of national legislation against racism and discrimination
- intellectual and ethical strategy – seeking to promote better understanding of the deep cultural roots of racism, and its ideological, cultural and psychological foundations, processes and mechanisms.

NGOs and community organisations can take key roles in these steps, by observing racism, advocating for policy change, and educating the community on the effects of racism. YANQ is currently a partner, along with the University of Queensland, Community Praxis

Co-op, and the Brisbane City Council, on an Action Research project investigating inter-cultural and intra-cultural conflict in regions with high culturally and linguistically diverse populations. The outcomes of this study will lead to training sessions, youth empowerment and broader discussion and understanding of racially-motivated conflict and violence. This is an approach that does not focus on punishment and detention, but on research, discussion, dissemination and planning to engage the young population and work towards creating a new environment in which racism is understood and reduced. YANQ will publish an update on this project in the first edition of Network Noise in 2010. As a YANQ side-project, the ERACISM! Project targets young people from a diverse backgrounds, but particularly white youth from the dominant culture in Australia, and challenges them to learn more about racism and its effects on the larger community. With projects like these, YANQ continues to work towards reducing racism, and therefore racially-motivated violence, among our young people.

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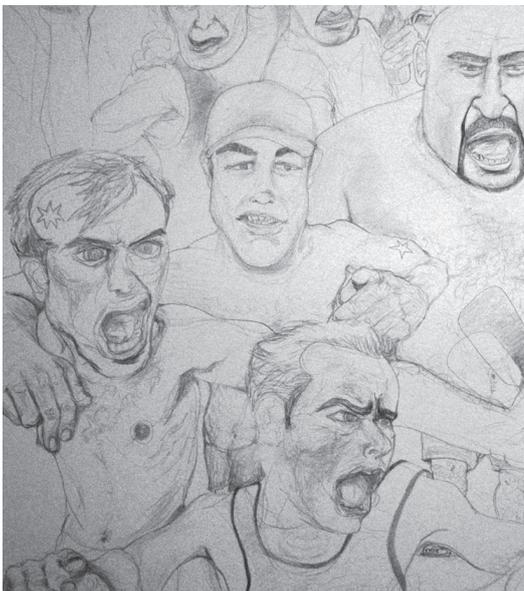
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2009 ERACISM! Youth Multimedia Competition



YANQ is pleased to announce that the winner of the ERACISM! Multimedia competition is Ryan Presley for his work “What sobriety wears on its heart, drunkenness wears on its lips”. This is what Ryan said about his piece:

“This work is a response to the theme, ‘Young People and Racism in Public Space’. It deals with the legacy of the White Australia policy and the proliferation of jingoist ideals throughout the previous decades. This is represented in drawing from images of rioters at Cronulla (2005) where thousands of white/anglo-Australians marched in a racist frenzy. This attitude continues today, and is still highly apparent to myself at Australia day celebrations. Large amounts of alcohol are openly consumed and blind, explicitly exclusive patriotism is exhibited. The title is referencing several political commentators where they stated that rioters were ‘10% racists, 90% Aussie pissheads’.

This work seeks to disagree with that, and this is shown in its title. This attitude is a reflection on my own experience of having an Aboriginal father and a non-Anglo mother and the experience of ‘Otherness’ I faced, especially at public celebrations such as these.”

Update on Campaign for a Youth Disability Advocacy Service

Over the past couple of months Caroline Woods has been busy working 1-2 days a week at YANQ and putting the finishing touches on a submission to Government that makes the case for a youth disability advocacy service. We will soon be seeking feedback from those people on our database who have indicated an interest in youth disability advocacy – so if you are one of those we look forward to hearing what you think soon.

The campaign now has well over 100 supporters. Thank you to all those people who have 'spread the word' and assisted with the recruitment process, your efforts are much appreciated.

If you haven't already signed up as a supporter, you can do so by visiting www.yanq.org.au/join and fill out the form you will find there (make sure you tick 'Youth Disability Advocacy' as an area of interest).

You can also join the Youth Disability Advocacy QLD Facebook group at <http://is.gd/2kEPm>. Please also continue to encourage your family, friends, colleagues and other network members to sign up as campaign supporters on the YANQ website or join the Facebook group.

If you have any queries or suggestions about the campaign for a youth disability advocacy service in Queensland please do not hesitate to contact Caroline on email to ydaq2@yanq.org.au.



DON'T LEAVE YOUR VOTE BEHIND



If you've moved house, or you're travelling for an extended period, you need to make sure that your right to vote hasn't been left behind. Now's the time to make sure your electoral enrolment is up to date.

If you've moved recently, whether across the country or just around the corner, you need to fill in a new enrolment form and return it to the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC). The one form updates your enrolment details for federal, state and local government elections.

If you're travelling around Australia or going overseas for an extended period of time, there are several ways to make sure your vote travels with you.

If you have a permanent home you intend to return to, you should remain enrolled for this home address. Just notify your local AEC office

of your absence to prevent your name being removed from the electoral roll.

If you no longer have a permanent home to which you intend to return, you may be eligible to enrol using a 'no fixed address' enrolment form.

If you don't keep your enrolment up to date or let the AEC know when you're away, you risk being removed from the electoral roll and not having your say at election time.

For more information, or to check your enrolment is up to date, visit www.aec.gov.au or call your local AEC office on **13 23 26**.

Enrolment forms are available from the AEC website, any Australia Post outlet or AEC, Medicare or Centrelink office.

Overview of Book

The Sociality of Healing

The Sociality of Healing provides a comprehensive and invaluable guide for people concerned about refugee suffering, trauma, healing and resettlement. In dialogue with Southern Sudanese refugees resettling within Australia, the author develops a “social model of healing” - one that can sit alongside, and in tension with, the currently dominant therapeutic model.

At the heart of *The Sociality of Healing* is the argument that it is the current and present world of settlement that should be the primary focus for healing work, not the past. Healing, for refugees and those of us living within host countries, is essentially about learning to live together, and living together well, with healthy, vibrant, and ‘engaged,’ relationships. This engagement requires a willingness to embrace past pain, but also a capacity to create a new culture, new kinds of communities and build a socially just society together.

While theorising a social model of healing the author also provides:

- A rich archive of Southern Sudanese refugee distress
- A compelling analysis of the role of culture, community and power within a social model of healing
- Timely guidance to policy-makers and programme-designers working with resettling refugee groups
- New thinking about how researchers and community practitioners can engage in a dialogical and elicitive journey of co-discovery with refugee groups.

BIO of Author

Dr Peter Westoby is currently a Lecturer in Community Development in the School of Social Work & Human Services and an Honorary Research Fellow with the Australian Centre for Peace & Conflict Studies (ACPACS) at the University of Queensland. He is also a Director with Community Praxis Co-op. Peter Westoby has over 20 years of experience in refugee related work, youth work practice and community development. He has worked in South Africa, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Vanuatu and Australia.

Reviewer Comments

“For those who want to understand refugees rather than ‘diagnose’ them, I commend this book.”

Derek Summerfield

Honorary senior lecturer at London’s Institute of Psychiatry, a consultant to Oxfam, and formerly Research/Teaching Associate, Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford

“This beautifully written book represents a journey. In response to a significant challenge from Sudanese community leaders, Peter Westoby embarked on a vibrant intellectual quest. In the process he has carved out new ways of understanding experiences of distress and healing. The Sociality of Refugee Healing will be an invaluable companion for practitioners, policy makers and anyone who cares about communities who have endured hardship.”

David Denborough

Dulwich Centre, Adelaide Author of ‘Collective narrative practice: responding to individuals, groups and communities who have experienced trauma’

“Praxis - the combining of analysis and practice, is often espoused but not easy to achieve. Community development workers will welcome this book with its depth of analysis, its cultural reflexivity and its multi-dimensional orientation to practice with those who arrive as refugees.”

Dr Ann Ingamells

Senior Lecturer in Community Work, Griffith University

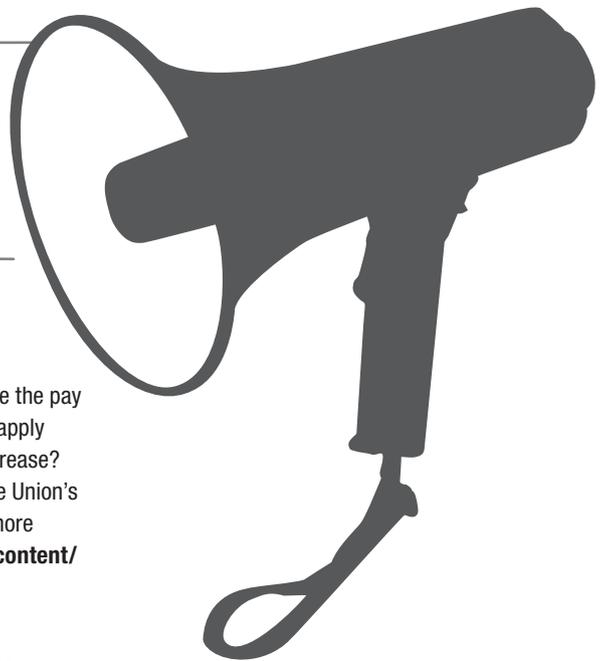
“This book proposes a socially-oriented model of healing, which augurs a fundamental shift in thinking about refugee settlement: instead of focusing on the past experiences of refugees it is the present world and context of settlement that should be the primary focus for healing work. This book, steeped in the author’s experience and extensive research, boldly and convincingly proposes a paradigmatic shift in the theory and practice of working with refugees. As such, the book provides an indispensable contribution to existing debates about refugee settlement and charts new ground for future inquiry.”

Zlatko Skrbis

Professor of Sociology, The University of Queensland



Are You Aware of YANQ's Campaigns?



Re-engagement Project

NEYON Re-engagement Project

Under 15 years old out of school (North Brisbane). YANQ has recently started work with the North East Youth Organisations Network (NEYON) on a project to help gauge the numbers of young people under 15 years of age who are not attending school. The project will also investigate some possible strategies to help re-engage this group. For more details of this project (which we'll call the 'NEYON Re-engagement Project') <http://www.yanq.org.au/content/view/1626/72>

Moreton Bay Re-engagement Forum & Expo

This Forum and Expo was held on the 11th of November, 2008 organised by the Youth Affairs Network of Queensland Inc. (YANQ) in conjunction with the Caboolture Area Youth Service (CAYS), Deception Bay Community Youth Programs (DBCYP), Kidz Youth Community (KYC) Consultancy and the Salvation Army Youth Outreach Service (SAYOS).

This report describes how the event came about, how it was planned and how well it achieved its aims. YANQ and our event partners hope that the document will be useful to anyone planning similar events in the future (in the Moreton Bay region or elsewhere). For more details on this project <http://www.yanq.org.au/content/view/1617/72>.

Pay Equity for Youth Workers

On the 9th of July the Australia Services Union released an update on the Pay Equity Decision and the funding announced in the State Government's June budget. The update

answers these questions: "What are the pay increases? Who does the increase apply to? Where is the funding for the increase? Who gets the funding? What are the Union's plans? What should you do?" For more details <http://www.yanq.org.au/content/blogcategory/25/56>

Celebrate, Don't Medicate

There is tremendous controversy around the issue of "ADHD", with lots of passion on all sides. Almost everyone with enough of an interest in "ADHD" to write or research on the subject has a strong point of view. For parents and others trying to read as much as possible and find what feels like the truth for them it is very important to read things with "healthy scepticism" using critical thinking. Don't accept things as fact just because someone states it strongly or because they have titles and degrees after their name. Use your own common sense, experience and intelligence in analysing what is being said, and especially what it really means. For more details <http://www.yanq.org.au/content/blogcategory/24/54>

Children in Adult Prisons

Queensland is the only State in Australia that locks up 17 year olds in Adult (rather than juvenile) prisons.

After 15 years of inaction, it is time to STOP locking up children in Queensland's Adult prisons and time for the Juvenile Justice system to include 17 year olds. For more details <http://www.yanq.org.au/content/blogcategory/26/55>

Young People in Remand

Inappropriately detaining young people in custody puts community safety at risk - repeated studies indicate that the younger a person is when they are first detained in custody, the greater the likelihood that they will go onto re-offend and end up in adult prison. 74% of the young people in custody in Queensland Youth Detention Centres on 30 June 2006 were on remand - i.e. they were being held in custody before a finding of guilt had been made or before their sentence had been finalised. This is largely unnecessary and jeopardises both the safety of the community and the future chances of success in life for the young people detained. For more details <http://www.yanq.org.au/content/blogcategory/30/74>

Youth Disability Advocacy

Too often, young people with a disability don't get the same opportunities that other young people get. Sometimes they don't get the same access to education or they don't get offered jobs that they are perfectly well qualified for. As a community, it is our responsibility to make sure young people with a disability DO get the same opportunities and support that the rest of us take for granted. A publicly funded youth disability advocacy service in Queensland is one way we can live up to our responsibility. For more details <http://www.yanq.org.au/content/blogsection/10/96>.

Regional Queensland

Bundaberg and District Youth Forum

Contact: Andrea Bax, Youth Development Officer
Bundaberg Community Development Inc
PO Box 2252, Bundaberg Q 4670
Ph: 07 4153 3066 Fax: 07 4151 1813
Email: andrea.bax@bundaberg.qld.gov.au

Meets the second Tuesday bi-monthly (first meeting for the year is February) from 9.30-11.30am at Impact Make Your Mark, 106-108 Bargara Road Bundaberg.

Cairns Youth Service Network

Contact: Tanya Brooks-Cooper, Youth Development Officer
PO Box 359, Cairns Q 4870
Ph: 07 4044 3016 Fax: 07 4044 3830
Email: T.Brooks@cairns.qld.gov.au

Meets last Thursday of every 2nd month at Cairns City Library, Abbott Street, Cairns.
Contact Tanya for times for meetings as they alternate.

Cairns Drug & Alcohol Interagency Network

Convenor: Margaret Renfry
Contact: Sue Feleleai, Addiction Help Agency Cairns Inc
211 Lyons Street, Westcourt Q 4870
Ph: 07 4051 6262 Fax: 07 4051 6890
Email: admin@addictionhelpagency.org.au
Contact Sue for meeting times and venue.

North Burnett Community Services Network

Contact: Lauren Pattie, Community Development Officer,
Monto Community Development Centre
Ph: 07 4166 1733 Fax: 07 4166 1061
Email: cdomonto@bigpond.com

Meets second Wednesday of every month at different venues around the North Burnett.

Central West Youth Network

Contact: Peter Clark
Anglicare Central Qld Barcaldine, PO Box 47, Barcaldine Q 4725
Ph: 07 4651 2161 Fax: 07 4651 2352 Mobile: 0409 053 304
Email: pclark@anglicarecq.org.au
Contact Peter for further details.

Charleville Youth Interagency

Contact: Sally Vetter
South West Healthy Communities Program PO Box 689,
Charleville Q 4470
Ph: 07 4654 3055 Fax: 07 4654 3022
Email: ahpo@swhcp.org
Meets 10.30am the third Thursday of each month at Charleville Neighbourhood Centre.

Emerald Shire Youth Rep

Contact: Pamela White, Youth Development Officer
Emerald Shire Council PO Box 21, Emerald Q 4720
Ph/Fax: 07 4982 8393 Mobile 0427 820 540
Email: youthofficer@emerald.qld.gov.au
Contact Pamela for details of local youth networks.

Far Northern Youth Sector Network

Contact: Tanya Brooks-Cooper, Youth Development Officer
PO Box 359, Cairns Q 4870
Ph: 07 4044 3016 Fax: 07 4044 3830
Email: T.Brooks@cairns.qld.gov.au
Contact Tanya for meeting details.

Gladstone Youth Interagency

Contact: Andrea Hughes
Gladstone Regional Council PO Box 29, Gladstone Q 4680
Ph: 07 4976 6300 Fax: 07 4972 6557
Email: andrea@gcc.qld.gov.au
Meets first Wednesday of the month (excepting school holidays) 12 noon at the Community Advisory Service, 142 Goonoon Street, Gladstone

Hervey Bay Youth Sector Workers Network

Contact: Sue Lawler, Youth Development Officer
Fraser Coast Regional Council PO Box 1943, Hervey Bay Q 4655
Ph: 07 4197 4330 Fax: 07 4197 4303
Email: sue.lawler@frasercoast.qld.gov.au
Meets last Tuesday of each month 10.30 am.
Contact Sue for venue.

Innisfail Community Sector Network

Contact: Kath Barnett, Community Development Officer
Fraser Coast Regional Council PO Box 1943, Hervey Bay Q 4655
Ph: 07 4030 2255 Fax: 07 4061 6005
Email: cdo@ccrc.qld.gov.au
Meets last Thursday of every second month 1pm at Parish Centre, Rankin Street, Innisfail.

Mackay Youth Connections Network Inc

Contact: Nikki Hughes, Secretary
Ph: (07) 4961 9436 Mobile: 0437 031 879
Email: ydo@mackay.qld.gov.au
Meets third Tuesday of the month 10.30am. Venue will rotate – participants will be advised at start of each month.

Maryborough Interagency Network

Contact: Cherie McGregor
Fraser Coast Regional Council
Ph: 07 4190 5822
Email: cherie.mcgregor@frasercoast.qld.gov.au
Meets last Thursday of the month from 9am at the Maryborough Neighbourhood Centre.

MICAT (Mt Isa Combined Action Team)

Contact: Julie Andersen, Secretary – MICAT
Mobile: 0458 335 414
Email: julieandersen@ereflc.org.au
Meets twice per school term.
Contact Julie for meeting details.

Rockhampton Youth Interagency Network

Contact: Laine Barclay, Youth Facilitator
St Vincent de Paul Society, Rockhampton Central Council
Ph: 07 4927 8073 Mobile 0409 495 020
Email: Laine.Barclay@svdpqld.org.au
Meets third Friday of the month 9.00-10.30 am at CQ Youth Justice Service Centre 155 Alma Street, Rockhampton.

Roma Community Services Interagency

Contact: Roma Neighbourhood Centre
PO Box 1028, Roma
Ph: 07 4624 0800 Fax: 07 4622 1448
Email: reception@maronoo.qld.gov.au
Meets every six weeks on a Monday from 11.30am. Contact the Neighbourhood Centre for details.

Sarina Interagency Meeting

Contact: Paul Taylor, Youth Development Officer
Sarina Youth Centre, PO Box 219, Sarina Q 4737
Ph: 07 4961 9277
Email: sarinayouthcentre@mackay.qld.gov.au
Meets first Wednesday of every second month. For additional information, please contact Paul on the above details.

South Burnett Community Network

Contact: South Burnett Community Development Worker
PO Box 300, Kingaroy Q 4610
Ph: 07 4162 5711 Fax: 07 4162 5121
Email: sbcdp@bigpond.net.au
Meets first Tuesday of the month 10am-12 noon
Wondai Council Supper Room.

South West Youth Network

Contact: Ingrid Reichelt - Community Capacity & Service Quality,
Department of Communities
PO Box 2427, Toowoomba Q 4350
Ph: 07 4699 4222
Email: ingrid.reichelt@communities.qld.gov.au
The group meets quarterly and covers the Darling Downs and South West Qld Region from Toowoomba south to the NSW border, west to the Northern Territory border and north to Taroom and Crow's Nest. It is made up of youth workers from non-governmental organisations, local councils and a small number of government departments. Meetings are held at a different location each time. Contact Ingrid for details.

The Youth Network NQ Inc

Contact: Rachel Cook
Ph: 0408 635 998
Email: Rachel.cook@deta.qld.gov.au
Meets third Thursday of the month 9-11am, 42 Percy Street, West End.

Toowoomba Youth Organisations Network (TYON)

Contact: Ed Bradbury
Education Qld PO Box 38, Toowoomba Q 4350
Ph: 07 4616 9105 Fax: 07 4616 9100
Email: Edward.Bradbury@deta.qld.gov.au
Meets occasionally. Main activity through email discussion (TYON@discussions.eq.edu.au).
Contact Ed Bradbury to join discussion list or for details.

Warwick Youth Network

Contact: Bonita Tyler, Community Youth Worker
PO Box 26, Warwick Q 4370
Ph: 07 4661 7166 Fax: 07 4661 0333
Email: bonita.tyler@southerndowns.qld.gov.au
Meets quarterly. Contact Warwick Youth Service for meeting details as dates & venue vary.

Whitsunday Youth Focus Network

Contact: Amanda Jensen, Youth Services Officer
Whitsunday Regional Council
Ph: 07 4945 0216 Fax: 07 4945 0222
Email: Amanda.jensen@whitsundayrc.qld.gov.au
Meets bi-monthly. Contact Amanda for Network details.

South-East Queensland

Brisbane Inner Urban Youth Interagency

Contact: Ryan Foster
Ph: 07 3403 0136
Email: ryan.foster@brisbane.qld.gov.au
Meets 10-12 noon first Wednesday of the month.
Contact Ryan for details.

Brisbane South Youth Interagency

Contact: Emma McConnell
Brisbane South Youth Justice Service, 306 Ipswich Road, Buranda
Ph: 07 3406 2801
Email: Emma.McConnell@communities.qld.gov.au
Meets quarterly, contact Emma for meeting times and venue details.

Caloundra City Youth Services Network and Sunshine Coast Youth Partnership

Contact: Jody Tunnicliffe
Sunshine Coast Youth Partnerships, 6/131 Sugar Road,
Alexandra Headland
Ph: 07 5479 0070 Fax: 07 5479 2575 Mobile 0435 101 687
Email: info@sunshinecoastyouth.com
Contact Jody for meeting times and venues.

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Gold Coast Youth Network

Contact: Resource Worker, Gold Coast Youth Service
PO Box 740, Burleigh Heads Q 4220

Ph: 07 5572 0400 Fax: 07 5575 2607

Email: manager@goldcoastyouthservice.com

Meets last Wednesday of the month 10.30am-12.30pm at Dept. of Communities Youth Justice Service Centre at Mermaid Beach.

Goodna Youth Interagency

Contact: Byron Mulligan, Youth Employment Advisor
Mission Australia Inala 20 Wirraway Pde, Inala Q 4077

Ph 07 3723 7800 Fax: 07 3723 7899

Email: mulliganb@missionaustralia.org.au

Meets third Tuesday of the month from 1.30pm at the Goodna Neighbourhood House, 33 Queen Street Goodna. All youth & community service providers welcome.

Inala Youth Interagency (LARGEFLY)

Contact: John Rigsby-Jones

Inala Youth Service PO Box 141, Inala Q 4077

Ph: 07 3372 2655 Fax: 07 3372 2710

Email: largefly@iys.org.au or admin@iys.org.au

Meets 1pm second Thursday of the month at Inala Community House Hall, Sittella Street, Inala.

Ipswich Youth Interagency Group

Contact: Catherine Sweeney, Multicultural Project Officer,
Community Development Team Leader

Ipswich City Council PO Box 191, Ipswich Q 4305

Ph: 07 3810 7989

Email: CSweeney@ipswich.qld.gov.au

Meets first Tuesday of the month 12.30pm at alternate venues throughout Ipswich region.

Lockyer Service Providers Interagency

Contact(1): Neil Williamson,
Laidley Community/Youth Development Worker
Laidley Shire Community Care Assoc. Inc

Ph: 07 5465 1889

Email: neil@lscsa.org.au

Contact(2): Anne James, CDW/Coordinator
Lockyer Information & Neighbourhood Centre Inc (LINC)

Ph 07 5462 3355 Fax: 07 5462 4437

Email: lincgaton@bigpond.com

All meetings commence at 1.00pm.

Laidley meetings held 10th March, 2nd June, 25th August and 17th November at Laidley Community Centre, 13 Mary Street (opp The Bus Stop).

Gatton meetings held 27th January, 21st April, 14th July and 6th October at Gatton Baptist Church, 12 William Street (opp Police Station)

Logan Youth Networks

Contact: Courtney Gillot (Youth Planner)

Logan City Council PO Box 3226, Logan City DC 4114

Ph: 07 3412 5029 Fax: 07 3412 3444

Email: courtneygillot@logan.qld.gov.au

There are quarterly Youth Manager Meetings and quarterly Youth Info Exchange Meetings - Contact Courtney for details.

Maroochyodre Youth Interagency Meeting

Contact: Jody Tunncliffe

Sunshine Coast Youth Partnerships,
Building 1, 131 Sugar Road, Alexandra Headland

Ph: 07 5479 0070 Fax 07 5479 2575 Mobile 0435 101 687

Email: jtunncliffe@caloundrayouth.com

Contact Jody for meeting times and venues.

Moreton Bay Regional Youth Service Providers Network

(An amalgamation of previous networks: Youth Caboolture Area Network (YCAN), Pine Rivers Youth Service Providers Network and Redcliffe Youth Service Providers Network)

Contact: Denielle Beattie, Moreton Bay Regional Council

Ph: 07 3283 0370

Email: Denielle.Beattie@moretonbay.qld.gov.au

All meetings are held Wednesdays and are 1.-3.00 pm with lunch provided as follows:

15th July at Supper Room, Memorial Hall, King Street, Caboolture.
19th August at Community Development Rooms, 4a-199 Gympie Road, Strathpine. 16th September at Redcliffe Youth Space. 21st October at Supper Room, Memorial Hall, King Street, Caboolture.
18th November at Community Development Rooms, 4a-199 Gympie Road, Strathpine.

Nambour Youth Interagency

Contact: Lyn Harris, Youth Support Coordinator

United Synergies

Ph: 07 5442 4277

Email: nambouryouthinteragency@yahoo.com.au

Meets once each school term; dates for meetings & venues are advised prior to meetings.

Northern Sunshine Coast Interagency Network

Contact: Carol Gollschewsky

United Synergies

Ph: 07 5442 4277

Email: cgollschewsky@unitedsynergies.com.au

Meets once per term in Noosa Shire.

Northern Gold Coast Interagency

Contact: Veronica Cox (Studio Village)

Ph: 07 5529 8253

Email: svcc@cirruscomms.com.au

Meets last Tuesday of every month 11am-1pm at Studio Village Community Centre, 87 Village Way, Studio Village.

Redlands Youth Network

Contact: Kara Mansley, Redland City Council

Ph: 07 3829 8233 or 07 3829 8489 Fax: 07 3829 8891

Email: kara.mansley@redland.qld.gov.au or Janet.Camilleri@redland.qld.gov.au

Meets third Monday of the month 3-4.30pm at Redland Community Centre, Loraine Street, Capalaba.

Venue to be advised for April, July and October meetings.
Contact Kara for meeting calendar.

Service Providers Action Group for Youth (SPAGY)

Contact: Jillian Warren, Youth Information and Referrals Officer

Picabeen Community Assn Inc, 22 Hoben Street, Mitchelton

Ph: 07 3354 2555 Fax: 07 3355 4222 Mobile: 0407 906 462

Email: yiro@picabeen.org.au

Meets quarterly, next meeting 30/08/09.

Contact Picabeen for meeting time and venue.

The Hinterland Youth Services Network

Contact: Fiona Malcolm

Hinterland Community Development Assn of Caloundra

PO Box 451, Landsborough Qld 4550

Ph: 07 5494 1538 Mobile: 0418 720 515

Email: hcdaworker.fiona@gmail.com

Contact Fiona for meeting times and venues.

Tweed Shire Youth Network

Contact: Margaret Strong

Ph: 02 6670 2262

Email: MStrong@tweed.nsw.gov.au

Meets bi-monthly on 2nd Wednesday of the month 10am-2pm.

Venue rotated throughout shire. Contact Margaret for details.

North East Youth Organisations Network (NEYON)

Contact: Kelly Nelson, Acting Coordinator

Visible Ink Zillmere Youth Team Brisbane City Council

Ph: 07 3407 8102

Fax: 07 3407 8100

Email: Kelly.Nelson@brisbane.qld.gov.au

Contact Kelly for meeting details.

Issue Based Networks

Youth Justice Coalition (YJC)

Contact: Siyavash Doostkhah, Director

Youth Affairs Network QLD

Ph: 07 3844 7713

Fax: 07 3844 7731

Email: director@yanq.org.au

The Youth Justice Coalition meets quarterly to discuss and take action on youth justice matters and in the hour prior to the State Government's Youth Justice Reference Group. Contact Siyavash for details.

Multicultural Youth Network Queensland

Contact: Daniel Walker, Multicultural Development Officer

Youth Affairs Network QLD

Ph: 07 3844 7713

Fax: 07 3844 7731

Email: cald@yanq.org.au

MYNQ is a community driven state-wide network which identifies and develops actions on issues and policy affecting CALD young people. The network is composed of organisations, services and service providers committed to multiculturalism and improving the opportunities and outcomes for CALD young people in Queensland. Contact the MDO for meeting dates and sign up to the MYNQ mailing list at <http://lists.yanq.org.au/mailman/listinfo/mynq>.

WAYWARD – Women Alongside Young Women for Action Research and Development

Contact: Jill McKay or Jenny Goodwin

Othila's Young Women's Housing & Support Service

Ph: 07 3847 9633

Email: manager@othilas.org.au or group@othilas.org.au

The Purpose of WAYWARD is to: build greater relationships within the women's/youth sector; strengthen the sector's response to the needs of young women; create social action, influence policy and advocate on behalf of young women; and collectively organize and participate in professional development and training that will support our work with young women. For meeting details contact Jill or Jenny.

Membership / Subscription Application Form



30 Thomas Street, West End QLD 4101 Ph **07 3844 7713** Regional **1800 177 899**
 Fax **07 3844 7731** Email **admin@yanq.org.au** Web: **www.yanq.org.au**

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Title _____ First Name _____ Last Name _____
 Organisation / Department _____ Position Title _____
 Postal Address _____ Suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____
 Phone _____ Fax _____ Mobile/s _____
 Email _____ Additional Email address/s for YANQ Email Bulletin _____

Additional Email address/s for Multicultural Youth Network of Qld (MYNQ) _____

Do you identify as being from / Does the organisation work with — ATSI, Anglo-Celtic or other Culturally & Linguistically Diverse (CALD) background.
 Please specify. _____

MEMBERSHIP	Individuals
	(Year of Birth _____)
	Receive Centrelink..... \$5.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
	Young Person (aged 12-25)..... \$10.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
	Income <\$25,000..... \$15.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
	Income \$26,000—\$50,000 \$40.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
	Income >\$51,000 \$50.00 <input type="checkbox"/>

MEMBERSHIP	Organisation
	Community Not-for-profit
	Funding <\$100,000 \$55.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
	Funding \$101,000-\$250,000..... \$80.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
	Funding \$251,000-\$400,000 ...\$120.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
	Funding >\$401,000 \$150.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
	Organisation For Profit..... \$165.00 <input type="checkbox"/>

SUBSCRIPTIONS
Individual (Year of Birth _____)..... \$ 60.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Community Not for Profit.....\$160.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Organisation For Profit.....\$200.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Government Department / Service (Federal State or Local).....\$185.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Reciprocal (Peak Body) NIL <input type="checkbox"/>

I _____ have read and support the objects and values summary of Youth Affairs Network Qld Inc and hereby request to become a member of the Network.

Signature _____ Date _____

If for some reason you are unable to sign the Values and Vision Statement of YANQ you are entitled to become a subscriber after submitting the relevant fee.

I enclose \$ _____ the prescribed Membership / Subscription fee (please delete whichever is not applicable).

Payment Methods

Cheque payable to Youth Affairs Network of Qld and mail to 30 Thomas Street, West End Qld 4101
Electronic funds transfer Deposit to **BSB 633-000 Account # 123043259 Youth Affairs Network of Qld** and email remittance advice to **finance@yanq.org.au** or fax to 07 3844 7731
Credit Card Master Card Visa (please indicate)
 Card No _____ Amount \$ _____ Expiry Date _____
 Name on Card _____ Signature _____

Do you require a receipt Yes / No

Do you attend / are you a member of a youth interagency? If yes, advise Interagency Name _____

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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 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 In fact sheets distributed regularly
- Discount on other YANQ publications, such as new 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 Objectives

- 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!



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

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(available for regional Queensland)

or email admin@yanq.org.au
or check out our website at www.yanq.org.au

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.