



2014 State Youth Affairs Conference:

Presenters, Presentation and Workshop Information

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Conference Streams, Presentations and Workshops

Stream 1: Defining Youth Work

- ***What is Youth Work? - How Queensland developed a definition for youth work:*** YANQ (Liz Archer)
- ***Progressing the Youth Work Definition in Queensland:*** YANQ & In Defence of Youth (Liz Archer & Tony Taylor)

Stream 2: Youth Sector Development

- ***Youth Work In Regional Queensland:*** YANQ (Regional workers)
- ***The UK Experience - Using storytelling to preserve and advocate for effective youth work practice:*** In Defence of Youth (Tony Taylor)
- ***Re-imagining Youth Work in an Age of Globalising Inequality:*** Community Praxis Cooperative & University of Queensland (Dr Peter Westoby)
- ***What Community Development Offers Youth Work:*** Community Praxis Cooperative (Howard Buckley)
- ***A university-community partnership: working together to increase placement opportunities for social work and social welfare students:*** Griffith Uni, Bond Uni & Silver Bridle Action Group (Jo Williams, Hilary Gallagher & Matt Seaman)

Stream 3: Engaging Young People

- ***Sunshine CPLAN Narratives Project - Listening to stories of how youth work impacts on young people:*** Sunshine CPLAN & DBCYP (Howard Buckley, Kate Willis, Anya Rudolphy & Alexandra Rose)
- ***Journey of Pasifika Families from the Pacific to the West:*** Inala Youth service (Ms Kalisi Bese)
- ***Youth Primary Health Development Project and the Dig Deeper Consultations:*** YANQ (Patricia Ferrier)
- ***Innovative Arts-based Youth Engagement Strategies:*** Human Ventures (Andrew Gibbs & Pauline Maudy)

- **Digital Content Production 101:** Human Ventures (Andrew Gibbs)

Stream 4: Law & Justice

- **Then and Now – An in depth guide through the changes to the youth justice system and its impacts on youth worker practice:** Youth Advocacy Centre (*Katrina Jefferson and Lee Anne Hoyer*)
- **Responding effectively to injustice in an era of constraint:** Sisters Inside Inc, Faculty of Law, Bond University & Youth Advocacy Centre (*Deb Kilroy, Jody O’Leary, Janet Wight*)

Stream 5: Responding to Young People in Crisis

- **Going Backward and Forward - Abortion access for young women in Queensland and know4sure project:** Children By Choice (*Ashleigh Carrington & Pamela Doherty*)
- **The STAY House Program “Innovation from within”:** Gold Coast Project for Homeless Youth (*Bonita Tyler*)

Stream 6: Education and Training

- **Flexible Learning Options for (Re)engaging Young People with Education:** College of Education, Victoria University, Melbourne (*Dr Dorothy Bottrell, Dr Kitty te Riele & Dr Vicky Plows*)
- **STEMM - Supporting teenagers with education, mothering and mentoring:** Burnside State High School in Nambour (*Jacqui Deane & Janelle Logan*)
- **Measuring what matters: making relationships count:** Dusseldorp Forum & Beacon Foundation (*Richard O’Donovan, Dr Ani Wierenga & Jo Taylor*)
- **Second chance schooling: Managing the ‘collateral damage’ of current education policies:** University of Queensland & Griffith University (*Prof Martin Mills and Dr Glenda McGregor,*)

Stream 7: Health

- **Working with Young People who Self-harm/Self-injure:** Griffith University (*Garry King*)
- **Working with Young People with masked disability- Rethinking practice:** Community Living Association (*Renee Mills & Cate Ryan*)

2014 Conference Keynote Speakers:

TONY TAYLOR (UK)

Co-Cordinator - In Defence of Youth Work



Tony Taylor has been involved in youth and community work for more than four decades. Trained as a teacher he started out as a part-time worker 'sweating profusely in the gym' of a classic youth club. Having showered he became a full-timer working in centres and on the streets, before taking up a number of posts in training and development. In hindsight mistakenly he moved into management being responsible for Community Education in a rural mining area and then pursuing the thankless role of a Chief Youth and Community Officer in an urban setting.

His last paid employment was as a Senior Lecturer at the Manchester Metropolitan University. For the last five years he has worked as the voluntary co-ordinator of the In Defence of Youth Work Campaign.

Throughout his career he has perceived himself first and foremost as an activist rather than a professional or academic, arguing for the autonomous organisation of workers separate from the employer of whatever ilk. This is reflected in his committed, yet critical relationship with trade unionism. He was a leading figure in the transformation of the Community and Youth Service Association [CYSA] into the Community and Youth Workers Union [CYWU], co-writing a radical 'horizontal' constitution, which sought to break from the shackles of hierarchy and bureaucracy. Sadly it was not to last. Later he was prominent at both a local and national level in the National Association of Local Government Officers [NALGO], arguing against a closed craft mentality amongst the youth and community work para-profession. Across these years he has belonged to a self-organised youth and community work caucus, latterly calling itself the Critically Chatting Collective, without which he would have cracked up long ago!

Dependent, inevitably, on the tempo and pressures of practice he has sought to put into writing and share his best understanding of what's kicking off in the work. Some of the titles of these efforts will give you a flavour of his concerns.

Stuttering Steps in Political Education [1980]

Working with Young Men: Towards an Anti-Sexist Practice [1982]

Youth Workers as Character Builders: Constructing a Socialist Alternative [1987]

Young People, politics and participation: a youth work perspective [2007]

Being critical, creative and collective: Renewing radical youth work [2008]

Defending Democratic Youth Work [2009]

Youth Work and Class: The Struggle That Dare Not Speak Its Name [2009]

From social education to positive youth development [2010]

From CYSA to CYWU: A Radical Journey Subverted [2011]

Threatening Youth Work: The Illusion of Outcomes [2013]

He has always recognised youth work as a 'contested' space, within which different ideologies seek to influence young people's views of themselves and society. Within this contest he has lined up on the social emancipatory wing of practice, conscious that in his opinion the majority of youth work obeys an agenda of social conformity. However the saving grace, the fixative binding together these contrasting positions, was the primacy of the voluntary relationship with young people, their inalienable right to walk away without fear of compulsion or sanction.

Over the last twenty years in the UK this pluralist space has been invaded. Thus in 2008 he drafted an Open Letter, which was to launch the In Defence of Youth Work Campaign. It opened,

Thirty years ago Youth Work aspired to a special relationship with young people. It wanted to meet young women and men on their terms. It claimed to be 'on their side'. Three decades later Youth Work is close to abandoning this distinctive commitment. Today it accepts the State's terms. It sides with the State's agenda.

Youth workers and managers have been coerced and cajoled into embracing the very antithesis of the Youth Work process: predictable and prescribed outcomes. Possessing no vision of a world beyond the present the State has been obsessed with the micro-management of problematic, often demonised youth. Yearning for a generation stamped with the State's seal of approval the

government has transformed Youth Work into an agency of behavioural modification. It wishes to confine to the scrapbook of history the idea that Youth Work is volatile and voluntary, creative and collective – an association and conversation without guarantees.

At the forthcoming conference Tony will tell the story, warts and all, of how the Campaign has grown and continues to be a thorn in the side of those, within and without youth work, who are relieved to see youth work reduced to no more than a tool of the status quo.

SIYAVASH DOOSTKHAH

Director - Youth Affairs Network of Queensland



Siyavash Doostkhah, long time YANQ Director will be giving a keynote, providing background information about YANQs history and current position and updating the sector about broader sector issues. YANQ has worked over the past couple of years without any government funding and Siyavash will also talk about where YANQ is headed. Other key impacts include the recommissioning (renewing) of the Qld Youth sector, changes to funding guidelines and their implications on youth work practice and State and federal government have made massive cuts to

services and have silenced many of the advocacy voices. Meanwhile, young people are increasingly under attack socially, legally and economically and some peak bodies are colluding with government agendas and abdicating their role as advocate.

Siyavash Doostkhah arrived in Australia as a young refugee in 1987. For the first 5 years he worked in various youth work positions in Townsville. After that Siyavash helped establish the Deception Bay Community Youth Programs and managed the organisation for 8 years. Since 2003 Siyavash has worked at YANQ, initially as the policy officer and for the past 13 years as the director. Siyavash has been involved in advocacy at state and national level and is passionate about achieving social justice.

Conference MC:

SUZI QUIXLEY



A long time activist, academic and face-to-face worker, **Suzi Quixley** has enjoyed a varied career in the community services over the past 30+ years. For almost 10 years she was a youth worker in South Australia, followed by several years lecturing in *Youth Work* and *Women's Studies* at Edith Cowan University (Perth). Since 1989, much of her work has been through her consultancy business. She also lectured in *Community Services Management* at Nanyang Polytechnic (Singapore, 1999-2003) and worked for 3 years as a textile artist.

As a consultant, Suzi works with small social justice organisations throughout Australia. She has been closely associated with the youth sector in Queensland, including YANQ, for over 20 years. Her work has included facilitating the process to develop YANQ's values (followed by a major review 10 years later); writing papers and articles on issues affecting the sector; providing training throughout the state; and, most recently, working with the Board to explore ways to secure YANQ's role into the future.

Suzi currently lives in Adelaide, working part time as a community worker with the HIV-positive community and part time in her consultancy business.

2014 Conference

Presentation and Workshop Summaries

Title of Presentation: *What is Youth Work?*
- How Queensland developed a definition for youth work.
(STREAM 1)

Date of Presentation: DAY 1: Thursday 21 August 2014

Presenter: Liz Archer

Organisation: Youth Affairs Network of Queensland (YANQ)

Presentation Description

Throughout 2012 YANQ undertook detailed consultations in metropolitan and rural locations, as well as via an on-line survey to find out how Youth Workers, especially at the “grass roots” saw their work and to develop the first definition of Youth Work in Queensland. Liz listened to a range of workers from diverse organisation held separate workshops for Murris to identify commonalities and differences between Murri and “mainstream” Youth Work.

The resulting definition emphasises youth rights, empowerment, practical support, youth centred practice (including young people entering into voluntary relationships with service providers), promoting strengths and change, culturally based practice and working ethically. All the youth workers who contributed to the definition were emphatic about their work being “values based”. Murri youth workers decided to endorse the general statement and added statements about respecting and working from accepted cultural protocols, accepting that this may be different to “usual” practice, honouring the different place of family and clan and the expectation that non-Indigenous workers would do their utmost to support Murri colleagues and to work appropriately with young Murris.

Several years on from this, after massive cuts to youth services by the Qld NLP government and now the Feds, it is timely to touch base with the definition again. Does it adequately reflect our aspirations as youth workers and for young people? Is there any way of strengthening it to support our remaining NGOs and allies to uphold the qualities, skills and knowledge developed over the past 25+ years which we accept as indispensable in ensuring we can fulfil our purpose: i.e. ***“to resource and support young people who want help to access, navigate and make the best of their life choices.”*** What can we do as youth workers and what can we request of workers with young people (e.g. diversionary workers, teachers, statutory care workers, etc) to support grass roots youth work? Where do our varied roles intersect and how can we work together to ensure the very things which are most valued by young people about youth work aren’t eroded and replaced by the very things young people mistrust or dislike about other approaches? How can we keep young people in the centre of our responses?

Biographical note on Presenter



Liz Archer has worked with non-government youth and community organisations in SA, Qld and NT since 1984. This includes an extensive background in worker development & training, direct service delivery, remote community development, policy development and organisational governance and management. After a decade of work mainly with remote Aboriginal organisations in Central Australia coordinating youth, substance abuse, suicide prevention and related projects Liz started up a consultancy business in 2011.

Liz worked with Steve Fisher in 2012 listening to Youth Workers across Queensland to develop their first definition of their role in working with young people. She's supported YANQ's endeavours to ensure Murri and marginalized voices are heard within national debates about what Youth Workers do or ought to do. Liz remains passionate about the value of community controlled, grass roots, rights based agencies driven by social justice principles, and supported by a broader sector equipped to improve the lives of those young people who request support.

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Title of Presentation: *Youth Work In Regional Queensland (STREAM 2)*

Date of Presentation: DAY 1: Thursday 21 August 2014

Presenter: Panel of YANQ regional workers

Organisation: Youth Affairs Network of Queensland (YANQ)

Presentation Description

What are the issues and how are youth workers and YANQ ensuring the regional voices are heard. This panel workshop will bring together YANQ's regional workers who have been working under the name "CPLAN facilitators" to talk about how the CPLAN model has brought workers from across Queensland together and how each region is responding to youth policy and youth sector workforce issues.

During this workshop we will also launch a new report titled "Building the youth sector from the bottom up, case studies from Queensland CPLAN initiative 2012-2013". This report was written by YANQ's regional workers and edited by Dr Phil Crane from University of Queensland and outlines how each region utilised Participatory Action Research to progress key collective initiatives in each region and across the state.

<http://www.yanq.org.au/yanq-regional-networks.html>

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Title of Workshop: *Then and Now – An in depth guide through the changes to the youth justice system and its impacts on youth worker practice (STREAM 4)*

Date of Presentation: DAY 1: Thursday 21 August 2014

Presenter: Katrina Jefferson

Co-Presenter: Lee Anne Hoyer

Organisation: Youth Advocacy Centre Inc.

Workshop Description

A workshop targeting the changes to the Youth Justice System. These changes will have major impacts on young people in the youth justice system. Those who work with these young people need to be aware of these changes to support their clients before court, at court and in dealing with issues which arise after court.

Biographical note on Presenter/s

Katrina Jefferson is the Community Legal Education Officer at Youth Advocacy Centre. She was admitted as a Barrister in 1988 and spent over 27 years working as a lawyer in the Queensland government including at the Director of Prosecutions, Legal Aid, the Crime and Misconduct Commission, Education Queensland and Child Safety Services in the Department of Communities. Katrina's role at YAC is to inform and educate young people and those working with young people about the law. YAC'S experience is that if young people know the law they are less likely to break it and if youth workers understand the legal environment in which they work they are able to make decisions, which are more likely to be legally sustainable.

Lee-Anne Hoyer is the Youth Support Advocate at the Youth Advocacy Centre. She has over 20 years experience in working with and advocating for homeless and unsupported young people in relation to a broad range of legal issues. Lee-Anne has worked in a variety of settings including the community, the public sector and Texas Juvenile Probation in the United States. Lee-Anne is also an accredited trainer and has experience in facilitating community education activities to young people and developing and delivering training on youth work practice within a legal framework to workers for the past 16 years.

Organisation Description

Youth Advocacy Centre Inc. (YAC) is an organisation based in Brisbane QLD whose primary concern is to assist young people with voluntary and confidential services inclusive of: youth support; legal; family support; and community legal education (CLE).



Title of Presentation: *Sunshine CPLAN Narratives Project - listening to the stories of how youth work impacts on young people.*
(STREAM 3)

Date of Presentation: DAY 1: Thursday 21 August 2014

Presenter: Howard Buckley

Co-Presenter/s: Kate Willis, Anya Rudolphy and Alexandra Rose

Organisation/s: Sunshine CPLAN
Deception Bay Community Youth Programs (DBCYP)

Presentation Description

In an attempt to answer the question '*how does youth work make a difference in our region*' seven youth agencies across the Moreton Bay / Sunshine Coast region have teamed up with three Social Science students from University of QLD to capture the stories of about 20 young people who have come in contact with services offered. The research project has used a narrative approach to hear the experiences of young people to create a great insight into the issues facing young people and how youth workers make a difference.

Biographical note on Presenter

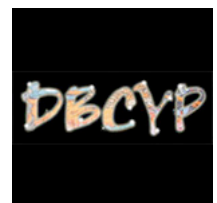
Howard Buckley works part time providing CD training with Community Praxis Co-op and also manages a Youth Service in Deception Bay. His work experience includes six years as a Social Planner with local government and twenty years in the community sector in a variety of roles including youth work, community work, and sector development.

Organisation Description/s

The **Sunshine CPLAN** a part of a series of decentralised youth work networks under the umbrella of the community youth sector peak body, Youth Affairs Network Qld (YANQ). CPLAN aims to create an ongoing and sustainable structure across ten regions in Queensland to support a consistent focus on policy issues relevant to young people and workforce development strategies for the youth sector. The **Sunshine CPLAN** began with a focus on the youth organisations in the three regional councils in the south of the region: Moreton Bay, Sunshine Coast and Gympie.



Deception Bay Community Youth Programs (DBCYP) is a community organisation that provides whole of life support for young people in Deception Bay under the age of 25 years. DBCYP can provide assistance with a range of services assisting with accommodation, employment, education, recreation and health.



Title of Presentation: *The UK Experience - Using storytelling to preserve and advocate for effective youth work practice*
(STREAM 2)

Date of Presentation: DAY 1: Thursday 21 August 2014

Presenter: Tony Taylor (Keynote Speaker)

Organisation: In Defence of Youth Work

Presentation Description



"The Storytelling method (developed by the In Defence of Youth Work campaign) cannot be confused with day to day conversation. Everyday we as youth workers tell each other our stories, and in many ways we are experts in 'anecdotes'. However the storytelling method builds on our conversational strengths, allowing us to capture our practice through a thought-out methodical approach. This involves a combination of strong facilitation, informed probing / questioning, peer interrogation and a thorough documentation of the stories... Being involved in the story telling workshop ... has been a unique experience."

(Youth work co-ordinator, Limerick Youth Service, Republic of Ireland)

In the face of the managerial obsession with imposed outcomes and never-ending data collection our Campaign has sought to develop an alternative to counter this attack on the 'soul' of youth work. From our first conference we set out to explore how we could use story-telling as a way of revealing and asserting the importance of a distinctive young person-centred, process-led practice. Through a series of Story workshops across the UK we both collected and unravelled tales from the front-line. These led in late 2011 to the publication of our first book, 'This is Youth Work : Stories from Practice'. Subsequently we have continued to run events focused on story-telling as a deeply productive, if always unfinished method. A second book is in the offing with chapters on such possibilities as story-telling in supervision; in staff development; in training; as critical reflection; in research...and so on. The workshop will describe and criticise the unfolding of our Stories Project in the hope that it might ring some bells for the participants and lead to a fruitful discussion.

Biographical note on Presenter/s

See keynote speaker profile pages 3-4.

Organisation Description

The **In Defence of Youth Work** campaign saw the light of day at Youth and Policy's *History* conference in March 2009. The impetus came from the circulation of an Open Letter, which can be found on our site. At heart the Campaign seeks to defend and extend youth work as a distinctive educational practice founded on a voluntary relationship with young people and shaped by their agendas.



Such an approach continues to be undermined through the imposition of predetermined targets and outcomes. Across these last five years we have tried to be a reference point of support and criticism for all those sympathetic to our definition of the cornerstones underpinning a democratic youth work practice.

<http://indefenceofyouthwork.com/>

Title of Presentation: *Going backwards and forwards: Abortion access for young women in Qld and the know4sure project (STREAM 5)*

Date of Presentation: DAY 1: Thursday 21 August 2014

Presenter: Ashleigh Carrington

Co-Presenter: Pamela Doherty

Organisation: Children By Choice

Presentation Description

This presentation will explore why young women may need extra support with an unplanned pregnancy and accessing abortion services, and show case the know4sure project, which supports young women to confirm the pregnancy early and access timely health services.

The presentation will also outline the key barriers specific to young women in Qld regarding abortion access, provide recommendations on supporting young women with unplanned pregnancy and show case the know4sure project.

Biographical note on Presenter/s

Ashleigh Carrington has worked in the youth sector for 8 years primarily in the roles of Youth Support Coordinator and in the Get Set For Work program, along with a number of smaller policy and education roles both in the not-for-profit and local government sector.

Pamela Doherty has been the education and training coordinator with Children by Choice since 2009. In this role she delivers professional development across the state and delivers the Children by Choice sexuality education program to young people.

Organisation Description

Children By Choice is a Brisbane-based not-for-profit organisation, committed to providing unbiased information on all unplanned pregnancy options – abortion, adoption and parenting. We have a pro-choice and woman-centred approach. This organisation provides sexuality education to young people and professional development training. We work to advance Queensland women's reproductive choices, and to improve access to safe and legal abortion.



Title of Presentation: *The STAY House Program – “Innovation from Within” (STREAM 5)*

Date of Presentation: DAY 1: Thursday 21 August 2014

Presenter: Bonita Tyler

Organisation: Gold Coast Project for Homeless Youth (GPCHY)

Presentation Description

This presentation will explore how GPCHY staff identified barriers for young people, preventing them from being able to escape the cycle of homelessness. With no extra funding available, GPCHY found an innovative way to support young people with these barriers through a self-funded program called STAY (Supported Transitional Accommodation for Youth). The results of this project will be presented along with the challenges and learned experiences throughout the duration of this program to date. It will give other organisations an opportunity to see how a project like this could assist them in their service delivery.

Biographical note on Presenter



Bonita Tyler graduated in 2004 from the University of Queensland completing a Bachelor of Behavioural Studies with majors in Youth & Crime. She has worked in the Youth Work and Homelessness field in both not-for-profit and local government organisations for 10 years. Volunteer work straight from University helped Bonita see her passion was working with homeless people, in particular that of the Youth age group. Her current role is that of Operations Manager at the Gold Coast Project for Homeless Youth.

Organisation Description

Gold Coast Project for Homeless Youth (GPCHY) is an incorporated community organisation formed in 1984 to provide accommodation and support for homeless young people in the Gold Coast Local Government area. GPCHY is a Specialist Homelessness Service and is funded by the Qld Government Department of Housing and Public Works.



Title of Presentation: *Re-imagining youth work in an age of globalizing Inequality (STREAM 2)*

Date of Presentation: DAY 2: Friday 22 August 2014

Presenters: Peter Westoby

Organisation/s: Community Praxis Cooperative
University of Queensland

Presentation Description

This presentation reflects on several years of engagement and research amongst communities (that are mostly young) in the Pacific (Vanuatu and PNG) and Africa (South Africa and Uganda). In both contexts, reflective of global trends, the growing 'youth bulge' is seen as huge potential drivers of economic growth. Proponents argue 'there is no alternative' (TINA). The call for 'development' is mainly focused on foreign investment to create employment for these young people. Within such a frame youth work becomes a practice to prepare young people for such employment, maintaining a system of social reproduction to support capital accumulation. Focusing on alternative development thinking I consider what else youth work might be in such a context.

Biographical note on Presenter



Dr. Peter Westoby is a senior lecturer in community development at the School of Social Sciences, The University of Queensland; a research associate at the University of the Free State, South Africa; and a director/consultant with Community Praxis Cooperative. Peter has 25 years of experience in youth, community and organizational development in numerous contexts, including Australia, South Africa, Uganda, the Philippines, Vanuatu and PNG.

Organisation Description/s

Community Praxis Cooperative is a not-for-profit workers **cooperative** offering professional services relating to community development and youth support. The Co-Op was established in December 1998 by a group of community development colleagues who live in South East Queensland and have worked together for over 20 years. There are currently seven members of the Co-op and a network of more than fifty colleagues who have worked together on a range of projects.



The University of Queensland (UQ) is in the top 100 universities worldwide, measured through a number of major independent university rankings: the Academic Ranking of World Universities, Times Higher Education World University Rankings, QS World University Rankings and, Performance Ranking of Scientific Papers for World Universities. UQ is also the largest university in Queensland.



Title of Workshop: *What Community Development offers Youth Work Practice (STREAM 2)*

Date of Presentation: DAY 2: Friday 22 August 2014

Presenter: Howard Buckley

Organisation: Community Praxis Cooperative

Workshop Description

Youth work describes a practice that seeks to improve the lives of young people. It is hard to define as it occurs in many diverse settings with complex variations of young people and the issues they face. Community development offers much to youth work as they are both relational ways of working. This workshop explores the dimensions of a CD framework and applies this lens to youth work practice.

Biographical note on Presenter

Howard Buckley works part time providing CD training with Community Praxis Co-op and also manages a Youth Service in Deception Bay. His work experience includes six years as a Social Planner with local government and twenty years in the community sector in a variety of roles including youth work, community work, and sector development.

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Title of Workshop: *Journey of Pasifika families from the Pacific to the West (STREAM 3)*

Date of Presentation: DAY 2: Friday 22 August 2014

Presenter: Kalisi Bese

Organisation: Inala Youth Service – Pasifika Youth Links Service

Presentation Description

On behalf of the Pasifika Youth Links we would like to make a presentation on the challenges faced by Pacific youth when migrating from the Pacific to the West. Key points of consideration will include: population of Pacific people; issues, alternatives, recommendations; and what programs and services are currently being implemented in QLD for Youth Justice young people.

Biographical note on Presenter



Kalisi Bese has worked for 15 years in NSW as a public servant in Corrections, Police and Attorney General Department. Her work consisted of delivering programs, raising the awareness, advocating, case management and building the capacity of the Pacific people. She is currently the Program's Manager for Pasifika Youth Links Service.

Organisation Description

Pasifika Youth Links Service is a program managed by Inala Youth Service (IYS), funded under the Safe Youth Safe Community Project, Young Offender Support Service from Justice Attorney General, QLD. Servicing the Logan and Inala areas.



Title of Presentation: *Youth Primary Health Development Project and the Dig Deeper Consultations*
(STREAM 3)

Date of Presentation: DAY 2: Friday 22 August 2014

Presenter: Patricia Ferrier

Organisation: Youth Affairs Network of Queensland (YANQ)

Presentation Description

The Dig Deeper Consultations were undertaken by the Youth Affairs Network of Queensland as part of the Youth Primary Health Development Project for the Metro North Brisbane Medicare Local in 2013. The research engaged young people from the Brisbane North region in consultations about their health and issues impacting on them and their friends. The different groups involved in the research included:

- Brisbane Youth Service
- Indigenous Youth Health Service
- Open Doors
- Young Parents Program
- Community Living Program
- Queensland for Assistance of Survivors of Torture and Trauma; and
- Deception Bay Community Youth Programs

In this session the presenter will outline the methodology of how young people were involved in the research and explain what was learnt through this process.

Biographical note on Presenter

Patricia Ferrier has worked in the Youth Sector since 1995. During this time she was a consultant for and Manager of the Deception Bay Community Youth Programs (DBCYP). She is currently a committee member of DBCYP and President of the Deception Bay Neighbourhood Centre and President of the Brisbane West Senior Citizens Centre. She is also a founding member of the Coalition of Community Boards. She has served on a number of other boards over the last 15 years.

Trish has a diverse background including Urban Planning, Environmental Management and since 1995 in Community Development and the Youth Sector. She has always been passionate about the importance of community involvement in their future of their communities. It was very important to ensure that young people were involved to ensure that their voices were incorporated into the finding of this research. Trish has also worked at YANQ in the role of Policy Officer and is currently YANQ's CPLAN facilitator for the Brisbane Metro CPLAN.

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Title of Presentation: *Flexible learning options for (re-)engaging young people with Education*
(STREAM 6)

Date of Presentation: DAY 2: Friday 22 August 2014

Presenter: Dorothy Bottrell

Organisation: College of Education, Victoria University, Melbourne

Presentation Description

The presenters from the College of Education, Victoria University in Melbourne will share results from a major project about flexible learning programs around Australia, with specific examples for Queensland. They will show how their research findings can support youth workers looking for a suitable education program, as well as staff who work in such flexible learning settings.

Biographical note on Presenter/s



Dorothy Bottrell is a senior lecturer in the College of Education at Victoria University. She worked in secondary teaching, juvenile justice, youth and community work before taking up an academic post in 2007. Her research interests include resilience, schools and communities, youth work, social justice, juvenile justice, and social policy.

Organisation Description

The College of Education is the Educational branch of Victoria University in Melbourne. The College provided courses that span various fields of education and work with young people. They include TAFE programs, undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral level research.



Title of Presentation: ***STEMM: Supporting Teenagers with Education, Mothering and Mentoring (STREAM 6)***

Date of Presentation: DAY 2: Friday 22 August 2014

Presenter: Jacqui Dean

Co-Presenter: Janelle Logan

Organisation: STEMM Program

Presentation Description

This presentation will address the Supporting Teenagers with Education Mothering and Mentoring (STEMM) program as well as key strategies in establishing partnerships between Education, Queensland Health, Community and Industry.

Biographical note on Presenter/s



Jacqui Deane is the Founder and Co-ordinator of STEMM.

Janelle Logan is currently the Assistant Coordinator of the STEMM Program at Burnside State High School in Nambour.

Organisation Description

STEMM Program is a multi-award winning program based at Burnside State High School in Nambour QLD that supports pregnant girls and young mothers in a safe, non-judgemental environment with individual support plans developed by trained case managers.



Title of Workshop: *Working with Young People who Self Harm / Self Injure (STREAM 7)*

Date of Presentation: DAY 2: Friday 22 August 2014

Presenter: Gary King

Organisation: Griffith University

Workshop Description

This workshop will examine the issue of Non-Suicidal Self Injury amongst young people, utilising the latest research from both Australia and overseas to give insights into the issue of Non-Suicidal Self Injury (NSSI). What is Non-Suicidal Self Injury (NSSI)? Who is at risk? What are risk factors? What are protective factors and what is the prevalence of this issue? Further, it will review self harm and suicide for linkages and differences.

Biographical note on Presenter



Garry King has extensive experience with working with young people encountering the issues of self harm and suicidal behaviour. Garry has previously worked as the youth welfare consultant for the Australian Institute for Suicide Research and Prevention. He was appointed an adjunct lecturer, youth welfare at the Central Qld University and is the recipient of a Churchill Fellowship to the USA to further research youth suicide.

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Title of Presentation: ***Working with Young People with masked disability
- Rethinking practice
(STREAM 7)***

Date of Presentation: DAY 2: Friday 22 August 2014

Presenter: Renee Mills

Co-Presenter: Cate Ryan

Organisation: Community Living Association

Presentation Description

This presentation will consider youth work and working with young people with cognitive disabilities which are often 'hidden – that is often not identified by young people or workers and difficult to 'see'. The nature of cognitive disability and vulnerability, practice principles, and service delivery models, including the roll out of the NDIS will also be discussed.

Biographical note on Presenter

Renee Mills has been working in the youth sector for nine years, undertaking work in the Youth Support Coordinator and Reconnect programs as well as project work with young people from diverse cultural backgrounds, and their schools and communities. Currently Renee is the supervisor for a social work student unit, and works with young people at risk of homelessness.

Organisation Description

Community Living Association was established in 1987 by a group of young people with disabilities, their parents and professional supporters. The history of CLA has been to build a community inclusive of young people with disabilities and young people at risk.



Title of Presentation: *Progressing the Youth Work Definition in Queensland (STREAM 1)*

Date of Presentation: DAY 2: Friday 22 August 2014

Presenter/s: Tony Taylor and Liz Archer (keynote speaker)

Organisation/s: Youth Affairs Network of Queensland (YANQ)
In Defence of Youth Work

Presentation Description



After “ground truthing” YANQs definition of Youth Work across Qld in Liz’s workshop on day one, and hearing keynotes from Tony, this second workshop will consider how this definition sits alongside the National Definition proposed by AYAC before they were defunded and how Qld workers and their agencies can best use the Qld definition to support and promote their work with young people.



This national definition can be downloaded from <http://www.ayac.org.au/projects/youth-workdefinition-2.html>. Although words like “empowerment” are used, this definition lacks essential, non-negotiable elements which are embedded in the definition adopted by YANQ - the voluntary nature of young people’s relationship with young people, the informal processes, the emphasis on rights and the attention to work with young Murris are all missing from it. Arguably the national definition developed by AYAC could be applied to any occupational group within community services and lacks the specific qualities which are the hallmarks of “youth work” as compared with “working with young people,” for instance as a teacher, corrections worker, case worker, etc.

Similar dilemmas continue to haunt youth work in the UK, where increasingly notions of 'youth work', 'working with young people' and 'youth services' are used interchangeably and opportunistically in a way that masks rather than illuminates what's really going on. In this context the In Defence of Youth Work Campaign argues for a sharply etched definition of youth work. Within the workshop Tony will draw out parallels and differences between the Australian and UK experiences as these seem helpful and appropriate.

This workshop will provide participants with the opportunity to support YANQs advocacy to ensure Qld voices continue to be heard in national debates. Participants will consider ways in which the definition of Youth Work can be applied in work lives and work places and across our sector to strengthen understanding of and support for Youth Work as a unique and valued component within an overall “community services and health” system. The workshop will be interactive, with participants encouraged to contribute ideas and opportunities to map the broader youth and community services sector within their region/statewide and consider strategic alliances within targeted networking along. Participants will also have the opportunity to provide YANQ with advice about how best to position our State Youth Peak within the current political and other agendas impacting on young people and youth affairs.

Biographical note on Presenter/s

Tony Taylor: See pages 3-4

Liz Archer: See page 7

Title of Presentation: *Innovative Youth Engagement Strategies (STREAM 3)*

Date of Presentation: DAY 2: Friday 22 August 2014

Presenter: Andrew Gibbs

Co-Presenter: Pauline Maudy

Organisation: Human Ventures

Presentation Description

Andrew will demonstrate strategies for engaging young people in learning through three case studies covering a number of relevant themes. Projects and programs discussed have been carefully selected to represent themes of social justice, collaborative approaches, cultural awareness, and technological solutions as well as showcasing training and development responses. Participants will gain valuable insight into these practical applications of youth engagement strategies and inspired by creative and innovative methods of engaging young people.

Biographical note on Presenter/s



Andrew Gibbs is the Creative Director of Human Ventures, a leading social enterprise that differentiates itself through its dynamic approach and innovative mindset. He has been involved in the youth sector since 1999. He has extensive experience managing creative youth projects in the realm of digital and community arts and is passionate about providing opportunities for young people experiencing disadvantage and disconnection.

Pauline Maudy is a French-born creative with a business edge who brings to Human diverse experience and skills in project management, strategy, creative problem solving, facilitation, and communications. She is a big believer in marrying creativity and strategy to achieve positive change. Equipped with a BA (Theatre Studies) and a Grad Cert (Business Admin) from the Queensland University of Technology, Pauline has worked in theatre, radio, film, music, and events in roles that put to use her creative thinking and management skills. She has had the opportunity to work in both the private and public sectors across a range of industries.

Organisation Description

Human Ventures develops arts, cultural, and enterprise development programs in partnership with marginalised communities, to address complex social problems. The organisation utilises the creative industries as catalysts for social, cultural and economic.

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Title of Workshop: *Digital Content Production 101 (Photo, Video, Sound)*
(STREAM 3)

Date of Presentation: DAY 2: Friday 22 August 2014

Presenter: Andrew Gibbs

Organisation: Human Ventures

Workshop Description

In this session youth engagement and digital media guru Andrew Gibbs will demonstrate accessible tools that can be used to produce web ready content or to create digital stories with young people. In a climate where resources are scarce it is invaluable for individuals and organisations to be able to produce their own content. Andrew will show you how you can create web ready content using mobile devices such as iPads and iPods and some affordable applications.

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Title of Presentation: ***A university-community partnership: working together to increase placement opportunities for social work and social welfare students***
(STREAM 2)

Date of Presentation: DAY 2: Friday 22 August 2014

Presenter/s: Jo Williams, Hilary Gallagher, Matt Seaman

Organisation/s: School of Human Services and Social Work, Griffith University
School of Arts and Social Sciences, Southern Cross University
Silver Bridle Community Action Group Incorporated

Presentation Description

This presentation reports on an Inter-University Student Hub that has resulted from a partnership between Griffith University and Southern Cross University. In recent years the Gold Coast has seen an increase in social work and welfare programs being offered, and this has led to increased demand and competition for placements in a field that is already stretched. Griffith and Southern Cross Universities have therefore partnered with each other and with the field to develop a creative solution to this challenge.

This paper will describe the rationale for the development and implementation of a Student Hub within a community centre located on the Gold Coast. We will discuss our approach to the project from its inception through to the end of the first semester of students, highlighting the outcomes for the students, for the community centre, local community and for both universities. This paper will comment on implications for practice and we will share our ideas about the sustainability of a Student Hub model.

Biographical note on Presenter/s



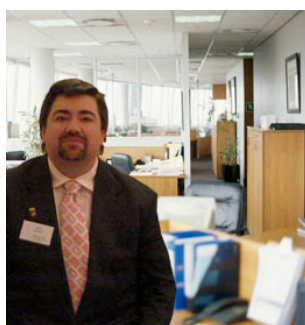
Joanne Williams is the Acting Course Convenor of the Postgraduate Social Work Field Education Course at the School of Human Services and Social Work Griffith University. Joanne is a social worker who has worked on the Gold Coast for over 30 years. She has a long history of working in Queensland Health as a clinical social worker and as a social work manager. Joanne also worked for several years in the area of violence against women, and was also employed as a student counsellor at a university.

After completing a 6 month project for the School of Human Services and Social Work at Griffith University focused on increasing the number, diversity, and quality of student placement opportunities, Joanne stepped into the role of Acting Convenor for a field placement course. Joanne enjoys teaching, mentoring and supporting students, and collaborating to strengthen relationships between the University and the community services sector.



Hilary Gallagher is an Associate Lecturer in Social Work and Social Welfare and Field Education Coordinator, Southern Cross University.

Hilary qualified as a social worker in Scotland in 2000. She has worked in health, disability, mental health and community settings in Scotland and Australia in both government and non-government organisations. She currently coordinates Field Education Programs at Southern Cross University. Her research and practice interests centre on field education and social justice issues particularly with regards to discrimination and equitable responses. Southern Cross University offers a Bachelor of Social Welfare and Masters of Social Work and Hilary is currently exploring innovative and collaborative solutions to field education placements for students, organisations and the community.



Matt Seaman is President, Silver Bridle Action Group Inc, & Centre Manager, Lynne Richardson Community Centre. Matt leads a team of Community Development Officers and Youth Workers at Silver Bridle Action Group. Established in 1993, the Group operates programs including Jellybeans Playgroup, Bounce Gold Coast, Youth Connect Gold Coast, and Broadband for seniors, and the Lynne Richardson Community Centre. Matt holds a Bachelor of Multimedia, and additional qualifications in IT and Business Management. He has a passion for child safety, community services, and innovative service delivery.

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The **Bond University** is a private not-for-profit university located in Robina, Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia. Bond differs from other Australian universities as it schedules three semesters each year, commencing in January, May and September, allowing a six-semester degree to be completed in two years, instead of three, without increasing semester workloads.



In partnership with Griffith University and Southern Cross University, the **Silver Bridle Action Group Inc.** established uniHUB, possibly the first multi-university student placement initiative in Queensland. The hub has already designed and implemented its first project, commencing direct service delivery to children and young people in March 2014. The uniHUB delivers tangible results for the community and valuable experience for placement students.

Title of Presentation: *Responding effectively to injustice in an era of constraint (STREAM 4)*

Date of Presentation: DAY 2: Friday 22 August 2014

Presenters: Deb Kilroy, Jody O’Leary, Janet Wight

Organisation/s: Sisters Inside Inc.
Faculty of Law, Bond University
Youth Advocacy Centre

Presentation Description

A Q&A style panel discussion exploring legal issues faced by young people and youth workers in the current socio-political circumstances and how we can individually and collectively respond to these issues. This workshop is a must for anyone interested in finding out and doing something about the growing injustice in Queensland.

Biographical note on Presenter/s



Deb Kilroy OAM, MLB, GDFMenH, GDLPrac, BSocWk is a former prisoner, Principal Lawyer of Kilroy & Callaghan Lawyers and the CEO of Sisters Inside—an independent community organisation in Brisbane, Australia that advocates for the human rights of criminalised women and girls. Kilroy is a strong, active advocate for the implementation and monitoring of human rights within women's prisons and works against discriminatory practices.

Kilroy has participated in several international meetings, including the expert meeting to develop the UN Rules for the Treatment of Women Prisoners and Non-Custodial Measures for Women Offenders (Bangkok Rules) and the Commission on the Status of Women sessions annually. She is the first person convicted of serious criminal offences admitted to practice law in Australia. Her expertise is in criminal defence law.



Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Law, Bond University, **Jodie O’Leary** teaches criminal law. Recent youth justice research projects have included publications on Juvenile Fitness for Trial in Queensland, Naming Young Offenders: Implications of Research for Reform, and Out of Step and Out of Touch: Queensland’s Youth Justice Amendments. Jodie is the co-chair of the Law and Justice Institute of Queensland’s Youth Justice Subcommittee. In that capacity she was invited to make oral submissions at the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee Public Hearing regarding the Youth Justice Amendment Bill.

Prior to entering academia Jodie worked mainly at Legal Aid Queensland, in the Youth Legal Aid team, during which time she edited and contributed to a joint Legal Aid, Department of Communities publication entitled Juvenile Justice – A Legal Practitioners Guide (2003 – 4th edn) and travelled state-wide to educate practitioners about the amendments to the then-Juvenile Justice Act.

Janet Wight was admitted as a solicitor in England and Wales and then Queensland following her move to Australia. Initially working in private practice in the UK and then Brisbane, her commitment to social justice led her to move into the community legal centre sector. She has been an employee, volunteer and/or Management Committee member with a number of legal centres.

Janet was employed at the Youth Advocacy Centre as one of two casework solicitors and then its first Legal Education Solicitor between 1985 and 2000. From 2000, Janet worked as a consultant, was a legal member of the Children's Services Tribunal and an Official Visitor (Legal) to the prisons, before moving into policy and legislation areas within government in the Office of Fair Trading, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services and then Disability Services. The opportunity to return to YAC as its Director in March 2012, however, was not one to be missed. Since October 2013 she has been President of QAILS, the peak body of Queensland's community legal centres.

Organisation Description/s

Sisters Inside Inc. is an independent community organisation, which exists to advocate for the human rights of women in the criminal justice system in Queensland, and to address gaps in the services available to them. We work alongside women in prison in determining the best way to fulfill these roles.



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The Youth Advocacy Centre (YAC) is a legal and welfare agency for young people under 17 years in and around Brisbane. The Centre provides free and confidential assistance to young people in a range of matters. However, a main focus is the youth justice system and the needs of those young people in contact with it or at risk of contact with it.



Title of Workshop: *Measuring what matters: making relationships count*
(STREAM 6)

Date of Presentation: DAY 2: Friday 22 August 2014

Presenter/s: Richard O'Donovan
Ani Wierenga
Jo Taylor

Organisation/s: Dusseldorp Forum
Hands on Learning Australia

Workshop Description

This workshop will be an opportunity to hear about the soon to be launched Building Futures framework, (collaboratively designed with organisations across the learning sector, including University of Melbourne, Beacon Foundation and Hands On Learning). This workshop will also explore the development of an innovative response to measure the valuable and meaningful work in the youth sector, with a specific focus on workers and organisations that support young people in learning.

Biographical note on Presenter

Dr Richard O'Donovan has worked in the education sector for over 20 years. He has taught at secondary and tertiary levels, worked on numerous educational research projects, and designed administrative software for schools. In 2008 he co-founded the harm prevention charity Hands On Learning Australia in order to help Schools implement the Hands On Learning method that reengages students at risk of leaving school prematurely. He continues this work as the Executive Director of Operations, and hopes to further help schools avoid being reduced to curriculum accountability services rather than as places that help young people envisage and prepare for their futures.

Dr Ani Wierenga is a Senior Researcher at Dusseldorp Forum and has over twenty years of experience in the youth sector. For the past 12 years Ani's focus has been on research and teaching which supports effective policy and practice with young people, in their wellbeing, learning and active social participation. Ani is particularly interested in social change and what it takes for young people to establish meaning, livelihood and social connectedness.

Organisation Description/s

Dusseldorp Forum, established by GJ Dusseldorp, founder of Lend Lease Corporation upon his retirement, has a 25-year history of working to improve the learning opportunities for young people throughout Australia. Dusseldorp is a non-partisan, independent, not-for-profit body that funds their own work. This is focussed on building better futures for all young Australians by supporting innovations in learning that are more engaging, inclusive and creative.



Established in 1999, **Hands On Learning Australia** is a harm prevention charity that helps schools deliver best practice in-school programs for students most at risk of dropping out



Title of Presentation: *Second chance schooling: Managing the ‘collateral damage’ of current education policies*
(STREAM 6)

Date of Presentation: DAY 2: Friday 22 August 2014

Presenter/s: Martin Mills and Glenda McGregor

Organisation/s: University of Queensland
Griffith University

Presentation Description

This presentation addresses the issue of what happens to young people excluded from school, both through formal and informal processes. Its particular focus is on those young people who have found their way into a ‘second chance’ or flexible schools in Queensland and who often come from the most oppressed and marginalised social groups in their respective locations.

Biographical note on Presenter/s



Martin Mills is a Research Professor in the School of Education at The University of Queensland, Australia. Martin's research interests include the sociology of education, social justice in education, alternative schooling, gender and education, school reform and new pedagogies. Martin's work in these areas has been significant in contributing to international and national debates on these topics. His recent books include *Re-engaging young people in education: learning from alternative schools* and *Boys and schooling: Beyond Structural Reform*. He is currently President (Elect) of the Australian Association for Research in Education (AARE).



Glenda McGregor is a Senior Lecturer at the School of Education and Professional Studies, Griffith University. Glenda's research interests include sociology of youth, school reform and social justice and education. During the last twenty years, Dr McGregor has worked extensively with the Queensland Studies Authority. In May 2009, she was appointed member of the History Advisory Panel for the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA). At Griffith University, she convenes the Graduate Diploma of Education (Secondary) and is an active member of a number of committees, including the School Research and HDR Committee.

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The University of Queensland (UQ) is in the top 100 universities worldwide, measured through a number of major independent university rankings: the Academic Ranking of World Universities, Times Higher Education World University Rankings, QS World University Rankings and, Performance Ranking of Scientific Papers for World Universities. UQ is also the largest university in Queensland.

