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Youth Work – Community of Practice



This is a unique opportunity for youth workers to join a state-wide online Youth Work Community of Practice (CoP) to explore practice frameworks that help improve ethical and effective youth work provision.

A CoP is a group of people who share a common concern, a set of problems, or an interest in a topic, who come together to fulfill both individual and group goals. CoPs facilitate the sharing of best practice and creation of new knowledge to advance a domain of professional practice. This Youth Work CoP will operate as a group of peers who share a concern or passion for their work with young people, and a thirst for learning. All participants will be committed to working and learning about youth work within a context of equity, respect, anti-racist and anti-oppressive practices.

“Sharing knowledge, learning new skills and perspectives. Getting a deeper understanding of systemic impacts to practice. Reconnecting with like-minded peers that is supportive and developmental”. 2023 CoP participant

We will invite critical thinkers with expertise from both theory and practice to be our guest speakers during the CoP sessions.

“I’m a baby youth worker, and have learned so much from these conversations with you more experienced ones.” 2023 CoP participant

Our expert guest speakers will be supported by a highly experienced support team drawing on practice-based, theoretically informed knowledge, and experienced youth workers with expertise in engaging with highly vulnerable young people.

After presentations by expert guest speakers there will be a Q&A session followed by small and large group discussion which will focus on practical ways to integrate your new learning in the workplace.

The CoP will:

- facilitate practical and hands-on learning to support youth workers with knowledge and tools to critically analyse key issues, and to explore creative and transformative practices to use in their daily work that support and strengthen young people's wellbeing.
- act as a support structure for the members of the group so they can ask questions, share practice wisdom, and turn their newly acquired knowledge and experience into concrete learning and actions.
- operate flexibly and employ a range of learning platforms including Zoom, Padlet, a private Facebook Group, Google Docs and Podcasts will ensure the participants find the best medium that suits their learning needs.
- Operate via online Zoom sessions.

If you are interested in joining the CoP, follow this CoP Registration form link and answer a few simple questions: <https://forms.gle/VEWZNRAdMtkAiGMn7>