

# Youth Action Impact Statement 2023



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## Our members

Our work has been driven through our engagement with our members.

**163** Young person members

**151** Individual members

**157** Organisational members



## Campaigns and Advocacy



- Youth Action NSW Election Platform: What matters to young people in the 2023 election
- Youth Action Key Recommendations: What matters to young people in NSW
- Youth Action Submission to the Senate Select Committee on Cost of Living
- Fams and Youth Action Joint Submission: Youth Justice and Child Wellbeing Reform Across Australia
- The Voices of Young People on Sexual Violence Report
- Employment Consultations with Young People in Western and South Western Sydney
- Youth Action submission to the Inquiry into the Equity, Accessibility and Appropriate Delivery of Outpatient and Community Mental Health Care in NSW
- NSW 2023-24 Budget and Young People
- Take a Health and Harm Minimisation Approach to Vaping: Young people's voices about the programs and services needed to prevent the uptake and continued use of e-cigarettes

## Voice and Representation



Heard from **2727 young people**

across **92 occasions**

**Young people demographic:**

LGBTQIA+: 38%

Culturally and linguistically diverse: 35%

Doing it tough: 30%

Young person with a disability: 23%

First Nations: 9%

Heard from **2478 sector workers**

across **107 occasions**

**Youth sector demographic:**

Sydney Metro 43%

Western Sydney 39%

Regional 52%



## Capacity Building

**486 young people**

**646 youth sector representatives**

participated in our Advocacy 101 training, Strengths-Based Advocacy Training, Ask for Health Training, media training, Youth Engagement Toolkit Training, Evidence-Based Youth Work Practice Workshops and sector sessions and the NSW Youth Work Conference.

## Key Projects



## Our Throughcare Initiative

**37 young people**

in contact with the law and justice system were consulted and worked with the Australian Theatre for Young People (ATYP) to produce the script "Saplings" that reflects their lived experiences

- Hosted a panel at our Youth Work Conference about community-based programs and their role in better throughcare for young people
- Facilitated three meetings with our Throughcare Steering Committee including one with The Hon Jihad Dib MP, Minister for Youth Justice



## NSW Youth Work Awards and Conference

**Over 300 sector workers**

came together over two days for our professional development sessions

## NSW State Election

Consulted **76 young people** and **277 sector workers** for the 2023 Election Platform

**1210 young people** added their voice to our Election Priorities Survey

**10 young people** were in our election working group and met for media training, young voter education co-design workshop and as panelists at our Election Forum

- Formed the NSW Youth Alliance alongside the Australian Theatre for Young People, Multicultural Youth Affairs Network NSW and Yfoundations and together developed the 10 Key Election Asks for Young People in NSW.
- Hosted our Election Forum "What Matters to Young People" and heard from politicians from the major parties, including Felicity Wilson MP, Julia Finn MP and Dr. Amanda Cohn MLC. We also had a panel of young people that spoke about their election priorities and participated in a Q&A session.

## Western Sydney Project

**1278 young people**

engaged with our work across

**35 opportunities**

participating in consultations, roundtables, working groups, peer training, and responding to surveys

**573 sector workers**

engaged with our work across

**30 opportunities**

including attending trainings, roundtables, consultations, professional development training, and responding to surveys



## Health Literacy Project

**10 young people**

on the Steering Committee

**70 sector workers**

attended 7 training sessions

**80 young people**

attended 7 training sessions

**14 young people**

trained as co-facilitators and assisted in 11 trainings

