

Dear friends,

On behalf of Youth Action, I would like to congratulate the incoming Minns Government. We are excited to welcome Minister Rose Jackson, Minister for Youth, Minister Kate Washington, Minister for Families and Communities and Minister Jihad Dib, Minister for Juvenile Justice. We would also like to thank the outgoing Government, in particular Minister Maclaren-Jones and Minister Franklin, for their commitment during their term in government to young people and the services who support them in NSW.

We were pleased to see that a number of Labor's pre-election announcements were aligned to recommendations in the [NSW Youth Alliance 10 Key Asks](#) and [Youth Action's Election Platform](#). We are looking forward to working with the new government to ensure the policies that impact the lives of young people will be informed by their lived experience. You can see our full election response [here](#).

Young people made up a significant proportion of voters in this NSW election. In the lead up to the election, Youth Action worked with a group of awesome young people who helped us [design voter education social media content](#) to support other young people better understand voting and election processes.

Youth Action has been working with the Australian Theatre for Young People and Hannah Belanzky, a young First Nations playwright, on a script that highlights the stories of young people in contact with justice systems and who are a part of our Throughcare Initiative. We are grateful to our member organisations Miyay Birray, Youth Off the Streets, and Midjuburi Youth Resource Centre who have allowed us to host workshops with the young people they support. We will be providing updates on the project soon.

Lastly, NSW Youth Week 2023 Connect, Participate, Celebrate on 20 - 30 April is just around the corner. We want to wish everyone all the best for their Youth Week events and activities. If you want to know what is happening, you can find all the information [here](#).

Opportunities

Join the April Youth Sector Session

Please join us for our next NSW Youth Sector Session on 'Advocacy and the incoming government' at 10am Thursday 20 April. It will cover differences in engagement with government and the opposition, engagement with Ministers, events and meetings, and how best to present your organisation and/or policies. It will be presented by Tilly South, Policy and Advocacy Specialist.

[Register here](#)

Ask For Health Training

Youth Action is offering free training for service providers on how to talk to young people about their health as part of our Ask for Health project. The trainings will run for 2 hours and can be done online or in person. The next sessions are on 26 and 27 April. The training will go in depth into 4 of the 16 topics of your organisation's choice. You can find the list of topics [here](#). Please contact our Health Literacy Project Coordinator Jazzie Quinn on email: jazzie@youthaction.org.au or phone: 0456 584 314 to book a training session or for more information.

Applications for the 2024 NSW Youth Advisory Council (YAC) are open

Membership of the YAC is open to young people aged between 12-24 years in NSW. The YAC connects young people and the NSW Government. The 12 members meet regularly throughout the year to discuss a range of topics and provide feedback on policies, procedures and resources affecting children and young people. Applications close 21 May 2023. If you have any questions, feel free to call the office on (02) 9248 0970 or email participation@acyp.nsw.gov.au.

[Apply here](#)

Volunteer Voices Project Opportunity

Are you a young person aged 15-25? Do you have experience volunteering or trying to volunteer and facing challenges? The SSI (Settlement Services International) and the NSW Centre of Volunteering are developing a project

for volunteer involving organisations (VIOs) to be more inclusive within their volunteering practices. Get involved by sharing your experience, the barriers you face in society and your ideas and solutions to overcoming these barriers as a young person. The project will involve 2 focus groups and 1 day of filming between now and December 2023. Please contact the Volunteer Voices Project Officer, Jess Baker on jessicab@ssi.org.au for more information.

Western Sydney Young People's Network

Are you a young person active in your local community committed to making Western Sydney a better place for young people? Join Youth Action's Western Sydney Young People's Network.

[Sign up here](#)

News and Resources

MYAN releases latest report “Counting us in: MYAN report of the settlement experiences of LGBTQI+ refugee & asylum seeker young adults”

MYAN recently undertook national research in an effort to capture the settlement experiences of young LGBTQI+ asylum seekers and refugees living in Australia. The report’s findings are intended to provide insights into how LGBTQI+ refugee and asylum seeker young adults (18-30) arriving in Australia are faring in their settlement journey, including good practice and gaps in support. [Read the report here.](#)

Youth Homelessness Matters Day 2023

Youth Homelessness Matters Day (YHMD) is on Wednesday 19 April. This national day was conceived in 1990 to raise awareness and public discussion about child and youth homelessness. Over the years, it has grown into a national celebration of young people’s resilience and an important day of advocacy for sustainable and innovative solutions to support the needs of children and young people at risk of or experiencing homelessness. [Visit the YFoundations website here to support the campaign.](#)

MYAN Podcast Launch: Multicultural Youth Voice

This podcast showcases young multicultural leaders as they address pressing issues in contemporary Australia. Through in-depth discussions with special guests, each episode offers a unique perspective on a topic of interest. Join the conversation and explore the experiences of MYAN's Youth Ambassadors navigating the challenges of modern Australia. [Listen to the podcast here.](#)