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Youth Action welcomes NSW Budget and a chance to make it work for young people

Today's Budget provides important investment across mental health, education, housing, cost of living relief and responses to domestic and family violence, and Youth Action says there is now a clear opportunity to make those investments work better for young people.

"These investments are important and will make a meaningful difference for many people across NSW," said Lauren Stracey, CEO of Youth Action.

"But there is still very little in this Budget built around how young people get help.

"Young people do not always find their way to support the way adults do. Many are juggling school, work, housing and health all at once, and they need help that is easy to see and easy to reach. Without that, help can pass them by.

"What is missing is the piece that ties it all together for young people, a local place where support is easy to find and easy to reach.

"Youth hubs are that piece. They bring existing services and local groups together in one place, so young people can find help easily and get the right support sooner.

"The youth workers in these hubs build trust with young people and help them find their way to support that is already there, before small problems grow into big ones.

"If we want this Budget to really work for young people, we need to invest in the local places, and the people that connect young people to it," Ms Stracey said.

"This is something we would be glad to work on together with the Government in the months ahead."

About us:



Youth Action is the peak organisation representing young people and the youth services that support them in NSW. We work towards a society where all NSW young people are supported, engaged, valued, and have their rights realised.

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