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The Voice of Young Tasmanians Makes an Impact

The Youth Network of Tasmania (YNOT) is excited National Youth Week for 2014 begins today, with the theme 'Our Voice, Our Impact'.

National Youth Week (NYW) is an annual celebration of all young people aged 12 to 25 which involves events and activities being held across Tasmania for the next 10 days.

NYW Tasmanian Young Member, Ebony Abblitt said the theme 'Our Voice, Our Impact' for NYW 2014 is very significant. "It's important for young people to be active and to share their opinions and their voice to make an impact and make a change."

Last year over 10,000 young people across Tasmania attended NYW events and activities.

"I'm looking forward to attending as many events as possible and hearing from people who've attended and also seeing photos at the end of a really successful week," said Ebony.

YNOT CEO, Joanna Siejka, said "NYW provides an opportunity for all young people to share their ideas, showcase their talents and have their say. It also provides the wider community with the opportunity to listen to young people and find out what issues are important to them which is a focus for this year's theme"

"Young people are involved with planning, developing and organising NYW events which is an empowering experience for young people and it also creates an opportunity for the contributions of young people to be celebrated in the community."

More than 30 organisations, including local councils and schools, will be hosting events and activities across Tasmania this year for NYW 2014 which has been supported by the Tasmanian Government through providing funding to the 2014 NYW Grant Program.

National Youth Week will run from Friday April 4 to Sunday April 13. Details of events and activities can be accessed from the NYW Tasmania website nationallyouthweek.tas.gov.au.

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