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Young people asked for their solutions to youth unemployment

Young people aged 12 to 25 are being asked what they think could help young people gain and maintain employment, ahead of the upcoming Tasmanian Youth Forum (TYF) *Youth Employment Statewide Forum*.

An online survey, launched today, asks young people what issues they have experienced when trying to find employment and what they have found useful to help them gain employment.

TYF Policy on Project Officer, Tegan Pearce, said, "Tasmania has the highest rates of youth employment in Australia, so it is important we hear from young people about the issues they are facing and what we can do as a community to help them enter and stay in the workforce."

"Young people entering the workforce after education or training can find it particularly challenging and often require extra support to help them through this transition."

"Although this has been an issue of concern in Tasmania for some time, the Federal Budget will lead to additional pressures for young job seekers."

The survey will lead up to the TYF *Youth Employment Statewide Forum* will be held on Tuesday 26 August at Door of Hope, Launceston.

The survey can be found at: <http://fluidsurveys.com/s/youthemployment/>

The *Youth Employment* forum and survey are supported by YNOT, the Community Development Division (Department of Premier and Cabinet, Launceston City Council, Colony 47, National Job Link, Beacon Foundation and Youth, Family and Community Connections.

TYF is an initiative of the Youth Network of Tasmania (YNOT), the peak youth body representing the youth sector and young people in Tasmania. TYF aims to give young people the opportunity to facilitate, increase their knowledge and to be heard in their communities.

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