



Tasmanian youth conference



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## Young people power up for the future at Tasmanian Youth Conference

Issues effecting young Tasmanians will come under the spotlight at the Tasmanian Youth Conference (TYC) to be held on 21 and 22 June 2017 at the Launceston Conference Centre.

Presentations on topics including cyber bullying, drugs and alcohol, relationships, education, sexual health, relevant youth research and policy, the professionalisation of the youth sector, youth ethics, mental health and will be explored at the conference by young Tasmanians aged between 12 – 25 years and youth sector workers.

Joanna Siejka, Chief Executive Officer of Youth Network of Tasmania (YNOT), said: “We are excited about the opportunities this conference brings for young Tasmanians and the youth sector. We have an incredible array of keynote speakers from interstate and around Tasmania joining us who will share their knowledge, experiences and showcase their insights of how to efficiently and effectively manage challenges that face young people.”

“We create an excellent opportunity, with an open atmosphere and exceptional collaborations for over 300 conference delegates to learn, expand their network, interact with others, be benefited and most importantly your voices matter,” Ms Siejka said.

This year conference’s theme is: “Powering Up for the Future”, which aims to provide a chance to launch new ideas, explore future options, services and programs, make discoveries and propose new ways of working together. A range of inspiring and innovative speakers will present during the event including:

- Orange Sky, Young Australians of the Year 2016
- James Riggall, Fullbright Scholar 2017
- Alex Snow, Foundation for Young Australia
- Eva Mackinley, Passionate young change maker and Young Social Pioneer participant
- Mark Morrissey, Tasmanian Commissioner for Children
- Andrew Cummings, former ED of AYAC and youth work consultant

The program also includes TYC Flix on the evening of 21 June, hosted by BOFA, and Terrapin Theatre.

YNOT Chair, Lisa Amerikanos, said, “It has been wonderful to see the support from the community for the event, especially considering the current uncertainty that YNOT faces in regards to its core grant deed, potentially impacting on the organisation’s ability to deliver any future conferences for young people.”

This conference is made possible through the initiative of The Youth Network of Tasmania (YNOT) - the peak youth body for the non-government youth sector in Tasmania- in conjunction with the sponsorship of the Tasmanian Government, Launceston City Council, community organisations, businesses and individuals.

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For more information on TYC and for frequently asked questions visit: <http://www.ynot.org.au/tyc>

The TYC conference program are attached should the media wish to attend sessions