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Youth Forum to Focus on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in Tasmanian Communities

“Diversity and inclusivity are important to me as I am Aboriginal. I believe that if we all work together and include people from all cultures, we can make the world a great and happy place for everyone.” Young Tasmanian.

Young Tasmanians want to see a more safe, equitable and inclusive Tasmania and will share their views with their peers and decision makers by attending the Tasmanian Youth Forum (TYF) “I am Me” statewide forum in Launceston today.

Over 150 young people aged 12-25 years will discuss what young people need to feel safe expressing who they are in our communities.

YNOT CEO, Tania Hunt said that young Tasmanians greatly value equity, diversity and inclusion and want our communities to be a safe and inclusive space for people of all abilities.

“Young people are very aware of racism, discrimination, and exclusion, many having experienced these behaviours themselves. Today’s forum will provide young people with an opportunity to share their ideas and solutions to support positive change.”

“During our consultations, young people have told us that they sometimes feel scared to be themselves and express who they are. Many young people feel discriminated against because of their age or identity.”

Young people not only chose the topic for this year’s forum, but they have also been instrumental in planning the forum content and delivery and will facilitate sessions throughout the day. An online survey is available for those who are unable to attend the forum which will remain open for the month of June.

The Forum and survey results will be presented in a formal report to Government and key Tasmanian decision makers for consideration in future policy development processes.

TYF is an initiative of the Youth Network of Tasmania (YNOT). YNOT is the peak body representing the interests of young Tasmanians aged 12-25 years and the Tasmanian Youth Sector.

YNOT strives to drive positive change with young people and the youth sector in Tasmania.

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