



Minutes of the meeting of Young Leaders Working Group (Meeting held on Line via TEAMS)

Wed 23rd February 2022

Meeting began 6:00 pm.

Attendees
Charlie Coorey IWC – Team Leader, Children and Youth
Petal Gill - member
Josh Legdin - member
Eleanor Lofts - member

Apologies: Lisa Huynh; Antoinette El Alam; Natalie Sousa (IWC); Sophie Pronger; Aurora, Sharon McIlwee (Youth Librarian)

Disclosure of interest

There were no disclosures or conflicts of interest.

Discussion items

Item	Summary	Recommendation/Action
1. Acknowledgement of Country	Charlie Acknowledged Country and welcomed everyone to the meeting.	

<p>2. Introductions, welcome</p>	<p>Charlie raised the difficulty of receiving responses from all members. There were some apologies and both Antoinette and Kym are now over 25 years and no longer fit the guidelines. Charlie thanked both of them for their involvement and activism. Antoinette has been a member of the former Ashfield Youth Council and has maintained her participation and leadership over the years.</p> <p>Due to the lack of a quorum, notes will be taken but no recommendations or decisions can be endorsed</p>	<p>A letter of thanks to be sent to both of them</p>
<p>3. Confirmation of previous informal meeting</p>	<p>3.1 Minutes from the meeting held 10 November 2021 were sent to all and tabled</p> <p>3.2 Charlie provided an update about memberships and further recruitment – with advice received from our Corporate engagement team, due to a new Council being elected an initial decision has been made to review the effectiveness of the current Local Democracy Groups, It is anticipated that a decision will be made by the end of June 2022.</p> <p>If anyone is interested to attend to check out future meetings, please let Charlie know and invite them along.</p> <p>3.3 Future Training and Workshop opportunities – The Youth mental health First Aid workshops took place with 2 members attending– Further training opportunities will be promoted to members in the future</p> <p>3.4 Youth Week 2022 – Charlie provided a brief update from Natalie and a more detailed outline will be circulated to members.</p>	<p>Minutes have been confirmed by all</p> <p>No members had any other suggestions at this point;</p> <p>Josh expressed interest to assist with</p>

	Members of the YLWG will also be invited to assist with promotion as well as attending/supporting activities they are interested in	the proposed skate event
4. Correspondence:	<p>a) Agenda for the YLWG meeting 23 Feb 2022 as well as previous minutes from November 2021;</p> <p>b) Contributions and invitation to join the Greenway working group;</p>	
5. GENERAL BUSINESS		
5.1 Youth Strategy 2022	<p>Charlie discussed the meaning of a Youth Strategy. Members reflected on the initial discussions from our previous meeting in November 2021 and recommended that those ideas be also considered. The members agreed to support a co-design approach where young people are involved in the development of this document is essential.</p> <p>Recap and further questions to consider</p> <p>Who are our Young people?</p> <p>They are diverse in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age 10 – 24 years. • Various cultural backgrounds. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aboriginality. • Located/living at different parts of the LGA/Suburbs. • have disabilities or learning difficulties; • may also reside in youth supported accommodation/may be homeless or out of home care. • attend different schools. <p>How would you get diverse responses? Where?</p>	<p>Petal, Elie and Lisa (tbc) are interested to provide feedback and comments about a draft youth survey.</p> <p>Charlie agreed to present for workshop discussion at our informal meeting on Wed 30 March 2022</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go to high schools such as Ashfield Boys High School; • Contact and approach SRCs and Leadership groups; • Church and faith based youth groups • Community and shopping centre Surveys; • Skateparks; • Youth Social Media (not facebook for the young); • Neighbourhood Groups website – community facebook page. Many suburbs have • their own. There would be links to parents of young people; • Libraries – there are 8 across the LGA; • PCYCs across the LGA; • Various Sports Clubs and associations where young people participate; • Services and agencies for young people; <p>What questions would you ask?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What ways would you like us to communicate or get information about what’s going on; • Age and background but not name (can use a make up name); • What food do you prefer/ • What are you interested in? • What do you do in your free time? <p>What are your top ten issues impacting on young people and what are you concerned about?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to Mental Health support and assistance: includes impact of relationship break up, stigma associ • mental health, diversity of issues, anxiety, depression; • Issues with school, learning and career choice; 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friendships Vs Social Anxiety; • Addiction to technology – including watching shows and playing on-line games; • Vaping is on the increase – “more like an epidemic”, promote issues associated, • case studies, issues with other drugs and alcohol 	
<p>Guest presenter: Sharon McIlwee – Youth Librarian @ Inner West Council for Young People Survey</p>	<p>What young people want from our libraries in terms of programs, services and spaces’.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharon McIlwee was meant to attend this meeting at 7:30pm to speak about this but, unfortunately, this meeting finished before 7:30pm so she was not required to attend. Charlie discussed the topic on her behalf and suggested what members could do to respond as well as encourage others to respond. • Young people, their carers, parents and even youth services have been invited to provide IWC feedback about what they like or expect from the Council's youth programs, activities and purpose. There is a survey on line and can be accessed on the "Your Say" link of the Inner West Council website. • The Libraries for Young People Survey is now live on the IWC <u>Your Say Inner West</u> page. This is a unique opportunity to get feedback from our community which will inform the future direction of our library programs, collections, services and spaces for young people. The survey is open to all young people aged 12-24 until 14 March 2022. All participants will go in the draw to win one of four \$150 cash cards - a great incentive. 	
<p>Future meetings</p>	<p>Informal meeting on 30 March 2022 Formal meeting 27 April022</p>	