



Young Leaders Working Group Meeting

6:00pm – 8:00 pm Wednesday 25 May 2022

Meeting Room 1, Level 5 Ashfield Service Centre

Minutes of the meeting of Young Leaders Working

Meeting began 6:00 pm.

Attendees
Lisa Huynh – Member YLWG
Andrew Pham – Member YLWG
Aurora Laing – Member YLWG
Petal Gill – YLWG member (arrived at 6:20pm)
Eleanor Lofts – YLWG members – Present on TEAMS
Lawrence Rogers – Young person, Visitor/Observer
Lucy Temby IWC – Events Officer
Charlie Coorey IWC – Team Leader, Children and Youth
Glenn Redmayne – IWC Access and Inclusion Planning Leader

Apologies:

Natalie Sousa (IWC); Josh Legdin – member;

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.	
2. Introductions, welcome	<p>Charlie asked all members to introduce themselves. Charlie has also incorporated a 'Hybrid' element to the meeting which has allowed 2 young people who were not well to still have an option to attend online. He utilised his notebook to allow them to participate via TEAMS.</p> <p>He introduced Ellie (who is a current member) and Laurence (a guest young person who was able to join us to observe and meet the IWYLVG).</p> <p>In attendance were Lucy Temby, IWC Events Officer and Glenn Redmayne IWC Access and Inclusion Planning Leader who have joined the meeting to speak with members. Apologies were also noted.</p>	A letter of thanks to be sent to both of them
3. Confirmation of previous informal meeting	3.1 Minutes from the meeting held 10 November 2021 and notes from informal meeting in 28 April were also tabled.	Minutes have been confirmed by all
4. Correspondence:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Invitation for Lawrence to attend the YLVG meeting as observer. b) Minutes from previous meetings and agenda for meeting 25 May 2022; c) Rescheduling YLVG meetings while Charlie absent with Covid. 	

5. GENERAL BUSINESS		
5.1 Guest Presenter 1. Lucy Temby,	<p>Representative from the Events Team- Inner West Council</p> <p>Here is a summary of points raised during the discussion with Lucy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many members felt our event promotion was a bit inaccessible to young people- as they aren't checking the website and many don't use facebook. Ideas from the forum were to promote events on Instagram, possibly do a Youth Instagram takeover, promote in local schools and TAFE notice boards. One young person suggested we do more events outside or on school grounds, so you get more incidental attendance. Another young person mentioned their involvement in Climate Strike for Schools, and that they sign up to get text alerts for upcoming events which is very affective for promotion. • The YLWG represents 10-24 year olds, so commented on the difficulty to attract such a broad audience- felt many of our events were aimed at families with younger children- with the late teen to early 20s demographic not as much of a target demographic. They thought having some older youth specific programming might be good (they praised the Marrickville Festival second stage which promoted young musicians and was a good way to engage that demographic). • They suggested that engaging young arts students and artists who might be studying or emerging in the Inner West would attract more young people through their networks/promotion. • Agreed that they would like to see more youth-focused events - that appeal to the young-adult end of the youth spectrum. This group agreed that they would like more youth-led events or programming. • One young member had recently moved from Melbourne and praised Darebin Council for their youth programmes and events- said they had fantastic youth-led music events in licenced venues and also specific ones for under 18s. • Charlie made a valuable comment about having youth events in places where there is existing youth provision or support - like the skate parks/ Jack 	

	<p>Shanahan Reserve, and thought having multiple activities on offer to appeal to the broad interests of young people would be a benefit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In terms of location, it was noted that sites where there is good public transport options, toilets and food were all really attractive to young attendees. • Charlie mentioned that Factory Theatre used to rent the small stage space for youth-led events, and these events accommodated under-18s to attend. These were comedy nights etc. • The group mentioned that more localised events (in different wards) was positive, as a young person living in Balmain would find it hard to get to an event in Marrickville. They liked the idea of having events in each local area- and suggested that these could be connected with the local schools/ colleges/youth groups etc in each ward. <p>The summary of the main points provided were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would be useful to think about how we can promote events to young people via a medium they use. • There seems to be an appetite for smaller localised events- which are more physically accessible to young people living across the LGA. • Youth-led events/programming seems to be appealing to this cohort. 	
<p>5.2 Guest presenter 2. Glenn Redmayne</p>	<p>Glenn provided a background to the IWC Disability Inclusion Action Plan and the needs of people, including young people with disabilities. He also highlighted that Council is currently inviting feedback from the community about the current plan and commitment to review the progress and impact.</p> <p>Key issues/feedback from young leaders working group meeting 25th May 2022 regarded IWC DIAP engagement:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted a limited exposure to disability or the scope of issues people with disability face. • Aware that affordability of programmes is an important consideration as many pwd like younger people have limited incomes and may also have less options for their own transport. • Access to reduced entry fees such as pool entry considered very helpful. Could this approach be repeated on other fees to aid participation in activities and council programmes. • Acknowledged isolation due to additional costs and support needs. Example given of mothers group and the isolation some parents experienced due to children with disabilities and not having supports to attend regular groups, this was seen as indicative of how pwd and families get excluded from regular day to day events. • Commented on how there is often a questioning by people about what is considered a legitimate or real disability. There is a lack of understanding across community of what a disability is and how it's experienced. This means people don't disclose a disability for fear of being challenged, i.e. that their disability may not be regarded by others as significant enough to warrant accommodation and therefore judged as unworthy. 	
5.3 Outcomes of Youth Week in Inner West Council area	<p>A brief discussion and feedback about the Youth Week 2022 program provided highlights and if any member had any comments to make. Unfortunately, due to other study and work commitments, only a couple of members were able to attend.</p>	
5.4 Young Leaders Working Group update	<p>Next meeting will be scheduled for 24 June 2022 and at this meeting we expect to be updated about the review of Local Democracy Groups including the Young leaders Working Group</p>	
Meeting closed	<p>8:15pm</p>	

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